

LOVELAND GOLF ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
04/25/18
MARIANA BUTTE MAINTENANCE BUILDING

PRESENT: Jim Whitenight, Joe Lopo, Julie Nelson, Robert Walkowicz, Chuck Weirauch, Charlie Dyer, Rex Lamoreaux, Greg Oehmen

ABSENT: Jan Wall, Jack Stringer

STAFF: Dennis Kling, Andrea Sheldon, Jordan McCormick, Winston Howe

COUNCIL: Absent

CITIZENS: Pat Stoltze

Notice of meeting posted.

Robert Walkowicz called the regular meeting of the Loveland Golf Advisory Board to order Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 5:15 pm.

Minutes The minutes for the 03/28/18 meeting approved as submitted.

Citizen None.

Comments

Council Liaison None

Report

NON-ACTION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2018 Mariana Butte Maintenance Staff Jordan McCormick reviewed the information in the packet and spoke about the following projects and goals:

- Audubon Certification effort
- “Resurfacing” tees; a few each year
- Irrigation redesign and renovation
- Tree plan; adding trees to separate 6 and 7
- New forward tee on #13
- Elk herd and elk damage
- Concrete projects; realigned cart path on #17, new “turnaround” area on 11 tee
- Partnerships with neighbors; Partnering with the HOA that owns the fence line on #1 fairway that separates homes from course. Working with them to remove grass from under fence and replace with gravel. Will work with HOA to share work force to remove sod and lay rock; City will provide rock.

2018 Mariana Butte Pro Shop Staff Golf Professional, Winston Howe reviewed the information in the packet and spoke about the following areas:

- Plan to try some Parent/Child golf tournaments on Sunday afternoons that will include 9 holes of golf with cart and some type of meal for approximately \$50.00

- 45 golf events booked so far
- Focusing a little more on club fitting using the new Mizuno club fitting system
- Implementing more cross training between cart/range workers and play/tee managers - should result in a more streamlined operation.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Budget 2019: Andrea Sheldon reviewed the information in the packet and presented further information on the 2019 budget.

2019 Projects include the CCGC parking lot, the restaging of golf carts at Cattail Creek and beginning the clubhouse design process for The Olde Course.

Much is unknown at this time including how the new TPC course in Berthoud will affect revenues. However, golf course revenues must cover all course improvements, equipment replacement, etc. In order to afford upcoming projects such as the clubhouse at The Olde Course, staff recommends increasing some golf fees.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Topics discussed included, among others:

- *the continued and continuous increase of costs to the golf courses (e.g. increase in cost for equipment, supplies, maintenance etc.), and how to afford them;*
- *the need to stay competitive with Loveland's golf product in a tight market and a need to keep the courses in prime condition;*
- *that golfers play the course for the course and not for the clubhouse.*
- *Which fees should be increased and how much.*

After discussion, a motion was entertained to approve the 2019 budget as presented with the following changes; increase the cost of small range to \$5.00, increase the base pass cost of the Monday-Thurs after 1pm to \$160 and the Monday –Thursday to \$285.00. The motion was seconded with unanimous approval.

Robert Walkowicz departs at 6:55 pm

Golf Manager Report Dennis Kling reported on the following:

- Aerification processes on the courses
- Seeding and sodding projects
- Wind damage from the last storm
- On course projects

- Goose management; can't harass now; oiling eggs

**Board Member
Comments**

- Charlie Dyer: Best year of aerification at The Olde Course yet.
- Julie Nelson: Really impressed with how staff keeps up with maintenance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

/S/ Robert Walkowicz, Chair