

Riverbend Golf Club Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting - Meeting Minutes
Monday-July 17, 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 (Board of Directors), Elizabeth Mard and Laurie Zabel.

Minutes Approval: The minutes of the May 22, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted.

President's Report:

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer albeit the extremely hot, wet, and humid conditions here at Riverbend have been a bit tough on our membership in rounds of golf being played. Our rounds of golf played figure for June is down from the past couple of "COVID" summers and this is primarily due to the fact that people are now travelling and the summer here has been quite hot. With that being said, the course is in great shape.

Our Superintendent, Jeff Heward, and his crew have been working very hard and a large portion of our 2023 capital improvement program for the course has been completed. There are still some projects left to do and Bill Barry will cover what has been accomplished and what is remaining to be done in his report.

Financially we are on budget but with play down the Board will be proposing some changes that will be discussed and voted on during this meeting.

On behalf of the entire Golf Board, I would like to thank you for your support. Please do not hesitate to share your concerns or ideas with myself and fellow Board members.

Treasurer:

- The is the financial statement for June 2023, which is the third month of our fiscal year, reflects a gain of \$8,809. The Golf Club had total cash on hand of \$660,961 on June 30th, 2023.
- To date, April quarterly maintenance fees have been paid by all but 5 of the membership. One account is in foreclosure, the other four accounts will be sent for collection if not paid by July 15th.
- Total number of golf rounds billed in June were as follows:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Prior</u>
18 holes	582	2399	2949
9 holes	433	1529	2258
<u>Guests</u>			
18 holes	166	446	458
9 holes	44	209	275
<u>Total</u>			
18 holes	748	2845	3407
9 holes	477	1738	2533

- Total Membership numbers to date:
 - RB – 311
 - NP – 42
 - FM – 109
 - AS – 5
 - Summer – 93
- There are 13 remaining Full Memberships to be sold

Greens Committee:

- Greens aerification was completed on July 3rd. DryJect process was used. This process injects kiln-dried sand into the soil of our 50-year-old greens. Our Superintendent, Jeff Heward and his crew are working hard to preserve our putting surfaces. Two additional standard core aerifications are scheduled (weather permitting) before season.
- The entire course (excluding greens) was aerified last week. It is the perfect time to complete this task as it is the prime growing season to ensure healthy root growth for the balance of the year.
- Summer projects are complete. The extension of the cart path on #17 and green irrigation relocation are completed.
- The nursery green will be completed in August. We have an excellent base of soil there now and plugs from the next aerification will grow on that surface. This will give us turf to make repairs to our aged greens this fall season.
- Tree work is complete as some diseased & invasive species were removed. Those large eucalyptus trees you see 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 be replacing with native trees that are not damaging to our turf or equipment as the budget allows.
- Wear and tear from golf cart traffic does a great deal of 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, it will greatly help the turf.
- We are on schedule with normal maintenance for the balance of the summer. If you see a member of our greens crew, please take a moment and thank them for their hard work in this Florida heat.

Pro-Shop:

- The weather over the last month or so has been extremely tough to deal with. With the heat being close to unbearable at midday, I highly recommend our membership try and limit their play to early mornings and late afternoons/evening.
- To assist with "beating the heat", our volunteer rangers will be passing out iced towels and also offering players refills of ice water with the new, big, iced water cooler on the back of the Ranger cart. Please take advantage of their services and do your best to stay hydrated and cool this summer.
- The 4th of July super scramble committee and Micheal put on quite the event the weekend before last. We had approximately 60 participants with many more attending dinner. The following are the results:

- Front Nine Winners – Richard Gore, Carol Duffy, A.J. Nadler and Kathy Bennett.
- Back Nine Winners – Adrian Short, Adrienne Short, Rick Reikenis and Carol Reikenis.
- Front Nine Closest to the Pin – Joe Cole and Barbara Caldwell
- Carts – our new Lithium Club carts do not have automatic brakes, so please make sure you are engaging the e-brake before getting out of the cart.
- We continue to stress cart safety so please ensure the following:
 - Do not text while driving
 - Keep your feet, legs and hands inside the cart.

Landscaping:

- We are in the rainy season, which is also known as the “growing season”. There are many invasive species, i.e., weeds, grasses, plants and trees growing at a rapid pace this time of the year.
- A few weeks ago, Jeff and his crew cleared two large areas behind the 10th green. These areas hosted invasive weeds, plants and trees that required a large amount of pruning and removal. One particular area was located by a Riverbend owner’s back yard, blocking them of light and golf course views.

