

Minutes
Golf Course & Conference Center Committee
Olympia Hills Golf Course & Conference Center
12900 Mount Olympus
Universal City, TX 78148
January 18, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER Bob Barnhardt, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Larry Cardinal conducted a Quorum Check; all members, except Les Kiel who had an excused absence, were present. Sal Garcia, Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center Manager, and Katie Rein, Director of Food and Beverage, were also present.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- Bob called for the approval of the minutes of meeting of November 16, 2020. Les Bourne moved for approval; Cindy Spurlock seconded, and the motion carried.

- Golf Course Update - Golf and Conference Center Manager:

-- Golf course play has continued to increase. For the first quarter of the Fiscal Year, a total of 10,520 rounds were played, nearly 3,500 rounds better than the first quarter last year. With a five year average of 6,292 rounds, the increase is significant. Sal credits the increase to using Golf Now for tee times and the recognized increase in golf due to COVID restrictions on many other sports.

-- Sal and the course Superintendent have several major initiatives to make the course more playable including new tee boxes and removing a number of unnecessary obstacles which previously plagued golfers. The tree area between holes 8 and 9 was also thinned out making it easier to find golf balls and speed up play.

-- The flood prevention project between holes 6 and 7 is nearing completion. The creeks between the holes were widened and cleaned up, a new bridge was added and a new cart path will allow greater play during wet periods. Also, a new rock wall along the creek to the right of the 7th fairway is very esthetically pleasing. A big thanks to the city for funding and overseeing this major course improvement.

-- New GPS units for the carts will be leased rather than purchased. The lease will be paid for by a \$1 increase in green fees. The new units are similar to those used for the Alamo City Gold Trail courses.

-- The "Head for the Hills Scramble" golf tournament, a very popular event, will be held on February 28. Plans are also underway for the Night Golf tournament in late summer.

- Food & Beverage Update - F&B Director:

-- Katie reported that the Center has had a good December and January with a number of smaller weddings and two quite large weddings. The larger weddings are a good indication that her advertising is working. A number of good pictures from these weddings will be added to the advertising program.

-- The Valentines Dinner will be held on February 14 for a maximum of 40 people. Unfortunately, there will be no dancing this year due to COVID restrictions. To go orders at a discount rate will also be available.

-- Happy Hours on Thursdays are currently suspended but are planned to begin again in the Spring.

-- Finally, Katie has 3-4 positions currently vacant and is working with the city to fill them.

- Member Items - Group Discussion/Concerns/Ideas: Bob had asked the Board members to consider other funding events in 2021.

-- Cindy suggested a Virtual Silent Auction.

-- Bob and Sal discussed having four tournaments per year, including the Head to the Hills and Night Golf tournaments. Bob suggested having a 50-50 pot for each and Larry discussed the Pro Assist shot on a par three for scrambles. The Board will continue to consider options.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- Casino Night Funding Purchases. Sal and Katie provided a complete summary of the Casino Night Purchases. The equipment for Junior Golf, maintenance equipment repair, and new tee boxes highlight the golf funding. Kitchen supplies, new equipment and new cocktail tables will support the Food and Beverage Department.

4. ADJOURNMENT: Bob said that concluded the agenda for the meeting. Jim Duttweiler moved for adjournment; Geoff Candia seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM. The next meeting will be February 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Larry Cardinal
Secretary
Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center Committee