

LAKE FAIRWAYS GOLF ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Attending: Greg Mullens, President, Bill Fleckenstein, Treasurer, Dede Martin, Secretary, John Hunter, Vice President, Mike Craven, President Men's League, Gloria Craven, Vice President Ladies League, Cathy Reid, President Ladies League, Freda Bennett, Membership, Mike Leslie, Man at Large and Dan Thess, Pro Shop Manager

Greg called the meeting to order at Noon.

Pro Shop and Maintenance. Dan Thess reported that the fire ants on the course is being addressed. Scotty had tried to spot treating but did not amount to anything so he has bought the chemicals to do the whole course. To be done soon.

Overseeding has come in nicely, Pine Lakes a little better than Lake Fairways but coming along.

Dumping at the driving range has become excessive so ELS is getting quotes for taking the debris away.

Black Friday there will be a sale in both Pro Shops – 30% off on clothes, gloves, golf bags and shoes. This would put the merchandise at “cost” for ELS. Dan is ordering new merchandise for the shops with accommodating sizes. Hope to have soon.

Bee hive at the driving range – Fgua will have a beekeeper in the area soon to hopefully take care of the bee problem. They appear to be honey bees.

ELS is looking into their insurance plan to fix the fence on #8. Cost looks to be about \$20,000. ELS self-insures to a certain amount and then goes to their insurance.

Mike Craven asked about the patio area by the cart barn used by the leagues. He said he noticed that the gutter had been replaced, but wondered about the shade part. Dan said he is researching this because if they put something permanent there they would have to go through permitting. If they put something like a prefabricated structure that is not attached, they will not. He will be looking at this soon.

Greg indicated that they have the materials for the scoreboard on #18 which are stored at the maintenance shed. After the holiday, he will get some guys together to get started on the repairs.

Scotty has rearranged some of the stakes (out-of-bounds and penalty area) to where they are needed most. Dan indicated that they will be using PVC pipes and this will be done for both course. They will take out some of the stakes in the front of #17 and put them where needed.

Damaged cart paths – work orders are in. Sand boxes are being replaced as needed.

Dan submitted to Kevin the need for new trash receptacle/ball washers (6) to be placed where needed.

Flower beds are being addressed by the tee boxes. They will be replanted with low maintenance plants and pine straw. No time frame yet.

Tokens for the driving range remain the same. 1 per member per day. If a member wants more than that they must pay \$1 per token. Dan indicated that a former member found tokens in a golf bag, like 15 of them and returned them to the Pro Shop. Dan is wondering if he should send out an email asking people to look into old bags or areas where they might have kept golf items to see if there are more tokens out. They are expensive to buy.

Dan indicated that cart rentals for play is still \$5, with the exception of the shoot-outs and club championships where member can take a cart for free.

Cathy Reid indicated that she was near the Pro Shop the other day and a member was making a scene with the Pro Shop staff member and was very loud. She felt that this should be addressed by Dan as no one should have to take that kind of abuse. Dan said he would definitely look into this and should a member be abusive, they could lose their membership or be suspended for a period of time.

Cathy also asked about the book thp course that needs looking at. Greg indicated that Scotty does not want that book in the Pro Shop. Scotty see Dan and/or Kevin almost daily. Feels he gets information that he needs that way.

Cathy also brought up that people should not park in the designated parking spots for the Club Champions as it is disrespectful. Dan agreed. Dede felt that if someone wants to allow another person to park in their spot if they are not there, it should be up to them.

Dan indicated that we no longer have a food manager. Kevin will be interviewing for someone hopefully soon.

Dan indicated that the Pro Shops will be open on Friday even though the Pub and Sandtrap will not be open.

Dede asked about the petition that Larry O'Brien had brought to the general meeting. Greg indicated that Kevin will be taking care of that and will be sending out a letter. John wanted the Board to know that he was blindsided by this at the general meeting. He said he would have asked Larry not to bring that up there if he had known about it.

Secretary's Report – Waived as all receive an email with the minutes and minutes are posted on the LFGA board.

Treasurer's Report – Bill indicated that currently we will have a balance of \$9,547.45. Las year on December 9th we had a balance of \$9,776.84 so we are in good standing right now.

Memberships – Freda indicated that we have 43 men and 30 ladies currently. More to come as the annual memberships will be due December 1st and more northerners will be coming down and signing up soon. The following is a breakdown of the above memberships:

5 with 4 mo memberships

40 with 6 mo memberships

16 with 12 mo memberships

4 with 9-hole memberships

7 people who just play on Sundays and have paid the LFGA fee

Last year we had 76 men and 56 ladies, however it looks like it will be less this year.

It was asked if we should try to recruit members and ways that it might be done....Informer, Saturday coffee. Perhaps Tom Charbeneau who is on the HOA and is the liaison between the HOA and LFGA can be of help to us. He has also mentioned that he has money that can be earmarked for the golf course. Should be discussed.

Sunday golf was discussed as to who makes the pairings and the games. Currently it is Annie Souza.

Tournaments – John indicated that we had a well attended Turkey Trot and Greg indicated that they were able to pay about ¾ of the field which was done with a \$10 Publix gift card. Also the Pro shop staff received gift cards as well.

Christmas tournament will be posted soon. The date is Monday, December 4th.

Rules – no one from Rules except John was at the meeting.

Ladies 18-Hole League – Cathy indicated nothing to report except that they have 30 members which is down about 10 from last year.

Men's League – Mike said that the “highlight of the year” will be tomorrow when the men get to play with the ladies. He said he was still on a learning curve as far as games go and hopes to be able to have more games available.

Man at Large – Mike and Bill are getting together to add Mike to bank account because he has to purchase all the items for meetings, club championship etc. Freda will give Mike the keys to the LFGA lockers in the community center as he will need them more. Mike did not realize there were 3 lockers and he will take an inventory of what is in them. Mike said there is a cooler with beer taps, lines etc that they no longer use. It was suggested that Mike try to sell these and might start with facebook. Freda indicated that she thought they originally cost around \$500. It was also noted that the Men's Club will be asked to do the food for the Club championship and interclub.

Old Business – none

New Business – Greg indicated that he had received information from Raina at the ELS office that the HOA wanted to use the lounge on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. which would make the LFGA bumped out of the room. Greg is going to talk with HOA to see if we can come to a compromise to use the room on the same day. He said he will get together with Tom Charbeneau and Kevin. Perhaps they can start their meeting earlier and we could start a little later. Freda said another option looked to be the 2nd Tuesday of the month as there doesn't appear to be any one booking the room that day.

Freda wanted the Board to look at a “caddy card” and a “local rules” card that she and John Hunter have come up with and have also had Al Keefer and Rich Boutette look at to see if everything is correct. Freda said she can make up bag tags and laminate them and the Leagues could pass them out. The Board thought this was a good idea and that Freda should also be compensated for the supplies etc. She said she will get these done soon.

It was asked if anything is being done about the leak on #3. Greg indicated that Scotty knows about it but it means in order to fix it, the cart path has to be taken out. Probably won't be done until next year.

It was mentioned that the flag sticks need painting. It was indicated that Scotty will do this once a year and it will probably be closer to Club championship time.

It was asked why there is a ranger out on Ladies Day? Need them more in the afternoons around 4:00 ish because that is when non members are out playing. No answer for this today.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Dede Martin
Secretary