

MORAGA COUNTRY CLUB • HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
GREEN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

February 12, 2025 • 5:30 PM, St. Andrews Lounge

**I. Call to Order – Quorum**

Roger Topp called the meeting to order at 5:30PM. Quorum established.

Members Present: Tom Roberts, Diane Donnelly, LJ D'Iorio, Cathy Barbagallo, Jon Ranstrom, Scott Champion, Fran Gentry  
Absent Members: Jeff Walker, Chris Hoff  
Staff Present: Jason Woodworth, Eric Jacobsen, Christina French, Luis Ballesteros  
Staff Absent: None  
Guest: Maureen Freeman

**II. Approval of Minutes** - Minutes of November 13, 2024 meeting were approved

**III. Superintendent Report** – Luis Ballesteros

- Golf Course is in good shape, here are some key items from January:
  - Rain totals for the year from October 2024 thru January 2025 = 9.14 inches compared to 15.24 for same time period a year ago
  - Greens – no turf health issues other than small patches of moss on some of the greens
  - Tees – no turf issues, only dormant bermuda grass
  - Fairways – most of them are drying out and a few remain extremely wet due to lack of drainage. Moisture has led to Pink Snow Mold (winter/seasonal turf disease). Staff is working on controlling disease with weekly applications of fungicide
  - Staff working on balancing out sand depths in all bunkers
- Winter Mowing Schedule :
  - Greens – Mowing 5 times per week, rolling twice a week
  - Collars/approaches – 1 to 2 times per week
  - Fairways/rough – 1 to 2 times per week, depending on when grass dries out
- Winter Upcoming/on going projects
  - Trash containers – 90% completed. Larger and same design
  - Drainage and installation/repairs – Hole #4, #12 and #16
  - Hole #8 back tee leveling will start on February 17th. Project will take 1 to 2 weeks and will re-open after 4 to 6 weeks weather dependent
  - Drainage installation at lower part of #3 fairway scheduled for the end of February or first part of March
  - Hole #11 booster pump/house replacement for 1st week of March. Scheduling the replacement of Hole #4 booster pump and hole #18 pumping stations
  - Hole #13/14 retaining walls replacement scheduled for 2/24 (3 to 4 weeks for completion
  - Hole #3 Flexy pave replacement
  - Concrete replacements Hole #6, #12 & #13 – working on scheduling
  - Autonomous mowers – Driving range/Hole #1 teeing area. Arriving soon

#### IV. **Director of Golf Report – Jason Woodworth**

- Rounds of golf update – 41136 Rounds were reported for 2024. January 2025 started off with great weather and rounds were high at 3397 as compared to 2000 in 2024. Comparing the years has shown significant increases in course usage
- Being early in the year, events don't really start until March. However, we had a successful Super Bowl Stableford event with over 100 participants. Planning a Lucky Par 3 event for St. Paddy's day and a possible event around cinco de mayo
- Director of Instruction : Michael Merritt has proven to be a great asset to the golf team. More social media present and club present. Increasing involvement with staff and programming throughout the club

#### V. **Old Business**

- Charter** – Roger updated the charter and it has to be updated every couple of years. Changed a little wording and will bring to board meeting February 20<sup>th</sup> for approval
- Short-Game Practice area** – Hard costs have been established with 3 different vendors and all 3 are between 1 million and 1.1 million. Deciding whether or not we do the project internally as a capital improvement or get involved with St. Marys. St. Marys can contribute almost half in 2026.
- Irrigation & drainage** – 4.5 million approximately for irrigation and 5 million for drainage. Big project and one that is most important moving forward.
- Bathrooms** – Bathrooms for #12 is still a hot topic and one in which the committee will push to the board. There's some big costs associated with getting new restrooms. Working on a plan to upgrade. What that looks like exactly, no one knows for sure.

#### VI. **New Business**

- Meeting Schedule** – Roger has proposed having less physical meetings throughout the year with more communication via email through the committee on a weekly basis. With the information Roger receives he'll share with Eric, Luis and Jason to work on projects in a timely manner. Allows staff to continually work on projects regularly between meetings and allows staff to jump on projects sooner.
- Goals for 2025 and beyond** – Irrigation and drainage is on the forefront of the committee. Short-game area and what the plan is with St. Marys. Bathrooms will be pushed to the board level.
- Staging area and improvements** – considering plans for a starter area on #1 and what that looks like. Eric has a drawing and some ideas. Range has approved dollars to improve the staging area. Jason is working with Steve (facilities manager) to look into awnings to give a better welcoming experience for the members as they go to the range. Also helps outside staff with coverage in bad weather.
- Small Launch Monitors** - the board has approved money to add small launch monitors to be used with lessons and helping members with golf club fittings. with little response. Some think that members need to do their due diligence and check forward before proceeding to hit. We've had a screen and a parascope. We will look into options moving forward.

#### VII. **Board Liaison Report – Nothing to report**

**VIII. Next Meeting** – Wednesday, March 12 – Board Room at 5:30

**IX. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Minutes Prepared by Jason Woodworth

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