



CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Golf Course Committee of the City of San Clemente was called to order on Thursday, July 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at City Council Chambers, 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California 92672.

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Nick Azzollini attended this meeting as an observer, prior to being sworn in as a new Golf Course Committee Member.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012-2013

Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

(This item was re-ordered from item #3 to item #2)

CM Kiernan nominated CM Veale as new Chairman.

MOTIONED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KIERNAN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER HURLBUT, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO ELECT CM VEALE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.

CM Hurlbut nominated CM Steel as new Vice Chairman.

MOTIONED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER HURLBUT, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DIVEL, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO ELECT CM STEEL AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.

Dick Veale - Chairman of Golf Course Committee for Fiscal Year 2012-2013
Parker Steel - Vice Chairman of Golf Course Committee for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

3. ROLL CALL

(This item was re-ordered from item #2 to item #3). Chair Veale called roll.

Committee members present: Rick Divel, Tim Kiernan, Parker Steel, Mike Hurlbut, Dick Veale

Committee members absent: George Gooch

Staff present: Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager
Mary Colletti, Recording Secretary

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Veale called for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 3, 2012.

MOTIONED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DIVEL, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KIERNAN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 3, 2012 with the following revision:

CM Mike Hurlbut was in attendance at the May 3, 2012 meeting.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Update on Clubhouse.

GC Manager Nelson briefed this Committee on the formation of a selection committee including Ken James (former Golf Course Committee Member) Jim Dahl (City Council Member), Bob Baker (City Council Member), Tim Kiernan (Golf Course Committee Member), Gary Greenberg (interim Clubhouse restaurant concession manager), Sharon Heider (Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director, and Pall Gudgeirsson (Assistant City Manager/City Treasurer). This committee will meet with GC Manager Nelson and City Manager George Scarborough to review the financial information and other qualifications of the parties that are bidding to be concessionaire of the Clubhouse.

GC Manager Nelson said they will be reviewing five qualified bidders, and he and CM Kiernan agreed that they believe the aim of the selection process is to choose the bidder best qualified to

accommodate the golfers and their needs and wants – they stated that this is foremost a golf course, so the golfers come first.

CM Kiernan said the City seems very happy with the success of the interim concession manager, Mr. Greenberg, who has been making a go of the operation even without a liquor license, which was just granted one week ago.

GC Manager Nelson said that the concessionaire selection process will probably be completed by the end of October or the beginning of November. GC Manager Nelson discussed the status of the current restaurant staff and the transition of the business from the prior restaurateur to the City. He said the City owns the restaurant and its inventory, and will lease the business to the new concessionaire. He added that in the interim the Golf Course is paying some of the restaurant's back expenses, and is using Golf Course staff to do all of the restaurant maintenance, which has added more responsibility to the Golf Course's already busy staff. In addition, the golf staff has picked up some deferred maintenance left behind, including HVAC system maintenance, repairs to the doors, and miscellaneous other items.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Establishment and Scheduling for Subcommittees.

- 1) Greens Subcommittee (members are Nick Azzollini, Dick Veale and Rick Divel) will meet on 7/17/12 at 9:00 a.m.
- 2) House/Facilities Subcommittee (members are Tim Kiernan, Parker Steel and Mike Hurlbut) will meet on 7/17/12 at 11:30 a.m.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

One communication was received by GC Manager Nelson from a former club champion who complained about the state of the course. CM Steel offered the information that a Facebook posting complimented the state of the Golf Course.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Monthly and Quarterly Report and Ongoing Business Update (see attachment).

GC Manager Nelson summarized his attached report, and discussed the replacement of the primary water pump, which is completely corroded inside after only 3 years, probably due to chlorine, although it should have lasted years longer. He said the course will be dryer for a while, due to 40% reduced watering from the primary pump being out. He said the greens get potable water from the street mains, so the greens are not affected by the decrease in water.

He added that the other two pumps will need repair to avoid the same problems, and the total will be significant.

GC Manager Nelson further said that because of the extra financial burden of the Clubhouse and the cost of replacing the primary pump (staff has ordered a replacement pump of a sturdier material), and repairing the other two pumps, the Golf Course has not been able to hire seasonal staff this year, which is a hardship. GC Manager Nelson hopes that he can hire seasonal staff at least briefly on a piecemeal basis to help with Golf Course projects, but for now, he said, staff is “making do” without the extra help.

GC Manager Nelson stated that the Rounds and Revenue report for the past fiscal year will be distributed and discussed at the next regular meeting of this Committee, but he estimated that the Golf Course is up about 900 rounds and \$75,000 from last year.

10. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CM Kiernan asked if the Driving Range could be greener, and GC Manager Nelson responded “yes”, and said that it is a priority but will be difficult to do while the pump is down.

CM Divel said he received input from the public on the red lines painted in the parking lot—he said we could gain 1-2 more spaces if they were removed (see attached photo). GC Manager Nelson agreed to block out those lines with gray paint.

CM Steel commended Mr. Nelson on the new golf club cleaner on the Driving Range.

CM Kiernan noted that there is a dead tree on #7. He said he’s had input from players who’d like to “toughen up” that hole, and would like the tree replaced. Nelson cautioned against ‘toughening up’ holes as such talk usually came from low handicappers but the implemented project usually only affects high handicappers. He pointed out that a new tree would not reach the maturity of the old tree for years, and a bunker would probably be a better solution for what CM Kiernan was suggesting. CM Kiernan did not think a bunker would be aesthetic enough, and he suggested more rough to make that hole more challenging.

CM Azzollini asked GC Manager Nelson to trim the trees that affect the line of play from the #13 ladies tees, and Mr. Nelson made note of it.

Chair Veale commended GC Manager Nelson on the condition of the greens, and he asked that the trees at #6 tee be trimmed because they obscure play from the blue tees. GC Manager Nelson made note of this. Chair Veale also mentioned the upcoming Beaches, Parks and Recreation golf tournament, and urged the Committee Members to form a group to enter the tournament, and he also urged them to attend the dinner which includes auction items such as Angels/Padres tickets.

Chair Veale then distributed a memo to the Committee Members and GC Manager Nelson which outlined the following points on enhancing the current putting green.

- A. He would like to have the holes put back in (replacing the current pins), on the putting green. He said pins don't make the golfers "feel" like they are putting, especially new golfers. Chair Veale does not think pins are good for practicing.
- B. Chair Veale stated that San Juan Hills and Talega have large putting greens where golfers can socialize, and he suggested enlarging our putting green by building up the area 12 feet from the edge of the putting green to the sidewalk. He said this could add about 10-12 feet of space. He said San Juan Hills and Tustin Ranch have events for golfers such as taco nights on their putting greens. He urged GC Manager Nelson and the Committee Members to consider it, as this could attract more business, and he asked that the above item be agendized to a regular meeting of this Committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTIONED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DIVEL, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER HURLBUT, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Golf Course Committee to be held on September 6, 2012.

Dick Veale, Chair, Golf Course Committee

Date: _____

Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager

Date: _____