

GOLF COUNCIL MEETING
22 SEPTEMBER 2020
CARDINAL GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE

Council Members Present:

COL Stephen Elder, Chair/*** Representative
Mr. Juan Giraud Jr., *** Representative
Mrs. Janelle Carlow, Ladies Golf Association Representative
Mr. Kenneth Inman, *** Representative
Mr. Scott Neal, Golf Course Manager
Mr. William Edwards Jr., Greens Superintendent

Council Members Absent:

None

Recorder, Rebekah Kelley

1. Mr. Scott Neal called the meeting to order at 1000 on 22 September 2020.
2. Mr. Scott Neal started the meeting off by presenting the financial figures and rounds of golf through July 2020. He stated that rounds being down is due to being closed for the month of April and first week of May as well as the restrictions on having tournaments. COL Elder asked if the rounds would even out because a lot of people are home and looking for ways to get out. Scott said we are still down from the previous year but that it has still been a strong year.
3. COL Elder asked if the course had to generate revenue to remain open based upon his knowledge of the new requirements for Category A, B, and C facilities within FMWR. Scott stated that the golf course is currently on a PIP list but feels confident we will be fine considering we are on track to finish strong this year even with COVID-19. Additionally, Scott said that if we get approval to open up to the public like other military installations, it will greatly help the revenue stream. Mr. Kenneth Inman said a memo was sent up to IMCOM G9 in January or February to be approved but momentum slowed because of COVID. FMWR is still waiting for a response. COL Elder said he would speak with Deputy Garrison Commander, Patrick MacKenzie, about getting it pushed through.
4. Mr. Juan Giraud Jr. stated he was new to the Golf Council and asked what the purpose of the committee is and what how he will best serve it. COL Elder said him providing input on topics and situations is what is needed most. Mr. Juan asked why there is not a beverage cart out on the course because it would bring in additional people and revenue. COL Elder agreed that it would be a good addition to the course operations but also said he did not know if there were other issues affecting it such as staffing or funds. He suggested it be investigated to see what it would take to bring a beverage cart to the Cardinal Golf Course.
5. Mr. William Edwards Jr. went over maintenance updates. He said his team is beginning to prep the greens for dormancy by raising the height of growth, spraying nutrients, and applying pigment. The result of raising the growth height is golfers will notice the green speeds will begin to slow. Additionally, William explained the purpose of pigmenting the greens is that provides nutrients, but the major benefit is that a darker surface absorbs more heat during the day. Another project maintenance will be

undertaking is fixing the small irrigation leaks on the course. COL Elder asked if they partnered with DPW for the leaks. William said between himself and one of his employees, James Martin, they are able to repair almost anything. One final update William gave was on the weeds in the fairways because Dallisgrass is present on many holes. They experimented with a new product on the first three holes of the Blue Course and saw great results. Next season, they will apply to other problem areas. Juan said the course looks wonderful and is very impressed. William said there is a direct correlation between the size of the summer staff and the condition of the course.

6. Scott said he would really like to see some repairs made to cart paths, but does not know when to expect it. COL Elder suggested Scott find a way to bring the needed attention to it and get it on someone's radar. William said the only problem with laying new asphalt is that the problem will be back again in a few years because of the roots from nearby pine trees. Kenneth made the suggestion of tying it into a QRP and make it an environmental project. COL Elder agreed that this would be a great way to get the problem solved.

7. Juan made the suggestion of painting colored arrows on the cart path to help direct players where they have a tendency to get lost.

8. Juan asked about pushing the information from the golf council meeting out onto websites he manages. COL Elder advised against it because then he would be responsible for managing expectations. He suggested pushing the information up through the MWR marketing department and PAO.

9. Kenneth asked what could be done to attract more women players to the game of golf and to the course itself. There were no immediate solutions so the discussion will be tabled for the next council meeting.

10. As no further business was brought forward, Mr. Scott Neal adjourned the meeting at 1107 hours. The Council will meet again at 1000 on 27 October 2020.

Respectfully submitted, Rebekah Kelley.

Approved:

COL Stephen Elder, Golf Council Chairman, DATE: