

Riverbend Golf Club Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting - Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2024

The BOD meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by President Kevin Kennelley.

Present: Kevin Kennelley, John Melson, Ken Kotansky, Bill Barry, Joseph J Anania, Jr., Rosalie Deitz and MaryAnn Devine.

Joseph Anania, Secretary confirmed the meeting was properly warned and a quorum was present.

Minutes Approval: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 15th, 2024, Golf Board meeting. This motion was made by Bill Barry and seconded by Rosalie Deitz. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

President's Report (Kevin Kennelley)

This year we have experienced many storms and two hurricanes. The ground is saturated so please pay attention to the directions pertaining to course play that John Bolton sends out. Especially for where carts can and cannot go due to daily conditions. There is also some construction activity to finish up that is ongoing so be careful of potential hazards out on the course that have been marked or roped off and respect the barriers.

We have two new Board of Directors: Joe Anania and Mary Ann Devine, who are both Riverbenders. I want to thank Liz Haney and Chuck Howard for their service on the Board and for all their contributions while serving as Board Directors. Both individuals have moved out of our community, and we wish them good luck and smooth sailing.

The Golf Board of Directors at present now consists of:

President - Kevin Kennelley

Vice President - Rosalie Deitz

Treasurer - John Melson

Secretary – Joseph Anania

Directors - Bill Barry, Ken Kotansky, and Mary Ann Devine

The Committee Chairs are:

Finance - John Melson

Greens - William Barry

Pro Shop and Rangers - Rosalie Deitz

Documents/Website - Ken Kotansky

Membership/Marketing & Summer Membership - Rosalie Deitz

Nomination - Rosalie Deitz

Landscape - Rosalie Deitz

Historian - Mary Ann Devine

Treasurer’s Report (John Melson)

John presented the financial statement for September 2024 which is the sixth month of our fiscal year. The year-to-date report reflects a negative variance to budget profit and loss of (\$15,545). This can be the result of several items, including the timing of when expenses have been paid. The Golf Club had total cash on hand of \$592,067 on September 30, 2024. This is primarily due to less than budgeted Summer Memberships and higher than budgeted staffing expenses.

To date, July quarterly maintenance fees have been paid by all but 10 of the membership. Nine of these accounts are in collections. One has been served a Notice of Late Assessment letter. The number of golf rounds billed in September were as follows:

Members	Current	YTD	YTD Prior
18 holes	428	3885	3904
9 holes	282	2695	2467
Guests			
18 holes	85	721	734
9 holes	32	343	312
Total			
18 holes	513	4606	4638
9 holes	314	3038	2779

Total Membership numbers to date are: RB 311

NP 41

FM 108 (Ballone joined; Orr and Schaefer terminated)

AS 5

Full Memberships remaining to be sold: 15

Greens Committee Report (Bill Barry)

Bill reinforced that the recent sustained heavy wind and rain has inflicted damage to our course. The Greens Crew was hard at work returning the course to a playable condition. He emphasized that all members should please observe signs and ropes and keep golf carts out of wet areas (which are many). Jeff Heward, our Golf Course Superintendent, celebrated his 2nd anniversary here at Riverbend Golf Club in September and he and his crew have been very busy.

- Our Chipping green on the west end of the driving range was replaced and a large new diverse bunker was designed. The green was rebuilt, elevated, and increased in size by 30%.

- The #2 putting green was expanded and reshaped. It's now 600 square feet larger.
- On #8 the greenside bunker was moved more to the left and reshaped. That green also was enlarged on the left side.
- On Hole #10 Jeff removed all the invasive species of grass and plants opening up that area substantially. Some trees we relocated, and muhly grass was added along with coquina.
- The pond on the left side of #10 fairway now has a new drainpipe. When the old, busted up pipe was dug up, we discovered 20+ feet of stone, rocks and sludge completely filling the old pipe.
- As a result of the above, the pond on 10 is a lot smaller than it was and the landing area is vastly increased. Jeff designed and did all the shaping himself.

