

Guadalmina Real Club de Golf

Greens' Committee Meeting

9 February 2016

Present:

Christiaan Reynders
Cristina Birke
Daniel Musson
Michael Canty
Ignacio del Cuvillo
Marcos Araujo
Carlos Lima

Apologies

David Worth

The meeting followed the agenda circulated by Christiaan.

Trees

An updated report on dead and dying trees is required. Michael Canty volunteered to make the survey with a view to reporting back before mid-March. The Ayuntamiento needs to be involved in terms of permissions for felling trees and choice of species for new ones. Marcos will need to decide whether the felling will be conducted by Guadalmina staff or external contractors. We discussed species including the Australian Pine (Casuarina).

Tees

Work on modifying the 1st tee (South) will begin shortly. The 14th tee (South) will be widened by a third after 17 April with a slope down to the level of the buggy path. Cristina drew attention to the poor state of the red tee on hole 16 (North)

Bunkers

More sand is required near the green in the large bunker on hole 11 (South). More sand is required in the bunker on the right hand side of hole 7 (North), but some of the existing material will need to be removed first. The large bunker on hole 8 (South) is to be modified making two separate bunkers.

Cristina showed photographs of bunker rakes she had seen in Florida recently.

Greens

The 6th green (South) is to be moved in September. Ignacio and Christiaan will discuss the details outside the meeting. The new green will incorporate the separation of irrigation for the green and the fairway.

The previously agreed programme to separate irrigation of greens and fairways on the South course is now thought to be too expensive because of “electrical insulation problems. However we will be looking into this matter in the future.

Attention was drawn to the missing signs directing players to take their buggies away from the greens. Daniel cited examples such as the 9th (North), the 7th (South) and the 16th (South). There is an existing Reynders/Worth report on the subject which is still relevant.

General Issues

There is no budget this year for modifying hole 13 (South). Christiaan asked that this be included in the budget for 2017 with a planned implementation date of April/May.

Daniel asked that the lifebelts near the lake on holes 9 and 18 (North) be sited on racks. Marcos agreed to give this matter his early attention.

Waste paper bins on both courses are to be given stickers to make them more attractive. This is to be done before Semana Santa. Minoo has been asked to present a design.

The WC adjacent to hole 11 (North) will not be installed by 14 February as previously planned. A licence will not be forthcoming from the Ayuntamiento in time. We discussed installing a temporary WC before Semana Santa possibly using the existing WC at the driving range or a new one. Ignacio said that he would put a notice on the board explaining the delay.

There was little support for having a blue flag system. As buggies are allowed on fairways 320 or so days a year anyway, there is no need. The possibility of making exceptions on a case by case basis was accepted.

We discussed employees playing on the courses. Ignacio explained the rules and limitations.

It was decided that we would not invite Castor to join the Greens’ Committee at this time, but he is welcome to give his opinion on some determined subjects.

Other Matters

The suggestion tabled by Cristiana to have a trial on hole 4 (South) moving the ladies’ tee forward is not discussed here as it is not a Greens’ Committee concern.

The need for a footpath between the green of hole 13 (North) and the next tee was highlighted.

Marcos drew attention to the continuing irrigation problems on the North course.

The next meeting will be held on 28 March

Daniel Musson
11 February