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Meeting Minutes GOLF SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

4:00 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave.

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Golf Subcommittee was held at 4:14 PM on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Joanne Dye, Robert Dye, Warren Onken, Emanuel Scarbrough and Dan Smith.

Members Absent: Margaret Olson

City Staff Present: Charlie Romines, Ryan Brinza and Ian Nicoll

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made J. Dye, seconded by Onken to Approve the Minutes of the November 26, 2013 Golf Subcommittee meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

III PUBLIC COMMENT

IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

V NEW BUSINESS

A Staffing Updates

Ian Nicoll updated permanent and seasonal staffing levels.

B Clubhouse Improvements

Nicoll provided information on what we have done and plans to place new furniture at Yahara Hills and Odana Hills later this season.

C Maintenance Updates

Charlie Romines provided update on ATC projects and plantings as well as aerification plans. Discussion ensued from the Sub C regarding cart traffic coming too close to greens and what can be done to educate and prevent this. Further comments were made about the poor condition of the bunkers at the Yahara facility and the desire to see benches and ball washers included at some of the forward tees. Scarbrough mentioned he'd like to see the fairways kept dryer to get more roll on drives.

D First Tee Program

Dan Smith disclosed his companies involvement in marketing the First Tee program. Nicoll provided an update, we are seeing tremendous growth in the program registration at all four courses. J. Dye shared about the upcoming First Tee tournament.

E Emerald Ash Borer

Romines provided information on the planned Parks response and how that will affect golf. Well over 1,000 ash trees will need to be removed from the golf courses. R. Dye expressed an interest in having ash trees identified to help golfers decide if they would want to pay or fundraise for chemical treatments if the trees were critical to play.

VI ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Dye, seconded by Onken to Adjourn at 4:55 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.