Jeff presented a quick video of some of the improvements made during the summer months. We're truly fortunate that Jeff has the expertise and dedication as all the projects outlined above (apart from the drainpipe) were done in-house at a substantial savings to all of us. Be sure to thank him and his crew when you see them.

Golf Course Landscape (Rosalie Deitz) – nothing to report

Pro Shop Report (Rosalie Deitz)

In August, John Bolton became the Director of Golf. John is currently in the process of hiring a person to fill the vacated Assistant Pro Shop Director of Golf. Our plans are to be able to offer golf lessons from either John Bolton or the Assistant Pro Shop Director of Golf.

We held two tournaments this summer: The Fourth of July Tournament and our Endless Summer Tournament.

John Bolton has met with all the ladies and men's golf league presidents to go over this season's (2024-2025) schedules and offered them guidance and enhancing ideas to better their programs. Jack Bennett has tournaments scheduled for each coming month till April 2025.

When you come into the Pro Shop you will soon notice a new selection of merchandise that is available for purchase.

Ranger Report (Rosalie Deitz)

Larry Magar, committee member, will be responsible for contacting rangers and scheduling the weekly ranger schedules. On November 12, 2024, there is scheduled a meeting with the ranger volunteers participating in this year's program. This meeting is to go over pertinent golf rules.

Documents Committee (Ken Kotansky)

The Golf Board decided that it was time for a Riverbend Golf website and the process was broken up into three phases.

Phase 1 was completed in May. Its primary purpose was to market our club to new members both for summer and full equity. The overall design delivers content that emphasizes the main benefits of what makes our club unique and entices the reader to submit a request for more information.

The design of Phase 2 began in late spring. Unlike the public side, this will only be viewable by equity members with a secure sign in. Examples would include golf bylaws, meeting minutes, golf board members, calendar of events, updates from our golf superintendent, and update 18 and 9-hole golf league leaders. It will serve as a key source of information for all member events at the club and who to contact. It also showcases activity of our Superintendent so you can follow Jeff's Heward's progress around the course.

We have now moved into Phase 3 which will focus on a combination of cleanup activity and provide a landing area for club 50+ history.

The new webpage www.riverbendgolffl.com will serve our club for years to come.

Rule Change – Kevin Kennelly presented a change to Section 4.2 of the Rules and Regulations regarding walking. The following resolutions was read before the board:

Whereas Section 4.2 of the Riverbend Golf Club Rules and Regulations provide as follows:

“The course is available for walking, weather permitting 365 days of the year after 4:00 P.M. or check for the posted time in the Pro Shop. In addition, when the Pro Shop is closed during the off season. On Mondays and Thursdays, the course is available for play all day”.

Whereas the board believes the intent of the 4.2 above is to provide the ability to walk the course should the Pro Shop be closed and provided the course has not been closed due to inclement weather or aeration, etc.

Therefore, the Board resolves that Section 4-Walking Privileges 4.2 be amended to provide:

"The course is available for walking, weather permitting 365 days of the year after 4:00 P.M. or check for the posted times in the Pro Shop. In addition, the course is available for walking when the Pro Shop is closed during the off season".

The resolution was opened for discussion. Hearing none, Joseph Anania called for a motion to approve the new rule amendment resolution. Bill Barry moved the motion for approval and Rosalie Deitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Membership was informed of this new rule change on October 15th. The new rule will go into effect 14 days after written notice. We will also be including this change notice as part of our next Annual meeting package in the spring.

Membership/Marketing/Summer Program (Rosalie Deitz)

As of September 30, 2024, there are 15 Full Memberships presently available. We have received notification from 5 members of this year's summer program, that they will be signing up for Full Membership starting November 1st.

Unfinished Business – None Note

The Meeting adjourned at 3:51pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J Anania, Jr.

Secretary