

**Golf Course Commission
Green Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2022**

Members Present: Shelly Dowling (Green Committee Chair), Bobby Brown, Andy Fries

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Topics Discussed:

- The main issue discussed was the dry conditions and brown spots on the course. Mr. Fries responded that several factors affected the course conditions at the beginning of July:
 - Lack of rain (less than ½ inch)
 - Condition of the irrigation system: 8 leaks (4 fixed); 40 – 50 broken sprinkler heads (35 fixed)
 - Learning curve for Mr. Fries on the system.
 - Mr. Romano is the main irrigation technician but he has been filling in as mechanic
 - Preparation for the Women’s Amateur took time away from other projects.
- Mr. Fries has taken the following steps to improve the situation:
 - Seven additional employees are being training on the system
 - Many repairs have improved the watering conditions
 - Venting of the greens in July and August
 - Mr. Fries is steadily gaining knowledge of the system
 - Mr. Fries reported that the irrigation system is his main priority right now. He feels he is gaining on correcting the conditions and they will not be getting any worse.
- Several important pieces of equipment required repairs in recent weeks. There is no additional update on the permanent mechanic position.
- The newest full-time greenskeeper, Mr. Sarosky, is learning how to spray. An additional seasonal worker has a spray license and will be trained as well.
- The replacement ball tenders are not performing satisfactorily. We will purchase the original ball tenders one more time.
- Weather Report June: Very dry and normal temperatures. We’ve had 1.3” of rain but only .35” from June 13th through the end of the month occurring on June 27th. June of 2021 were similar rainfall amounts but occurred on 4-5 different days. Temperatures were similar to last year although slightly warmer at the end of June.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Plumeau
Administrative Assistant