

Riverbend Golf Club Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting - Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2023

The BOD meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by President Kevin Kennelley.

Present: Kevin Kennelley, Rosalie Deitz, John Melson, Ken Kotansky, Bill Barry, Chuck Howard, Elizabeth Haney (Board of Directors)

Liz Haney, Secretary confirmed the meeting was properly warned and we had a quorum present.

Minutes Approval: The minutes of the July 17, and September 18, 2023 meetings were approved as submitted.

President's Report

- The Endless Summer tournament was held on October 15, 2023. President Kennelley thanked Rosalie, Mike, our staff, and volunteers who worked hard to make the event a wonderful experience.
- Due to rain, we have many roped-off areas on the course. Our Course Superintendent and his crew put these out there to protect the course from damage and ensure the course is in tip top shape for when the Season begins.
- Cart paths have been extended around the course. Please use them and respect the 90-degree rule.
- Our rounds of golf over the summer were down due to relief from COVID restrictions, quite a bit of rain and a very hot and humid summer. The Board closed the course on Thursdays to save on expenses. We have implemented additional actions which have had a positive impact on the budget as will be reported in the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report

- The financial statement for September 2023, which is the sixth month of our fiscal year, reflects a gain of \$35,949. The Golf Club had total cash on hand of \$643,099 on September 30, 2023.
- To date, July quarterly maintenance fees have been paid by all but five of the membership. One account is in foreclosure, three have liens filed and the remaining account has been sent for collection.

The number of golf rounds billed in September were as follows:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Prior</u>	<u>YTD</u>
18 holes	534	3904		4779
9 holes	317	2467		3706
<u>Guests</u>				
18 holes	87	734		848
9 holes	33	312		422
<u>Total</u>				
18 holes	621	4638		5627
9 holes	350	2779		4128

Greens Committee

- There has been 14.25 inches of rain during the last 60 days, and the staff has been able to keep the course open most times.
 - Water was relocated to the pond on #1 green to help flooding concerns in the #1 fairway with our heavy-duty pump.
 - #2 Fairway has been closed at times and waiting a bid to replace the long-collapsed drain that runs from #8/10 pond across the #2 fairway to the adjacent native area.
 - The maintenance crews have repaired washed out cart paths and bunkers.
- The greenside bunker on #1 was redesigned. There's an additional 10+ yards of landing area. The irrigation was repaired. It's growing in and will be playable soon.
- The cart path on #8 was completed from tee to green.
- A cart path is being constructed behind the #4 green and will be completed this week.
- Our Nursery green behind #17 is filling in. **Do not** hit golf shots off that area!
- We've instituted a cut of rough in the weak areas of the course. In the Fall/Winter less sunlight impedes turf growth, therefore we are working to make these areas as strong as possible.

Golf Course Landscape

- No report this month

Pro Shop Report

- Cindi Cronk has joined the Pro Shop staff.
- Winners of the "Endless Days of Summer" Golf Tournament on Sunday, October 15 were Dr. Kevin Kennelley and Mrs. Emily Kennelley in the 18 Hole Division while Mr. Lance Levings and Mrs. Marcia Richards won the 9 Hole Division. Closest to the Pin winners were Mr. Norm Chevrette and Mrs. Rosalie Deitz for the 18 Hole Division, and Mr. Bob James and Mrs. MaryAnn Devine were the winners of the 9 Hole Division.
- The next Scramble is the Turkey Trot Scramble, a Mixed Event scheduled for Sunday, November 12th.
- Official seasonal league play begins Wednesday, November 1! To join a league stop in the pro shop for more information!
- New merchandise and men's and women's clothing are on display in the Pro Shop.

Ranger Report

- No Report

Documents Committee

There are 3 rules changes to start the Fall Season:

- 5.3 The Practice Range is for use of rented balls only and opens at 8 am. Balls must be purchased on line or from the pro shop. Range balls and carts are not issued after 4:50 pm. The range will be closed at 6 pm during Daylight Savings Time, and at 5:30 pm during Standard Time.

- 5.4 After 6 pm during Daylight Savings Time, and after 5:30 pm during Standard Time, the range, similar to Walking Privileges, is open to members using their OWN golf balls and accessing the range on foot. Such users must retrieve their golf balls and police the area before leaving.
- 6.2 To help avoid exposure to this danger, the following will occur: Riverbend Golf Club will utilize an M10/P10 Optical Lightning Detector or other state of the art means to determine if lightning is in the area. When lightning is detected, a prolonged note (one long blast) on our warning devices will be sounded!
 - One long blast – lightning detect. CLEAR THE COURSE!
 - Three short blasts allow you to return to the course.
- 6.3 When the alarm is heard, it is mandatory to discontinue play immediately and seek shelter. THE COURSE IS CLOSED! The best procedure is to return to the clubhouse. Avoid isolated trees, elevated trees or other high places and anything metal. The halfway house is not a lightning shelter. Clearance to resume play will consist of 3 blasts on the warning devices.

Membership/Marketing/Summer Program

- RB 311
- NP 42
- FM 110
- AS 5
- Summer member 93
 - There are 12 full memberships available as of today.
 - Summer program ends on October 31, 2023.

Unfinished Business

- Halfway house floor - **MOTION**: Bill Barry made the motion to approve a commercial coating for the concrete surface instead of replacing the carpet for \$5,250. John Melson seconded the motion. The motion passed 7 for 0 against.
- Halfway house renovations should be complete by early Nov, in time for season.

New Business

- Joyce Wilson, representing the Riverbend HOA Finance Committee requested the Golf Board provide the HOA Finance committee with a representative from the Golf Board. John Melson will be the representative and work with the RB HOA Finance committee to explore the elimination of paper billing.
- **Motion** was made by Liz Haney to allow All Saints School's Golf Team the use of the Riverbend Golf Course for their 2024 Spring Training under the direction of Mike Magar. (specific dates to be provided) Seconded Rosalie Deitz. Motion passed 7 for and 0 against.

- A Riverbend golf member has made a request to the Golf Board in which they want the Golf Board to approve the use of personal golf scooters on the Riverbend Golf Course. President Kennelley, indicated this topic is still in discussion by the board.

Membership Comments

- Al Strachan - Concern was presented to the board, on the narrowing of the fairways. (additional rough area) Bill Barry addressed the concerns as presented in his report. Jeff Heward, also presented information concerning the care and maintenance of our golf course.
- Kathleen Britch – HOA Landscaping Committee, recognize the Golf Course is well maintained, visually pleasant and open-air space and home as a wildlife habitat. Ms. Britch asked the GB Board in making future decisions concerning the golf course, to consider what simple strategies that can be implemented to maintain RB's beauty and support our wildlife.
- Eric Shear offered to provide more information concerning personal golf scooters allowed on the course decision. Mr. Shear was asked to provide more technical information concerning the golf scooter.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:36pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth M. Haney
Secretary