

Riverbend Golf Club Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting - Meeting Minutes
September 18, 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 Mard (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 were not available and will be approved at the October 16, 2023 board meeting.

President's Report

On 9/11 Riverbend Golf Club hosted the Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament with 20 4-person teams. Over \$11,000 was raised for the Wounded Warrior project from the tournament entry fees and raffle prizes donated by generous support of our sponsors and individual teams. A big thank you to the committee, the volunteers and all those individuals who donated to this cause.

Our rounds of golf have been down over the summer due to hot weather, humidity, and rain. Therefore, the Golf Board elected to close on Thursdays and will look at other options to trim the budget since we are facing lower revenues for the summer. However, we have our "season" ahead of us and with the course in good condition, thanks to Jeff and the course maintenance team, we are looking forward to a good 2023/24 season.

Treasurer's Report

The financial statement for July 2023, which is the fourth month of our fiscal year, reflects a loss of \$2,172. The Golf Club had total cash on hand of \$833,411 on July 31, 2023.

To date, July quarterly maintenance fees have been paid by all but 20 of the membership. One account is in foreclosure and three will go to lien if not paid by September 18, 2023. The remaining 16 will be sent Notice of Late Assessment letters before the end of the month giving them 30 days to pay before going to collections.

Rounds of golf are down about 10% lower this year than last which is about \$17,000 loss in revenue. However, our Membership numbers are up which bring in more maintenance fees and helps offset the lower rounds for the summer months. The budget is in line and even though the summer tends to be slower when we get into season we should be able to recoup the slow summer losses.

Greens Committee

- Our last greens aerification is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 19th. This will be the last time we use an outside contractor for this. In the future, we'll be able to do this in-house, thereby not inconveniencing the members.

- We've had a great deal of rain recently, but the course is in excellent condition. Keeping golf carts off the wet areas will preserve the course for the upcoming winter busy season.
- We did an in-house repair of our large fairway mower, where the blades had been damaged by tree roots and tree debris. Jeff and Jacob re-installed the mower reels resulting in a big cost savings.
- The greenside bunker on #1 is being repaired due to the irrigation pipes being very near the surface.
- A new cart path is being constructed on #8.
- The nursery green has an excellent base of soil and plugs from the next aerification (Sept. 19th) will grow on that surface.
- Tree work is complete. Diseased & invasive species were removed. The large eucalyptus trees do a great deal of damage to our mower blades with their debris and need constant(daily) clean-up. Roots inhibit healthy turf growth and damage our equipment. We will replant with native trees that will not damage our turf or equipment as the budget allows.
- We have a layer of rough to protect the weak areas of the course. Wear and tear from golf cart traffic does damage to our turf (compaction). We have 9 - Par 3's that are CART PATH ONLY. By keeping all 4 wheels on the cart path helps the turf.

Golf Course Landscape

No report this month

Pro Shop Report

The weather over the last month is still too hot for some, as we've seen very little play during midday hours. We look forward to having cooler days and our seasonal members return "home"!

Our volunteer rangers, to help beat the heat are passing out iced towels and offering players refills of ice water from the new ice water cooler on the back of the Ranger cart. Please take advantage of their services and do your very best to stay hydrated and cool during this extremely hot summer!

A Committee of volunteers and the Pro Shop staff organized and conducted the "Never Forget 9/11" Golf Scramble for Wounded Warrior Project held on Monday September 11, 2023. There was a full field of 20 foursomes. The Event was an enormous success which raised over \$11,000 for WWP.

Results from the tournament were:

- First-Place team: Tony Klingseisen, Michael Saylor, Buddy Gilmore, and Bob Klingseisen, with a Net Score of 42.8,
- Second-Place team: Fritz Miner, Tim Weber, Dave Little, and Barbara Caldwell, with a Net Score of 46.7
- Closest to the Pin winners: Ryan Harris (8' 9"), Buddy Gilmore (3' 0"), Vicki Dellabella (8' 0"), Kerry Lipuma (5' 0"), Matt Pfhol (13' 2"), and Kristi Golba (7' 3").
- Long-Drive Winners: Jeff Schuh (300 yards), Kristy Golba (175 yards), and Alvin Sims.

Congratulations to all our winners!

There is one more summer season scramble "Endless Days of Summer Golf Tournament" scheduled for Sunday, October 15th. It is a Mixed Event Scramble and members will be given the opportunity to play in either an 18 Hole or a 9 Hole format. A catered dinner will follow the event. Email announcements will be sent out soon and please sign up as soon as possible.

In November we will return to our regular monthly 9H Scrambles.

The Jupiter Christian's Middle School Golf Team will use Riverbend Golf Course on Tuesday, September 26th, and on Tuesday, October 10th (afternoons), to host interschool tournaments. The JCMS golf team will only use one side of the course for these events.

The Pro Shop is holding a 20% off End of Summer SALE on all items (exception golf balls and a few other current promotions underway) from Tuesday September 20 - October 10, 2023.

Ranger Report

Thank you, Chuck Howard, for implementing our water cooler and ice towel feature for the summer months. Rosalie Deitz was the first to have cooling towels and water regularly available to the golfing patrons. Thank you, Rosalie.

We cut back Ranger hours during the summer, especially with club closure on Monday and Thursdays. The Ranger program has 20 rangers and are ready for the new season. Thanks to all the rangers and their commitment to this valuable feature of our club.

Documents Committee

Riverbend Golf & Condo boards are discussing:

- eliminating the print version of the RB directory and move to an online version. This will not happen until 2024.
- updating the lightning alarm to 1 long blast to clear the course and 3 short to resume play. Announcements will be sent out when this is accomplished.

Membership/Marketing/Summer Program

- RB 311
- NP 42
- FM 107
- AS 5
- Sumer member 93
- There are 15 full memberships available, however, there are 4 summer members converting to Full Members in the next quarter.
- The Oct 15 "Endless Summer Golf Tournament" is for ALL members of Riverbend. More info will be sent out shortly.

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.
 - Discussion: The coating on the cement will provide more secure footing for golfers and easier to maintain than carpet.**The motion passed 7 for – 0 against.**
- It was noted that the Halfway house renovations should be complete by early Nov, in time for season.

New Business

Diving Range: Since we have a picker cart with cage we can collect range balls during the day. Therefore, the practice range will be closed at 6 pm with the last bucket of balls sold at 4:50 pm. After 6 pm golf members can use their own balls and must pick up their own balls and fill the divots.

MOTION: John Melson made the motion to change the hours of the practice range from 8 am to 6 pm (daylight savings time) and from 8 am to 5:30 pm (standard time). The last bucket of range balls will be sold at 4:50 pm. After 6 pm golf members can use their own balls and must pick up their own balls and fill their divots. Chuck Howard seconded the motion.

Discussion: none

The motion passed 7 for and 0 against.

Note: Golf Rules 5.3 and 5.4 will be updated to reflect the change for the 2023/24 RB Directory.

Membership Comments

Ed Garlick asked about the repairs to the pipe on number 1 bunker. It was explained that this is an irrigation pipe and over the years had become exposed. The maintenance team is now fixing the pipe that was exposed in the bunker.

Ed Garlick asked the board to explain the difference between the Riverbend owners and other memberships as to who has Voting rights. RB owners, North Passage and Full Members are full equity members and have voting rights. Summer Members and Associates are non-equity members and DO NOT have voting rights. Full Members (equity members) pay 15% more than the Riverbend owners golf dues.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth M. Haney
Secretary