

# **GOLF COMMITTEE**

## **Frye Island Golf Course**

### **Minutes of Meeting of August 10, 2008**

- A. MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Davis, Laura Davis, Mike Hurley, Paul Lyons, Bruce Nisula, Mark Thomas, Vic Solomini, and Ron Vaillancourt
- B. OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Crosby
- C. LOCATION: Golf Club Lounge
- D. CALL TO ORDER: Director Thomas called the Meeting to order at 10:35 AM.
- E. PRIOR MINUTES: The draft of the prior meeting had been previously approved by unanimous vote.
- F. EXECUTIVE SESSION : None.
- G. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS
1. A "Kitchen/Bathroom" fund has been created in the Town Office and has been receiving donations. These donations, plus funds from the Sue Nisula Memorial Fund would be used to pay for the addition. If sufficient funds are not raised and/or the project does not go forward, the donations from the Kitchen/Bathroom fund will be returned. It is hoped that contributions would amount to about \$300 per member and that there would be contributions from Islanders who are not Golf Members, but benefit from the facility. Bruce, Paul, and Brian are working on the design and cost estimate.
  2. The financial reports were reviewed. The operational expenses are down a little and revenues are up a little for this time of year.
  3. Bruce related Jim's comments regarding the status of the Course: The last thunderstorm damaged fuses and relays, but the pump itself is fine. The new tees should be ready to go this fall. The Chevy S-10 truck has been inspected and is operational.
  4. The volunteer work done this summer by Bill Gately to clear brush and improve the accessibility of the woods adjacent to the fairways was praised and very much appreciated.
  5. Laura C. reported that the "free" popcorn for customers is being taken advantage of by non-customers. It was agreed to limit making of popcorn to the evening in an attempt to reduce the abuse. A separate issue of occasional unruly children disturbing customers was raised. An initial step of contacting the parents was deemed appropriate for now. That being ineffective, changes in policy may be necessary to consider.

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6. Don will be measuring the course distances with a Sky-Caddie and forwarding the information to the MGA.
7. One Tee Marker (9<sup>th</sup> Hole Red Tee) remains available. A few customers are in arrears and have been reminded. Some of the Markers need touch-up work on the painting and plaques (Laura D. will follow-up on organizing this project.)
8. The social calendar includes a Chinese Raffle on Saturday, August 16; Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, August 29; and an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 30.
9. The next Workday is scheduled for October 12. Guidance on preferred activity (e.g. brush clearing, loam work, etc.) will be sought from Jim.
10. Some years ago it was decided to mark a hazard area to the left of Hole 2 before the pond, in order to speed up play and appropriately mark wet sections therein. Mark will meet with Jim to discuss to what extent the length of that area could be appropriately reduced. At a future meeting, Mark will present for approval their conclusion regarding a specific distance from the pond to be marked.
11. The current price of a Hot Dog (\$1.00) was deemed too low. **It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Vic to increase the price of a Hot Dog to \$2.00. Approved Unanimously.**
12. Elections are to be held at the Annual Meeting. The following Members will be completing their terms this year: Vic, Don, and Laura.
13. Potential policy changes to encourage timely commitment of Members to play in our Tournaments will be discussed at the Winter Meeting. Systematic procedures and rules for using sign-up sheets, on-line reminders, deadlines, and the like to improve the efficient, cost-effective operation of Tournaments, especially those with meals, will be decided. One problem is that our Club has a long-standing casual sign-up tradition. How to create, enforce, and gain Membership acceptance of realistic deadlines is the central issue. Online signup was mentioned. Without Membership co-operation with such deadlines, realistic purchasing and planning for Tournaments is impossible.
14. Project List

### Major Capital Cost

1. Purchase Equipment as needed.
  - 72" Rotary Mower – \$10,000 – \$18,000 - 2009
  - Greens Mower – \$10,000 – \$18,000 - 2010
  - 9,000 Pound lift for Shop - \$7,000 – 2011
  - Heavy Duty Utility Cart - \$15,000 - 2012
2. Tees for 1 and 7 - \$15,000 - 2008
3. Ladies Tees on 3 and 9 - 2008

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4. Driving Range, Putting Green/Practice Bunker
5. Golf Carts

### Minor Capital Cost

1. Rental Clubs (Done 2008)
2. Replace the remaining old chairs and tables
3. Fountain(s)

### Greens keeping Staff (or Lounge Staff)

1. Remove dirt mound on 9 and plant grass (Done 2008)
2. Repairing, re-leveling, and reseeding tees where needed.
3. Improve definition of cart path on 3 and 6. Add bluestone.
4. Remove Bunker on 5
5. Add a fairway bunker on 7 (Future).

### Membership (Minimal Cost)

1. Loaming over the holes and ruts on the fairways.
2. Clearing of brush, branches and rocks from woods (Done 2008).
3. Maintenance of Tee Markers to provide color without obstructing plaques.

## H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Future Meeting Dates as follows:

**Annual Meeting (including Elections), Sunday, August 30, following the Scramble.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Minutes approved via the internet.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Nisula  
Secretary, Golf Committee