

MORAGA COUNTRY CLUB • HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
GREEN/GOLF COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Wednesday, September 14 • 5:30 PM – Board Room

I. Call to Order – Establish Quorum

Paul Crinks called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Paul Crinks (Chair), Chris Hoff, Diane Donnelly, Rich Larsen, LJ D'Iorio
Andrew Dennis, Maura Mendoza
Members Absent: Roger Topp, Angie Fafoutis
Staff Present: Jason Woodworth, Luis Ballesteros, Christina French & Eric Jacobsen
Staff Absent: None
Guests: Anne Willcoxon (Board President)

II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda – The minutes from August 10th were unanimously approved by the committee.

- Anne Willcoxon made a special presentation regarding the construction and how it will impact the first tee. A bio-swale for the new fitness building will be routed behind the first tee. They'll be a 5 to 6 foot walkway with a landscaped bio-swale behind the first tee. It will not impact the putting green or first tee. In fact it may make the presentation of the first tee better than currently.

III. Course Superintendents Report -

- Due to the heatwave recently, Luis has watered more than usual and that's left some heavier water areas throughout the golf course.
- Getting prepared for aerification on September 26th. Ordering sand and getting prepped.
- Retaining wall on #5 has been completed.
- Maintenance yard fence has been completed. Looks great.
- Working on bunkers and adding more sand. Trying to educate members of how to rake properly. The majority of people rake toward the edges, pulling sand from the middle, leaving little sand left in the middle.
- Added a few new hires, still about 3 to 4 short.
- Using quieter electric mowers for the putting greens. Very positive with respect to quality and noise.
 - Tried a fairway mower, but wasn't as good with performance.

IV. Director of Golf Report -

- 4396 Rounds in August vs. 4526 in 2021. Rounds are still consistent in the 3000's moving into the 4000's. Should be reaching close to 45 thousand by the end of this year. 31295 rounds this year.
- Yamaha new golf car fleet should be coming in November. Been pushing to get this sooner than later.
- Pyramid program has been successful so far. Shipments of new range balls have been delayed significantly. It's the only stressful situation of running out of range balls.
- Heavy tournament season is coming close to an end. The Redwood, Summer League, MWGA Club Championship has ended. Senior Cup and Couples Championship is upcoming in the next few weeks.

- Monday Outings: Just had one of September 12th and our last Monday outing will be on September 19th. The Fore Our Schools event. It's a local school fundraiser.

V. Old Business -

- #18 and #16 Out of Bounds:** The committee agreed that parts of #2 and #1 would be considered out of bounds for those hitting from #18 tee box. We will come up with verbiage that will be put on the scorecards and GPS units on golf cars. #16 the out of bounds will remain as the left edge of the cart path.
- Practice Bunker area and Re-design/Mats:** Cary Bickler will come up with a re-design of the bunker/chipping area. This will include new hitting mats and widening the path behind the range and improving the look and visual entrance. New mats are needed and Luis is getting costs associated with each project. This will determine the extent of how much we can get done in this year's budget.
- Signage for putting green:** We will be purchasing NO CHIPPING signs for the new putting green. The areas around the green are getting damaged and "thinned out". Luis will be mowing a bigger area around the chipping green by the bunker and trying to make a better area to chip. This will help in the meantime, before we try and get a new chipping area/putting green by the turn building.
- Entry/Exit Stakes:** Try to communicate the purpose of the Entry/Exit stakes to the membership. Using the Weekly News and GPS to "get the word out."

VI. New Business –

- Water Usage Options/Need to Reduce?** Discussions around irrigation and water usage came up. Currently we are approximately 40% under our annual allocation of water. Talks regarding "getting ahead" of the curve with respect to starting a turf reduction program came up. Cary Bickler will put together an irrigation plan with turf reduction areas outlined. Determine costs and scope of project to present to the board.
- Capital Budget Recommendations:** The plan is to start considering projects that need to be addressed with the remaining budget for this year. Planting trees along the driving range on the #9th hole were brought up. Redwood trees were talked about but the committee decided to have Luis and Cary look at different trees to recommend. Concern that Redwoods wouldn't be helpful with balls entering the 9th hole from the driving range.
 - Driving Range and New design of chipping green area:** Changing the mats and concrete portion of the driving range were talked about. Along with that, a re-design of the bunker/chipping area was brought up. Cary will come up with a plan that addresses both. Costs associated with each project will be looked at. This will determine what we can do with the remaining budget for this year.
 - New Tees on the back 9:** a little traction came up to change a few tee boxes for the back 9. The committee decided that the driving range would be a better way to utilize the remaining funds for this year.
- Driving on #16 and #3:** Rich Larsen wanted to re-visit driving on #3 and #16 fairways for the club in general. Discussion found that we will do a trial period of #16 when the time comes. If we determine that #16 can take the traffic, then we will discuss driving on hole #3.
- Painting the yellow tees:** The yellow on the tee blocks is fading and we need to paint them. Luis will during the winter months.

VIII. Requested Board Actions – None.

IX. Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 12th. 5:30 PM.

X. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Minutes Prepared by Jason Woodworth, Director of Golf