

February 13, 2025, Meeting Sunland Village Men's Golf League

Board members Steve Stahr, Ed Meredith, Keith Haycraft, and Ray Sedey were in attendance.

Also present were General Manager Brad Howard and Billy Wieczorek

Quorum: A quorum of 52 members were present for the meeting.

Presidents' Report: President Steve Stahr opened the meeting at 9:00 am and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He asked that people not park golf carts close to the greens but stay on the cart paths by the greens and tee boxes. Also use the 90-degree rule for accessing your ball. Stay off the bare spots with golf carts and don't hit off the bare spots but treat them as ground under repair. Please fix your divots and ball marks and any others you may find. We get a lot of outside play and most of the outside players don't take care of the course like the members do. Steve asked that anyone using the club room to pick up after themselves and not leave a mess. He asked that all members with golf carts have the 2025 stickers on their carts as well as displaying their membership number. Steve asked that everyone work at pace of play and keep up with the group in front of you.

Treasurer's Report: Keith Haycraft gave the treasurer's report. We have \$6495.86 in checking and roughly \$700 in the hole in one pot. He said we will be getting some money from Lee for deposit and that he will be sending part of it back to Lee. We are making sure we have enough money to pay for the banquet.

Secretary's Report: Ray Sedey reported that the last meeting minutes were posted in the hall and online and there were not any changes to the minutes.

Committee Reports:

- **Nomination Committee:** Mark Ball informed the members that there will be 2 vacancies on the board and we need to have people sign up to run for election in March for the board. Ed Meredith and Keith Haycraft are vacating the board. Dave Sell and Mike Marum volunteered to run for the vacant board positions.

Comments by General Manager Brad: Brad said he is getting more comfortable with his duties and is looking at ways to improve the course. He said that too many carts are a problem on the course and encouraged people to not have a one player on one cart round. He reported that the course conditions are getting better and the greens are improving. They plan to start contrast on the greens in the near future. He noted that the bare areas will start to fill in. Billy Wieczorek asked that members give him more notice on changes in groups and if there are any guests.

Old Business: None

New Members: We have nine new members: James Brost, Steve Bennett, Leroy Gunderson, Jeff Allen, Stan Mork, Stephen Johnson, Brett Ulrich, Randy Travers, and Shayne Rodrigues. Please welcome them to our league.

Upcoming Events: February 17 & 19 – Home and Home with SVE

February 19 – Golf Board meeting

March 4 – Golf Board irrigation system informational meeting

March 13 – Men's Club meeting with election of officers

March 3, 5, 10 & 12 – Club Championship

March 19 – Golf Board meeting

March 22 – Beautification Tournament

March 26 – Men’s Club Awards Banquet

March 31 & April 2 – Home and Home with Sunland Springs

Questions and Comments: A question was asked if the idea of widening the cart path in certain areas got lost. Brad and Steve will talk to the board about this.

Rex Shultze brought up the irrigation system and how necessary it is for our course. There will be an informational meeting on March 4 and plan to have a vote on March 12. Absentee voting will be available starting March 5. He is working on a financing plan and will be working with the Irrigation Committee on issues related to the new system. He has been working on obtaining grant money but not being very successful. The new system will cost us but it is important we make it happen. The plan is to reduce turf watering by 10%.

The Beautification Tournament is couples only and pay is by credit card, cost per person is \$70. Rex told us they were selling signs with your name on them for \$1,000 for five years to help raise funding for the irrigation system.

A comment was made that lawnmowers are causing damage and making bare areas.

It was asked how many members are in the Men’s League and there are about 218 and roughly 120 golfing in the league. It was requested that we have a member directory put together and Steve said we will work on that.

Don Wick reported on the upcoming Home and Home with SVE and noted that all nonparticipants will tee off at 7:45 on February 17th. The cost of entry pays for a round of golf, meals at both courses, beverages, and prizes. Zero balance at the end. Format is a 4-person best ball using the 2 best scores per foursome and handicaps will be applied. He asked that all participants be on site by 9:15 with registration starting at 9:30. Members can get in the hole in one pot if they choose. He will be looking for help on the morning of the 17th. Mike Johnson, Gary Vanetta, and Mark Dick are currently helping Don. Coffee and pastries will be available at SVE starting at 7:00 am on the 19th with tee off at 8:00. The pairings are being prepared and will be posted. Holes 1, 5, 9 & 14 will have B groups here.

The Member/Guest Tournament hasn’t happened but there is a new format being developed for a tournament with the proceeds going to the irrigation system. Steve is looking for volunteers to be on the committee.

Richard Gaffney brought up a question about a guest only being allowed to play 3 times during Men’s league as space is available due to some rule. He volunteered to check out the rule but guests are allowed to play providing there is room and fees are paid.

Mike Johnson suggested that the cost of driving range balls should be increased.

Gary Coover reported that the use of the driving range has increased to the point where we need to gather balls twice a day. He said we are selling punch cards for range balls and giving out 2 free tokens with each sale. Brad is looking into this.

Mark Ball said that by using volunteers to gather range balls, we are saving about \$10,000 a year. We can always use more volunteers for both the range and the course marshals.

All were reminded that anyone 80 years old and up can use the red tees.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Sedey, Secretary