



ROHNERT PARK GOLF COURSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, July 18th, 2023, 5:00 PM

Public

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Present:

Ted Aanestad

Gerry Burr

Michael Harrow

Reed Moran

5:00pm meeting start

Staff Attendees: Vanessa Garrett (Director of Public Works), Tom Kelley (General Services Manager), Joe Hanson (Parks Supervisor), Ashley Cotter, (Management Analyst)

CourseCo Attendees: Tom Bugbee (COO, CourseCo) and Christopher Gay (General Manager, Foxtail)

Liaison attendees: Mike Thompson (Parks and Recreation Liaison)

2. READING OF THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Harrow read the land acknowledgement.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS: TED AANESTAD, REED MORAN

Ms. Cotter administered the oath of office to both Ted Aanestad and Reed Moran.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the April 4th, 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve: G Burr, seconded by M Harrow.

Motion carried by the following 3-0-1 vote: AYES: M Harrow, T Aanestad, G Burr, R Moran, NOES: none, ABSTAINS: J Brokaw.

6. COURSE UPDATE

Chris: Golf rounds are up 11% at the North Course and 6% at the South Course year over year, however, memberships are down 12% year over year. Foxtail completed the bunker project – the Better Billy Bunker system was installed on the North Course, it's a premier bunkering system. The system was ready just in time for May, which had a lot of activity, including the PWGA ladies 2-day tournament – which had an attendance of 220 players, the NCAA tournament, NCS High School Boys tournament, and our own Sonoma County Amateur. Both NCAA and the PGA tournaments had players playing for 4 days. Sonoma State qualified for the nationals. NCS High School Boys tournament had 144 boys playing, so the completion of the bunker project couldn't be more well-timed. Regarding Personnel, George Winters was brought on as the Director of Agronomy in April. Annual passes are down slightly, but there is good movement in the Sunset Club.

M Thompson: I joined the sunset membership!

Chris: That's great! Community outreach-wise, we do have a Foxtail Family Fun Hawaiian themed night coming up on July 27th from 4-7pm. There will be a live band, hula dancing, Amy's Wicked Slush, and very kids oriented. Maintenance wise, the course is in good shape – April/May there is a lot of mowing, which is very time consuming especially to mow all the rough areas. We fell behind a bit but are caught up now.

Tom B: We are very excited to have George, he's new to Foxtail but not new to CourseCo, he's one of the best, and we are very happy to have him.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. None

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Summer Maintenance Report:

Tom B: We are still awaiting permits – we spoke with the City’s permitting department, and we should get the permits in the next 2 weeks. The patio expansion permit requires additional engineering and ADA requirements.

R Moran: What is this for?

Tom B: This is for a project to expand the patio out front and enhance the food and beverage experience, in addition to installing Top Tracer – which is similar to Top Golf. Top Tracer has a lot of benefits for avid golfers, it’s entertaining for family and captures the interest of the casual golfer. It’s a big investment, and we’re hoping to get it done before the rainy season.

T Aanestad: That’s very exciting! Have you thought of opening the portion of the driving range for natural grasses?

Tom B: We would love it, but we don’t have the depth to do it right now.

R Moran: No comments, just wanted to say that I’m excited to be a part of this commission.

T Aanestad: I’m very excited as well.

10. ADJOURNMENT

G Burr moved to adjourn, T Aanestad and R Moran seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:42pm. Next meeting: October 17th, 2023 at 5pm.



Vanessa Garrett, Public Works Director
City of Rohnert Park



Michael Harrow, Chair
City of Rohnert Park