

Riverbend Golf Club Inc.
Annual Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 2022
3:00 pm

President Bill Boutelle called to order the Riverbend Golf Club Annual Meeting on March 24, 2022, at 3:04pm.

Board of Directors in attendance: Wally Willrick, Liz Haney, Bill Boutelle, Kevin Kennelley, John Melson, Bill Barry, and Rosalie Deitz.

Secretary, Liz Haney confirmed the Proof of Notice was properly mailed on February 22, 2022, to all members and posted to the community bulletin boards.

The meeting agenda was updated by adding Member Comments, Superintendent Report and under New Business, Set Date for Organizational Meeting. A motion was made by Kevin Kennelley to approve the updated agenda and seconded by John Melson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Liz Haney, Secretary, read the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting held on March 28, 2021. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Kevin Kennelley, Nominations Chair thank the support of the Administration Office and volunteers who officially counted the ballots and proxies.

President's Report (Bill Boutelle)

President Boutelle reported it was an eventful year and we continue to deal with Covid 19 variations along with other challenges.

After many years of service, Bob Gottheld, stepped down from the board as Treasurer and replaced by John Melson. John formed the Financial Committee of Ron Jacobsen and Henry Desplaines. Both bring to the committee extensive business and financial experience. Mr. Gottheld was thanked for his many years of service as a Board member and Treasurer.

Members were reminded of the recent severe injury to a member caused by another member operating the golf cart from the passenger seat. Operating a golf cart from the passenger seat is an unsafe. Bill asked members to avoid moving even a short distance in the golf cart from the passenger seat.

We replaced our aging pump house feeding our sprinkler systems and the work will be completed soon. Fortunately, we have spent years reserving funds to replace this type of equipment.

Our new P.G.A. certified Professional is Trevor Freeman. Trevor will join Michael Jones in offering top level instruction to our membership.

Our labor costs continue to rise and we continue to struggle to find staff for our course maintenance team. Club Car will replace our current EZ GO Lithium-Ion battery powered fleet. The new fleet should arrive early December 2022.

Even with COVID and supply chain issues this board has accomplished a great deal over the past 12 months. It has been my pleasure to have served as your President.

Treasurer's Report (John Melson)

Our fiscal year ends March 31, 2022. Through the eleventh month of the fiscal year Riverbend Golf had a gain of \$172,975. The Golf Club had cash on hand of \$892,591 on February 28, 2022.

The board sold 7 EZ GO carts, which generated \$29,400 to miscellaneous Income that was not budgeted. The Golf Club currently has 43 carts that are owned and 7 carts that are leased.

In March of 2021 there were 43 full members, today there are 73 full members, an increase of 70% that generated in excess of \$75,000 additional income to the club. Summer membership in 2021 generated \$78,000 versus budget of \$40,000, an increase of 95%. Cart Rental income was \$251,000 versus budget of \$205,000, an increase of 22%. Walking fees were \$21,000 versus budget of \$12,000, an increase of 75%. All the above can be attributed to the increase of members thanks to the hard work of the membership committee.

The Golf Club did have some exceptional necessary expenses this past year out of reserves, these included: A new greens roller, cost \$15,415, resodding of tee boxes, driving range and other golf course work totaling \$94,938, a New Pump station, cost \$115,000, which will be expensed in 2021 and 2022. Total reserve expenses \$225,353.

In January, the golf board voted unanimously to replace our current golf fleet with 47 Club Car Carts with EZ-Go Lithium battery carts. These will have many benefits for the club including 150 pounds lighter, electric savings, longer life of the battery with no maintenance required, and higher trade in value. These should be delivered in November or December at a net cost, after trade in, of \$171,650.

In February, the board unanimously approved the new budget which had the first-rate increase in 6 years. The \$9/month Riverbend increase and \$10/month full member increase was necessary because of rising expenses and to help replenish the reserves. In addition, cart rental fees were adjusted for the first time in at least 25 years.

