

Minutes for the Lakes East/West Greens Committee

Feb. 6, 2026

Committee Chair: Bear Hunt

The meeting convened at 8:01 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, 2026. Committee Chair Bear Hunt was unable to attend the meeting. Committee member Jim Underwood filled in as acting chair in his absence.

Superintendent Report

Both Rick Doyan and Chuck Hyppa attended the meeting, reporting they feel like they have “turned the corner” from earlier setbacks in course conditions. They reported that in the next few weeks crews will aerify greens and green banks as well as roughs along cart paths. They reported improved greens conditions on both courses.

Director of Golf

Director Eddie Renio offered an extensive report on a variety of issues, noting North Golf Course will close in May for work on bunkers at that course. He said there continues to be a focus on improving the grill at the various golf venues hoping to expand the menu to include other snack items for golfers and local residents alike. He said expansion is challenged by the limited seating space in the grill as well as the patio area.

He also noted the challenge of having an adequate number of carts at the course. He noted there are only 17 carts available for the 36 holes at the two courses, but there is little room for storage to accommodate additional carts. Storage is critical, he said, because of potential theft/vandalism of the carts.

Later in the meeting, he was asked if GHIN might be an alternative to Handicomp, which is being phased out by the SCMGA. He said cost is a factor. Most Women’s leagues in Sun City already use GHIN.

He was also asked about no-shows. He reported that in December alone, there were 1,600 no-shows. The estimated cost for the month, as a result, was about \$34,000, he said. He noted how no-shows are “dinged” in the lottery, negatively affecting their course choices/selection and availability. Committee members, however, suggested more needs to be done to address the issue, including consideration of fines and cash penalties for chronic no-shows.

Committee member Bill Talbert raised two issues: the number of carts allowed on the course and a clarification on hitting shots out of small-gravel desert areas. Talbert suggested four carts be allowed on the courses instead of the current limit of three. He said

allowing more carts would not cause greater damage to rough and fairways, as is often cited as a reason for cart restrictions.

Talbert said most of the turf damage is relegated to high traffic areas where carts enter and exit, and not necessarily to other portions of the rough and fairways.

During that discussion, Director Renio noted that four-seaters are allowed on the course as long as the cart has only two players and two bags. He said those using scooters are deemed as walkers.

Talbert also called for a uniform local rule that would permit players to take a drop in the adjacent fairway and rough when the ball lands in the desert areas.

Finally, Renio noted that the Octogenarian Tournament will take place March 9-13.

Women's Golf

Several issues were discussed including potential renovation of the office located near the front entrance of the pro shop and the relocation of plaques. Director Renio said a smaller desk would help make more space available in that office. Issues related to the bulletin boards adjacent to the restrooms near the grill was also discussed. It was reported that a faulty lock mechanism is responsible for the glass doors occasionally opening resulting in some items flying off the bulletin board when the wind blows.

A question was raised about making more ball washers available on West yellow tees, specifically on holes 8, 9, 13 and 17.

Men's Golf

No new items were raised by those representing Men's Golf.

Starter/Pro Shop Report

Lakes Pro Shop Manager Paul Kaltenbach commended the leagues for their organization but urged those in charge to provide him with tee times no later than the Wednesday prior to the following week's league play.

Ranger Report

Gregg Marmesh and Director Renio discussed the transition of course rangers to "player assistants." Renio said he wants to see ranger/assistants shed the bright safety vests for a softer, more casual look, as part of the transition. Hats and shirts are on order to help facilitate the new look and transition.

New Business

Most of the new business was addressed in the Director's Report and in member exchanges with Director Renio.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.