

Minutes
Golf Course & Conference Center Committee
Olympia Hills Golf Course & Conference Center
12900 Mount Olympus
Universal City, TX 78148
September 20, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER** In the absence of the President, Larry Cardinal, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Larry Cardinal conducted a Quorum Check; all members, except Bob Barnhardt, were present. Sal Garcia, Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center Manager, and Taylor Forseth, Executive Chef, were also present. The committee was also pleased to welcome a visitor, Mr. Bernard Rubal, to the meeting.

2. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Larry called for the approval of the minutes of meeting of July 19, 2021. Jim Duttweiler moved for approval, Cindy Spurlock seconded, and the motion carried.

- Golf Course Update - Golf and Conference Center Manager:

-- For the fiscal year (October 1, 2020 through August, 2021), a total of 38,194 rounds have been played, 5,090 rounds better than the same period last FY, and nearly 10,750 rounds better than the five-year average. The total rounds in August were 3,340 which is 1,044 less than the previous August; however, this still exceeds the five-year average by 1,627 rounds. The course is still on pace to reach over 40,000 rounds for this year.

-- The Les Kiel Memorial fund total is \$14,403 due to recent donations. Sal had previously purchased \$500 for equipment for the first junior camp.

-- There are five tournaments scheduled for this week, including a very large Rotary Club tournament being played today. The new GPS units are still on the way but have been not arrived due to production delays. Twenty-Five new carts have arrived, bringing the total to 75 carts with the lithium-ion batteries. These will greatly reduce maintenance and turnaround time for the carts and extend the life of the batteries. The early Twilight Special will begin October 1. The Neon Nights Golf Outing was very successful. Four schools are currently using Olympia Hills as their home course.

-- The greens will be overseeded October 25. This will protect the greens better should another hard freeze occur this winter.

- Food & Beverage Update:

-- August had two weddings and three corporate events. Food was also provided for the Neon Nights tournament and the Toga Run. September will have a total of six

weddings and five corporate events. There will be four golf tournaments with food as well as a Sweet Sixteen party and a Parks Partner's Bingo Fundraiser.

-- The Speakeasy/Prohibition Themed Happy Hour on August 12 went very well. Future city sponsored Happy Hours are planned as follows:

September 23 – “Death Due Us Part” Murder Mystery

October 29 – Halloween Party – Famous Dead People Theme

-- The new Food and Drink menu has been implemented for the Lounge, and the new dance floor has been installed. This new dance floor is much lighter and easier to set up and take down, facilitating changing over for events. Four new people have been hired and are undergoing training. This will again fully staff the Food and Beverage group.

- Member Items - Group Discussion/Concerns/Ideas: Les Bourne mentioned the position of the 1st Vice President. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS: None.

4. The committee welcomed Mr. Rubal who presented the results of his study of municipal golf courses in the surrounding area. He noted that many of the courses have converted to contract companies since the driving cost, both present and future, are salaries and benefits. While the committee was impressed by both the amount of research he had done and his presentation, we pointed out that this was outside the scope of responsibilities of the committee. We suggested he contact the City Manager, Kim Turner, since the golf course personnel are under her purview.

4. ADJOURNMENT: Larry said that concluded the agenda for the meeting. Les Bourne moved for adjournment; Cindy Spurlock seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM. The next meeting will be October 18, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Larry Cardinal
Secretary
Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center Committee