

**LAKE FAIRWAYS GOLF ASSOCIATION
MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2023**

Attending: Greg Mullens, John Hunter, Bill Fleckenstein, Dede Martin, Alan Cristello, Freda Bennett, Mike Craven, Gloria Craven, Brenda Levesque, Al Keefer

Greg called the meeting to order at Noon.

Greg indicated that it has been a busy summer around the golf course. He stated that Scotty could not attend today, but that he met with him and got the golf course maintenance report from him. Greg stated that Scotty's boss from Davey, Steve Bureau was here today and was really impressed with the way the golf course is shaping up. Scotty told Greg that he has one more spraying of the greens for weeds to be done within 30 days. Also, Pine Lakes will be closed on Monday, November 13th and Lake Fairways will be closed on Tuesday, November 14th for overseeding. Scotty and Dan (Pro Shop Manager) meet daily so that Dan knows what is happening on the course. Dan also meets or talks with Kevin (ELS Manager) daily or whenever necessary. The chain of command is for Greg to make any requests or comments regarding the golf course to Dan and Dan, in turn, will take that info to Kevin. Greg says this is working very well as he gets texts and/or emails from Dan and/or Kevin when necessary. Greg says that they are all in constant communication. Any important information for members will always be posted in the Pro Shops and/or the blackboard outside the Pro Shop. Greg indicated that we, the Board or any member can go to Dan whenever they feel the need and also Kevin has an open door policy. The way we are communicating now seems to be working really well.

Greg indicated that there are certain maintenance items that are ELS responsibility such as cart paths, pruning of bushes etc. along Holes #7 and #8. Right now, Dan has 8 workorders into ELS for golf course

maintenance. Pine trees on #14 (dead limbs) to get taken care of. Score board repairs of which ELS will buy the supplies and our membership will do the work, awning for the back of the Pro Shop, gutters etc. Bob is the head of maintenance for ELS and is working with us about these items. Greg indicated that the canopy for the back by the cart barn might be a temporary fix, but that they are looking into getting a more permanent fix of which John Westfere has volunteered to help

Nothing else major happening with Scotty. Dan is working on the ELS responsibilities.

Bill Fleckenstein asked about the #9 cart path. It is overgrown and needs to be taken care of. Greg indicated that the vegetation in the ditch is being sprayed. There is a proposal to clear out the ditch and bring in rock and dirt to clean it up. This will be done when the money is allocated.

Scotty has put in a request to work on sand traps both here and Pine Lakes. He is hoping for money to redo half of the traps here and half in Pine Lakes. He intends to take them down level and start with proper drainage etc. not just a bandaid.

The wood chip areas on 4 holes in Lake Fairways and 4 holes in Pine Lakes are being looked at by Joshua Tree for a proposal to clean them out. Hoping for this season but not sure.

Also looking at holes #5, #9 and #6 in regards to safety concerns near the greens (holes, uneven ground etc.) No news yet on what and when anything will be done.

Asked if there is still a "Fix It" book in the Pro Shop. Greg said no, we need to inform Dan if and when we see things that need to be done.

It was asked if Dan will spend equal time at both courses. Greg indicated that he hopes to spend time here and has this summer. It was

asked if Dan is Monday through Friday for work and Greg indicated yes unless there is a need for him to be here on the weekend and then he would change his day off.

It was asked if Scotty has all the help positions filled. Greg indicated that he has one open position.

It was asked if there are still leaks on the course. Greg said he would ask Scotty that question and get back to us.

The secretary's report was waived as everyone receives an email with the report and it is also posted on the LFGA board.

Treasurer's report. Bill Fleckenstein indicated that we have \$8,391.20 and was given \$240 more this week so after deposit the balance will be \$8,631.20. It was asked if we can request our Championship money sooner than last year and Greg indicated that they will get the letter to Kevin in a timely fashion.

Freda reported on memberships. 9 Men and 8 Women have signed up. A discussion ensued about who should pay for the LFGA fee of \$20. This was brought about because there are people who play in the Sunday couples league that do not play otherwise. Should they have to pay the \$20. It was unanimously agreed that anyone who plays and receives money that goes on the books needs to pay that fee.

It was brought up whether or not the LFGA should continue doing the monthly tournaments. Dan sees no problem with the way the tournaments are being run including the Club Championships and Interclub. Keep it the way it is.

Brenda asked about the 9 hole (27 hole memberships) and whether some of the 9 holes can use coupons instead of being a member. She said this will mean whether or not some of the ladies will play or not. It was suggested that she take this up with Dan. Freda told Brenda to

encourage the ladies to post their scores when they play their own game so that we have accurate handicaps come Club Championship.

Greg reported that the new laptop that the LFGA bought has been installed in the Pro Shop and is used only for posting scores. He feels that there are quite a few members who like to post their scores in the Pro Shop so this was a good move.

It was asked of Mike Craven when men have to sign up for Thursday. He indicated that the men can sign up as late as Wednesday. If someone forgets to sign up, they can show up and if there is room for them, they can play.

John Hunter reported on Tournaments. He indicated that we had a couple of months this summer that they were cancelled because of heat or lack of interest. He indicated that the October tournament was played and we had a fairly good turn out. The next tournament is the Turkey Trot which will be played November 13th. Fliers will be posted soon.

Al Keefer said that he is attending the meeting because he feels that since we do not have Pro that we should have a Rules Committee. He indicated that not just golf rules, but to make sure that out of bound stakes and penalty area stakes are in the right place or there at all. There was a lot of discussion and it was suggested that a committee be formed. Al Keefer, Alan Cristello, Rich Boutette and John Hunter would be the committee. A motion was made to have this committee, seconded and unanimously voted. Dede indicated that she has just made a "local rules" sheet for LEGA and will share it with the board and Al Keefer.

Gloria Craven reported for the 18 Hole Ladies League. She indicated that we have 15 members currently. She said that their league board will be meeting on October 25th. Also that Lake Fairways will be hosting LEGA on Tuesday, October 24th

Brenda reported on the 9 Hole Ladies League. They currently have 12 members and she is trying to recruit more. She asked the 18 Hole league to let her know if there will be anything that will affect them playing. Dede brought up that on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, the men play with the ladies so there would not be room for the 9 hole ladies separately. It was suggested that they can sign up with the 18 hole ladies for that day.

Mike Craven reported on the Men's League. Indicated that Larry O'Brien ran the summer league. Mike said they will be sticking to the games as listed in the LFGA booklet. They will be having a luncheon once a month. Not a lot to report. Greg indicated that they did have a summer shootout that went very well and that they played with Pine Lakes which worked out well. It was brought up that Pine Lakes has a member/guest but we do not. Al Cristello said he is working with Jim Mantini to create one here in Lake Fairways.

Greg said that since he has already reported for the Director of Golf and the Pro Shop, nothing else needs to be reported. Dan will try to be at our meetings. Dan has indicated that as soon as most of the merchandise in the Pro Shops has been sold, he will be buying new items. He is having a sale for LEGA and will have future sales to help reduce those items in the Pro Shop.

Dede reported that she feels that memberships are down everywhere because we only have 50 ladies coming for LEGA on the 24th,

Bill Fleckenstein asked about recertification of the golf course. Al Keefer said this would not be a good time to do that since we have so many issues that need to be rectified before requesting this be done. Al Cristello indicated that when it is done, we need to get rid of the blue tees. Al Keefer indicated again this is why we need to have a committee.

Greg asked if there was any Old Business. None

Greg indicated that New Business has already been brought up and discussed.

A motion was made to adjourn, and seconded.

Respectfully submitted

Dede Martin
Secretary LFGA