Membership/Marketing/Summer Membership

- To date, the total membership numbers are as follows:
 - RB – 311
 - NP – 42
 - FM – 109
 - AS – 5
 - Summer – 93
- There are 13 Full Memberships available.
- Inquiries for Full Membership are being received on a weekly basis.
- The Summer Membership banner will be removed at the end of July

Rangers Report:

- I would like to thank Chuck Howard for his personal assistance with Ranger board oversight while I enjoy land and sky-blue waters in Wisconsin.
- I would also like to thank Rich Maringione for joining our team. We now have 15 Rangers living in Riverbend full time and 5 of us are snowbirds, giving us a total of 20 Rangers. Everyone has been doing a great job.
- Larry Magar will continue to work with Chuck on the schedule, but he will be cutting back ranger time based on need. Additionally, we will be closing the course on Thursday’s along with Monday’s. The course is available to walkers.
- We are also only scheduling a Starter Ranger to weekends only.

Historian Committee:

Documentation Report:

New Business:

- The Board will do research on golf scooters as requested by a member.

Membership Comments and Questions: (Members have 3 minutes, per question, per person to discuss their topic.)

- Kathleen Britch - With regards to hole #2 clean up, everything looks great! Thank you to Ed Roberts for assisting with the lift to make this project possible. The collaboration between golf and condo is always appreciated.
- Eric Sheer – Is this work you are referring to behind #2? Yes. I have grown to like it as time passed and I am used to it, but it would have been nice to know that this was going to occur and to be asked if I was ok with this, as I did lose some privacy. It is also hotter than it has been as now I have direct sun. Again, it has grown on me, it looks great and everyone did a great job.
 - All of this was on golf property and not on condo property, and the Board felt this would benefit both golf and condo.
- Mary Ross – To that same project, I want to thank you for taking care of this project. I have gotten calls from many owners complaining about the rodent issue in that area. There were rodents jumping out as it was being cleaned up and an odor. The area looks so nice and thank you for working with Riverbend Condo.
- Jo Steele – With regards to the alarms, I wish there was more signage to tell you what they mean. Even for liability purposes this would be helpful. It would be great for everyone, including those who do not play golf to understand what each alarm signifies.
 - Every score card has an explanation of what each alarm means. With the new carts we did post information on the carts about the new brakes on the cart and how to set them, but once we are comfortable with everyone understanding the brakes on the carts, we will replace that “paper” on the cart with other important items, one of which will be about what each alarm means. Once we get the new alarms set, we will send them out to the HOA to provide to all owners.
- Mary Ross – The July 4th tournament was great. We sold mulligans and raised \$350 that went to first responder families. I was wondering if it would be possible, for Halloween example, to do a twilight tournament. This would involve 4 holes, 2 on the front nine and 2 on the back nine, and a much smaller group of people. We would line the fairways with glow sticks and use the golf balls that glow in the dark.
 - This would need to be discussed with Micheal.
 - Micheal – Rick, would the condo association have any issue with this?
 - Rick – We can discuss this, but I do not think there would be any issues?
- Joyce Wilson – Last season there was a discussion about the maximum number of rounds that can be played, the maximum number of memberships etc., based on the by-laws of the Golf Board. Was there any discussion about increasing that number?
 - We are not there yet. We have not reached the maximum number of members. It is stated that Riverbend will own 2/3rds of the membership. If we were to make any change to that to allow additional outside members, it would need to go to the Golf and Condo Board to vote on. Until we reach our full membership, this is not a thought or consideration.

- Eric Shear – I have spoken briefly with Michael and am wondering if the Board would consider golf scooters? There are options out there that can be purchased by members and used. These can easily be stored in their units or patios. I brought a couple of pictures of the scooters being used more and more. These would be used during walking hours so that they do not interfere with golf carts. I personally can no longer walk due to an injury, and I would like to play more. I am sure there are others with similar issues. Additionally, the literature states that they have a low impact on grass.
 - What would be the best way to explore these, Rick?
 - I do not see an issue with storage looking at the picture, but we would need to research and discuss this more.
 - This is something that the individual would buy and the Golf Board would have to determine a fee associated with using this. For example, for a personal cart it is a \$650 fee plus a walking pass.
 - They would need to have insurance on them for our protection.
 - The Board will need to do research on this and discuss all necessary aspects of the use of these.
 - Storage is a concern as well. They cannot be stored on landings and may not be able to be stored on patios. Second floor owners may have an issue with storage.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth M. Haney
Secretary