GOLF BOARD MEETING

Wednesday – February 7 th , 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm.

In Attendance: Denise Klotzbucher, Benny Mangor, Ron Vener- Golf Board, Lynn Mielke – Talbot County Council, Owen Sutherland Superintendent and Rich Setter GM/PGA.

Agenda Items -

1. **Golf Course Financial Update** –

* Denise presented the financial charts for FY 24. January was not a good month resulting in approximately $30,000 less revenue than the previous year. This was due mainly to the weather. Actual revenue for FY 24 is $1,156,348 approximately $135,636 over previous year. Expenses for January were higher than previous year. Year to date revenue $1,156,348 with expenses of $1,075,690 leaving a difference of $80,658.
* The proposed Golf Rates for the 2024 season will be presented to the County Council at their February meeting (February 13th), for approval.

**2. Golf Course Improvements Progress -**

* On going tree work – removal of dead limbs, tree removal, stump grinding general clean-up.
* Painting of Tee markers, ball washers, benches and picnic tables etc.
* Clearing sprinkler head of grass and debris.
* Bunker maintenance.
* Bush Hogging throughout the course.
* Two culverts were installed under cart path on hole # 12.
* Bridge on hole # 9 is in dire need of repair. Solution could very well be that bridge is replace with two large culverts.

**3 . Golfers Comments –**

* Positive comments on the condition of greens.

**4**.  **Golf Range Project update- (Rich reported)**

* Rich reported that “Phase 1” of project is scheduled to begin next week. The first step is to trim the limbs on each side of driving range to a height of fifty feet. Once that is completed poles will be installed on both sides of range and at the end of the range. Netting will then be installed to a height of 50 foot on each side and 75 foot at the end of range. Electric will be tunneled from cafe which will be used to power the “Power Tees”. Then “Power Tees” will be installed and Phase 1 will be completed. Phase 2 is scheduled for a November start.

**5. Cafe Operations - (Rich reported)**

* Plans for this season include a fryer, flat top grill, conventional oven and a high speed oven and a warming glass display to begin with.

**New Business -**

1. Aerification of greens for 2024 is scheduled as follows:

Spring – March 27 & 28

Fall - September 25- 26

**Old Business -**

1. The new fleet of golf carts will be delivered around the end of February. A total of 70 new carts have been ordered . They are very similar to the old fleet with a few upgrades. USB ports will be available plus an extra sand bottle on passenger side of cart. The carts are on a four year lease.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 14th at 4 pm. No further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Carl R. Sauca