

Fountain of the Sun Country Club
Board of Directors Workshop Minutes
August 22, 2018

The Board of Directors of the CC held a workshop on August 22nd, 2018 at 9:30 AM at the boardroom of the clubhouse to allow directors and members to obtain information on matters that had occurred during the summer, when most members are not in FOS.

Members present were Joe Steffes, Nancy Nacu, Mike Sebastian, and Don Anderson. Grounds Superintendent Aviud Morales-Cruz and Teri Wickstrom AP/HR were present.

Directors present were Ann Schmidt, Bob Golphenece, John Beck, Carol Miller and Chuck Thibert via phone.

Administrative Director Carol Miller opened the workshop at 9:30 am.

Aviud Morales-Cruz reported that during monsoon season there were severe storms and that a total of 5 trees were uprooted. An estimate for the cost of removal of debris was received and a decision made that the grounds crew with help from member volunteers could do the work resulting in substantial financial savings for FOSCC. Most work has been completed and a very large tree trunk will be removed later. The extended drought prior to the storm and storm cleanup left the course in less than ideal condition. Aviud indicated that conditions required the purchase of chemical in an amount exceeding the current budget. Crab grass and weeds on the course are being addressed. Thibert, Miller and other members complimented Aviud & his staff on the hard work they had been doing under difficult conditions. The storms did cause some damage to our driving range wall which will be addressed later. Teri and Aviud are continuing their search for an additional grounds employee but the job market is very tight. Overseeding is scheduled for Oct 1st and the course will be closed for about three weeks.

Director Miller explained that our insurance adjuster stated damage to fences and homes on property adjoining the golf course caused by falling trees was considered an "Act of God" and was not the responsibility of the CC. Any claims received will be submitted to the insurance company.

Members of the Finance Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee were questioned about the budget recommended by Finance. It was explained that budgets for the past few years had been designed to meet immediate needs and requirements with an emphasis on keeping dues as low as possible. The committee felt that with the success of efforts to attract outside play that it was possible for the CC to begin to meet some short range capital improvement goals as well as to begin to set aside funds for long term needs. This will require an increase in dues that members hopefully will accept as reasonable. The recommended 18/19 budget covers all projected operating costs and also proposes accumulating a smaller amount of funds each year to a reserve to cover large future needs such as clubhouse painting, clubhouse roof resealing, a cart storage solution, parking lot resealing, etc., so that when these projects must be done, funds will be available. The budget also includes

the regular reserve addition of \$12,000. Some members of the board indicated that they did not believe that an increase in certificate maintenance fees in excess of \$100 per certificate and proportionately less for social members would be appropriate. The Finance Committee presented an option for a possible increase of \$32 for Social members, \$50 for Emeritus, and \$100 per certificate for all other certificate holders. Member golf dues would not be increased. Discussion was held on some budget line items with recommendations for cuts and increases. The 18/19 budget will be reviewed, discussed, and adopted at the September 11, 2018, BOD meeting. Fees will be set at that meeting. Member input is requested.

Discussion was held on patio heaters and misters and bird damage. Donations for heaters and misters total \$4050. Estimates and quotes had been received and additional quotes will be available for the September meeting. Birds have been roosting on the clubhouse causing damage and odors. Teri is to obtain bids to install options to resolve the problem.

Representatives for FOSCA, FOSHA, and the CC have been discussing water usage as controlled by an agreement dated in 1983. The goal is to reach a new agreement that is equitable for all. Progress has been made and a meeting with a representative from the AZ Department of Water Resources has been set for October 16, 2018 to discuss Arizona imposed reductions on the amount of water that can be pumped from the CC well.

Representatives from FOSCA and the CC have been discussing how FOSCA intends to implement a proposal from their long range plan to purchase the CC. No progress has been made. A meeting in the fall is contemplated to see if there is any common ground to continue talking.

Director Schmidt reported that she and Mindy Beemer are working with Birdies on member social activities for the 18/19 year. A dinner dance and similar events will be scheduled.

A representative from Birdies was present to answer questions. The BOD congratulated them on their success to date. Replacing patio tables and chairs, an outside bar, wind issues with the new shades, and other maintenance issues were discussed.

BOD meetings will be held:

Sept 11th 9 am at the FOSCC Board room.

The 2nd Tuesday of each month from October to April at 9am at the FOSCC Board room.

Meet the Candidates - Sat Nov 17th at 9:30 am at the FOS Activity Center.

Informational Meeting (Election Results) Tues Dec. 11th at 9:30 am at the FOS Activity Center.

Informational Meeting - Sat March 9th at 9:30 am at the FOS Activity Center.

All times are subject to change.

Carol Miller
Administrative Director