

## Wilmington Golf Course Advisory Board Minutes – July 2022

Call the meeting to order 5pm

Members present – Louise McColl, Steve Bridges, David Donovan, Freddy Dunn, Mike Emma, Jeff Darby, Joe Anthony, Charles Woodall, Matt Smith

Motion to approve the minutes: Freddy Dunn and Joe Anthony made a motion.

**Budget Committee** – New Fiscal Year Budget was approved. Priority is to finish repairing drainage issues on greens still needing repairs and purchase covers for greens to protect during deep frost periods.

**Grounds and Maintenance** – #4 Tee box erosion issues could pose a safety issue. Matt to install a temporary fix to resolve the issue. Matt has identified another source locally for 1 Gal wire grass plants to dress up natural areas on the course. It was suggested that we look at a plan to dress up median in main parking lot and possibly acquire 2 “Market Style” umbrellas for the uncovered portion of the porch.

**Marketing Committee** – No report

**Friends of Muni** – FOM Golf Tournament is August 5, 2022, at 2 pm. FOM is currently working on acquiring a Trophy case, sound barriers for main room, a sofa in Women’s Locker room, and an 8 stall warm up facility (batting cage)

**Renovations Committee** – Slow Internet connection continues to present challenges for the Pro Shop Staff resulting in slow check out times for food, green/cart fees.

**Pro’s Report** – June revenue of \$216,978 was a record despite 14 days of rain affecting play. Total revenue FY22 was also a record at \$1,981,118 as were Pro Shop sales at \$138,044. Total rounds for FY 22 were 59,308 an increase of 2,594 over FY21. The City Amateur is scheduled for August 27/28. Course will be closed for aerification July 13-15.

**Golf Course Report** – Drought conditions existed through most of June but 4” of rain and high temperatures have greened up the course and turf grass is growing aggressively. Repaired 5 more irrigation leaks hoping for budget allocation to begin installing new system. Applied last application of pre-emergent herbicide mainly for Goose Grass control. Working with a PHD weed scientist from NCSU testing products for Goose Grass control. The greens will be getting slower heading into aeration week due to getting them off growth regulation products and increasing fertility levels. This will help the greens recover more quickly. Anticipate normal speeds by August 1, 2022. Matt found a wire grass supplier locally. Matt is planning to purchase up to 900 1-gallon plants to fill those sandy-bare areas. Golf course to be fertilized on July 20<sup>th</sup> following aeration.

**MGA** – 439 Members-54 Women. Membership is increasing. Red, White, and Blue event was held on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

New business – Concerns were raised again regarding Handicapped players abusing golf cart privileges, driving too close to greens. David and Matt suggested trying placing thick ropes 30 yards from greens to encourage people to exit at appropriate distance from green surface.

Unfinished business – Discussion of funding a new Cart Barn. With the new Administrative Fee going back into golf course budget could be funded in 3-5 years. Food trucks were asked about again. Most vendors balk at \$150 Fee imposed as it makes it difficult for them to be profitable after fees and food costs.

Adjourn 5:50pm