Green Committee Report (Bill Barry)

- We converted to granular fertilizer on our greens as the weather gets warmer from the liquid fertilizer used during the Winter season.
- Fertilization has improved turf in many areas, especially fairway and approach grass.
- Weeds on putting surfaces are being spot sprayed.
- Green's Aerification will begin on May 2nd with a new process called DryJect which is minimally invasive. We'll also do three others with the traditional process. The schedule is posted in the Pro shop.
- Fairway aeration will also happen on June 6th.
- Tee aeration will take place on May 12th and include the Driving Range tees.
- Projects over the summer include: Tackle the Augustine grass invading the approach area on the left of #1 green, and replace it with Champion Bermuda sod.
- Electrical boxes adjacent to #18 green need to be replacement. We are soliciting bids for this project and make a recommendation to the board.
- We are replacing our primary greens triplex mower. Bids will be solicited, and the greens committee will make a recommendation to the board.

Thank you to the Greens Committee and our greens crew for their hard work this past year.

Superintendent's Report (John Scotten)

Our overflow drain project between #7 and #6 was completed and the drainage in the low area of #5 is working. Our bunker edges have been collared and sand added to all bunkers.

Pro Shop Report (Mike Jones)

The Pro Shop had 2,253 rounds in February of 2022 compared to 2,001 in February 2021 for an increase of 12.6%.

Our new Class A PGA Teaching Professional Trevor Freeman will officially join our staff on March 25, 2022.

Membership / Marketing (Rosalie Deitz)

OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR YEAR 2021 WAS:

RIVERBEND	311 (EQUITY MEMBERSHIP)
NORTH PASSAGE	42 (EQUITY MEMBERSHIP)
FULL MEMBERSHIP	72 (EQUITY MEMBERSHIP)
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP	6 (NON-EQUITY MEMBERSHIP)
SUMMER MEMBERSHIP	157 (NON-EQUITY MEMBERSHIP)

Outside Committee Report (Rosalie Deitz)

Two events were held in 2021:

- North Passage Yacht Club Nine & Dine, Chairman John Melson, Date: October 16, 2021
- "Red" Harris Foundation Golf Tournament, December 15, 2021, with 81 participants, and a total revenue to RB of \$1,344.50

Ranger Report (Kevin Kennelley)

The Ranger Volunteer program operates year-round. Rangers cover the course during the day and evenings. Larry Magar is our Lead Ranger. We held 2 training sessions in 2021, which reviewed our golf rules, shared Rangers experience, and golf course etiquette our Rangers should display to our members and guests. Currently we have 16 Riverbend Rangers (+11 from 2020) Each Ranger completes a report at the end of their shift. Reports are reviewed from a lesson's learned perspective to determine if any further actions need to be taken by the Golf Board.

Rangers are wearing Green Golf Shirts with a Ranger Label. They check for walking passes in the evening hours, fill divots, remind players to observe the 90 degree rule which is in effect for all golfers and golf carts must remain on the path no closer than 20 feet from tee boxes or greens and encourage adequate pace of play.

Nominations Committee

Kevin Kennelley, Chairman of the Nominations Committee announced the results of the Election of Directors. Running for the two open positions were Bill Barry, Bill Boutelle and Ken Kotansky . Bill Barry and Ken Kotansky were elected to the board.

Documents Committee

Bill Barry read the voting results of the 5 bylaws to be updated. All the bylaw recommended changes passed with the appropriate number of favorable votes from the membership.

A discussion was held asking for more information on the rational for these changes from the membership present.

Mr. Garlick (member in attendance) made the following motion:

“Move that the vote of these by-laws be tabled until such time a special meeting can be held and the statements can be sent out with current language vs. changed language, include rational on why the changes. and schedule a special meeting to vote on the by-law changes.”

Seconded: Bill Orr

Between the Board members in attendance and the remaining members in the audience eligible to vote; the motion was defeated: 8 votes YES, and 10 votes NO

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

Motion: Kevin Kennelley made the motion to hold the Golf Board’s organizational meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 3 pm. John Melson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourned 5:31 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Mard, Secretary