

EC meeting.

Wednesday 10th June

Please find the following report on the issues covered during this Executive Meeting

State of the course:

The two main concerns before opening have been the sand on fairways and roughs, and the speed of greens. Just a small number of members have complained, since we advised them in advance on expectations. Still very few did not approve that we did rough and fairways works before opening. We all agreed that it was the right decision.

On **fairways**, mowing, dragging a mat, blowers, extra fertilizer, have proved to accelerate the healing process. After a week the course looked great. Few areas need some sodding and temporary staff to be hired in July will help to advance in this matter.

In terms of **green speed**, daily mowing, frequent rolling, and a couple of days with the sequence of verticut and sand topdressing brought them back to regular speed in few days. We will keep verticutting and topdressing all summer long. Remember this time of the year green speed tends to be a bit slower (around 10) so we don't push grass to the limits during summer. Extra rolling will get few extra inches.



Bunkers were deeply raked regularly after opening, and the sand has easily lost its uncared aspect after more than 60 days. Just in a couple of days we were able to keep them in shape.

Weeds and debris in bark areas are taking a bit longer. It is the least important area and as we get the pace in other ones, we will resume this job.



Cups:

A plate was installed in the cup to allow easy collection of the ball. It seems it was placed a bit high and the ball would bounce out sometimes. A new depth is set to correct this.



Fairway mowing pattern:

As decided, fairways will be mowed with a diamond pattern to prevent grain. The way to do it is to start with Left to Right direction and burn the lines for several weeks. Once this is achieved, Right to Left will be defined.

Directions and pattern were input in our GPS sprayer. This let us paint these lines to guide operators to keep the same pattern overtime.

Mowing height is now set to standards as we raised a bit after fairway topdressing. Now that the sand disappeared the mowing height is back to normal.



Rough:

Mowing height has just been raised to produce a denser rough after maintenance works. It was decided not to take any special care to banks at 16th since it seems turf is holding the ball right now. Should we find ball is not hold again, this area will not be mowed as last year.

Rakes:

A proposal was presented to the committee to provide all members with their own rake. It was not approved.

Tee signs:

We have received the signs to correct handicap in some of the tees. New signs are under installation.

Seasonal workers

As programmed, four temporary workers will be hired from July to September to help with watering and renovation projects. However, it was agreed that no further help will be needed to water ornamental grasses this time. It seems we already got good density and size in almost every bark area.

I recommend hiring two of them earlier to help catching up with some regular maintenance and repairs. If we do so, they will finish also earlier (mid-September). Green Committee approved it.

Municipal water pipe break:

Unfortunately, they had another break in almost the same area than last year. It was probably a wrong fill-up of soil. It should be replaced to its original state in few days. We will claim that the creek in the area is also cleaned from debris.



Wall of the house at 3rd tee:

Even though some beans were installed to hold the wall last summer, the whole terrain kept moving forward as our engineers predicted. The owner is member of the club. They react quickly. The program to rebuild the area include:

- Fencing the area to protect members.
- Taking the whole body of soil out through the house to find a stable base.
- Installing a concrete wall stuck to the stable base. It will be located about a couple of meters into the house.
- Replace the soil.
- Install the fence. The area within our property should return to its original state.



Trees at 18th:

We received a request to allow pruning of Casuarinas at 18th to the level of the others that we regularly prune to comply the agreement with the Hotel.

We explain that there were 3 conditions:

- Paid by the neighbor
- Done by our arborist
- Approved by Municipality

We had a meeting with the neighbor, the community and the arborist. It was decided the arborist will do a report to be included with the permit application.



Trees at 12th:

We received a request to allow cutting down 2 ficus benjamina too close to the wall an invading the house under construction. Many limbs fly over the swimming pool and they have the right to prune them. This is a long-term problem. The neighbor offers 4 tipuanas 3 meters high to replace those ficus if we cut them. We can use them anywhere we want.

Both Kyle Phillips and Terry Daniells and the Green Committee were informed about this proposal and agreed on it.



New tree planting program

In order to continue with the planting process and spend the 17.000 euros approved we need to define new areas to fill in with trees. Unfortunately, Covid has stopped the schedule. It has been agreed to work with Green Committee, Terry Daniels and Kyle Phillips so we can define needs for this summer (olive trees and palm trees should be planted now) and next august (Tipuanas, Jacarandas...)