

Lakes East/West Green's Committee Meeting – March 7th 2025

Committee Chair Bear Hunt called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. Attending the meeting was Bear Hunt, Chair, Bob Brandolini, LW18/Men, Bob Scent LW18/Men, Jim Underwood LE18/Men, Bill Talbert, LE18/Men, Chuck Hyppa, Lead Superintendent, Rick Doyan, Lakes Superintendent, Brian Duthu, Director of Golf, Greg Marmesh, Lakes Head Ranger, Joanne Maynard, LW9/Women, Betty Lust, LE9/Women, Polly Thompson, LW18/Women, Paul Kaltenbach, Head Starter.

Minutes were handed out from the February meeting. No objections were made, so minutes were approved.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Rick Doyan reported that both courses were fertilized, and they have seen a great response with warmer temperatures. The bunkers are a focal point and they are continuing to provide more staff each day to ensure the playability and consistency of the bunkers. They are trying to improve hole 14 by taking sod from Quail when it closes and putting it down on 14 until they can make a better plan. The Oleander bushes are a problem because they do not allow enough sunlight to get through. This project will take a little time to conquer. Bill Talbert had asked about moving the tee box on 14 but that would be a major project with the cart path and water system.

Quail will close on April 7th and hopefully reopen by the 1st of October.

DIRECTOR OF GOLF:

Brian reported that Green Fee/Cart fee revenue is slightly below budget for February, achieving 96.1% of the budget, but has outperformed prior year. The bump rate (those golfers requesting tee time through the lottery that were unsuccessful), showed minor improvement over prior year.

Both financial performance and bump rate statistics are somewhat skewed comparing prior year numbers due to 2024 being a leap year.

The Moonlight Madness event at Lakes East Golf Course, has reached its peak capacity, however we will still accept stand by names. Entry Fee is \$45.00 per person and that includes dinner.

Snack shops will remain open until 5 p.m. until business slows in April.

GOLF COURSES:

The warmer weather recently has proven to be just what was needed. We have seen resurgence of growth in our Winter Rye. We are very optimistic about the Bermuda coming back nicely, specifically in the thin areas where the Winter Rye struggled to fill in. All the courses have applied pre-emergent Herbicide to the no-overseeded roughs. As we enter this last phase of our winter season we will be putting a major emphasis on our Spring transition.

Schedules for 2025 Aerification/Verti cutting date will be posted along with the 2025 overseed schedule.

RANGER REPORT:

There are a total of 83 rangers, 12 of them are on West. There are still some issues with people who are not doing 90 degrees. On the whole things are pretty good and they are trying to watch for any frequent offenders.

DISCUSSION:

Lakes West 18-hole ladies have a new website and are now using Golf Genius. They will be having their March Championship.

Lakes West 9-Hole ladies were requesting more benches at the yellow tees. Chairman Bear Hunt informed them that the cost is around \$670.00 so they will have to wait on those. He also stated they would like more ball washers.

Lakes West men had no issues. Jim Underwood stated that we needed to get the golf information to more golfers so they can understand the changes that are made. Brian said that it is something we could think about.

Bear Hunt said that there were new benches on Lakes West on holes number 5,6,7 and 17.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 4TH AT 8 AM AND WILL BE OUR LAST MEETING UNTIL OCTOBER.

Chairman Bear Hunt adjourned the meeting at 9 a. m.

Respectfully submitted:

Betty Lust