

Olympic Hills Golf Club

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012

Jackson Park Restaurant

Minutes

Call to Order

President Dan Puetz, Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call of Officers/Trustees

Present: President Dan Puetz Sr., Secretary Mark Ohrenschall, Treasurer Jim Gaskill, Team Captain John "Ace" Clements, Trustees Ryan Kianna, Lee Jones, Dan Guzzo, Jeff Schoening and Doug Nevins.

Absent: Vice President Trevor Cameron, Trustee Jason Hart.

Note: OHGC members Franz Schwarm and Travis Jones, and Jackson Park Director of Golf Pete Guzzo, also attended the meeting.

Minutes

Minutes of the Sept. 4 board meeting were approved by the board.

Jackson Park Driving Range/Course Projects

Pete Guzzo updated the board on the status of the new Jackson Park driving range and other projects.

Grass for the range landing area was planted in early October, ahead of schedule, Guzzo reported. Also, the new greens for holes 10 and 18 have been established, although neither will open for play until at least early spring 2013. A new No. 10 tee also is planned for spring. For now, No. 10 will remain a 167-yard par 3 to a temporary green, and No. 18 will play as a par-4 of about 300 yards, also to a temporary green.

Meanwhile, the driving-range building has received all necessary approvals, and should go out to bid in early December, Guzzo reported. Construction start is tentatively scheduled for early January, and with a four-month timeline for construction, the new range is tentatively scheduled to open by mid-May 2013. Guzzo also said about 50 percent of new cart-path work has been completed, which is somewhat behind schedule. Also in the works is a new perimeter trail around Jackson Park. Among other features, it will parallel hole No. 5 from roughly the back tees to the 150-yard marker, and a perimeter fence also will be installed along most of the west side of the hole. The entire west edge of No. 5 will be defined as out of bounds, instead of a lateral hazard as now.

Guzzo indicated a new tee for No. 17 is in limbo, because of tree-removal issues.

Asked about the possibility of Jackson Park's par returning to 71 (No. 11 is now a permanent par-3, making the course a par-70 when all current changes are done), Guzzo said it won't happen in 2013. But he encouraged OHGC members to continue advocating to the powers-that-be for an added stroke somewhere. Revenue from the new driving range should help that cause. Guzzo also noted that, because of the extensive construction, Jackson Park switched to winter rates at the end of September. September golf-course revenues were down, he indicated.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Gaskill reported OHGC has a balance of \$2,075.89 as of Oct. 9, similar to the October 2011 balance.

Washington State Golf Association dues (\$458), and payouts for the Jackson Park Classic, Fall Field Day and club championships (\$786 collectively), were recent expenses. Gaskill said the club faces minimal outstanding expenses, and should easily meet the goal of a \$500 balance heading into 2013.

Team Captain's Report

John Clements reported two events remaining in the 2012 OHGC tournament schedule: the Tip 'n Tuck on Oct. 20 and the Turkey Shoot on Nov. 17.

Clements brought up two potential unofficial, self-supporting club events for early 2013: a cross-holes format in January, and a three-club outing in February. More on those later.

OHGC now has 177 members, including five juniors and three super-seniors, Clements reported.

He also recognized Aaron Mackey and Lee Jones as this year's club champions, in the scratch and handicap divisions, respectively.

President's Report

Dan Puetz Sr. discussed the inaugural Jackson Park Classic, a 36-hole stroke-play event that attracted 20 OHGC members Sept. 8-9.

He noted a couple of players didn't like teeing off from the blue tees and wouldn't have participated had they known that was the format; Puetz said it would be made clear in future events the tournament would be played from the blues. He said once the field got up to perhaps 40 or 50 OHGC members, the tournament could be opened to non-members, but that's probably a year or two away.

He also solicited ideas for next year's tournament, as well as ideas for the OHGC website.

Puetz proposed--and the board unanimously approved--to hold the annual Clyde Carlson Day on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, at Jackson Park. It will feature nine holes of golf, post-round drinks, dinner and the OHGC annual meeting. Further details to be determined.

Puetz also said he would canvass OHGC board members about their interest in serving in 2013, in advance of the annual meeting, when elections will be held. Puetz expressed a need for an OHGC junior chairman, to oversee the club's activities with junior members, for example perhaps by adding spring and fall field days for the young golfers. Junior members ages 16 and 17 can already play in the regular OHGC field days, but the club would like to offer other opportunities to support this next generation of golfers. Puetz appointed himself junior chairman and also requested a \$200 budget for 2013 for the junior program, which the board unanimously approved.

Puetz also predicted this year's tally of 177 members would be the low point of the downward membership trend of recent years, and would pick up in 2013 and beyond.

Other Unfinished Business

There was no other unfinished business.

New Business

Franz Schwarm discussed the city's golf steering committee as being in a "state of flux," with the recent departure of its president. He mentioned some pushback on committee members' complementary play (not unlimited) at Seattle courses. He also said the idea of converting No. 15 at Jackson to a par 5 is on the committee's mind, and predicted it would eventually happen.

Next Meeting

Annual meeting, Jan. 12, 2013

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.