

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAKE SUCCESS**  
**Minutes of the Golf Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 7:30 PM**  
**Board Room**

Present: Gene Kaplan, Commissioner  
Meri Berger  
Barbara Briamonte  
Michael Cohen  
Paul Cohen  
Benjamin Wang

Scott Fishbein  
Sue Goldman  
Anthony Baek  
Robby Mistretta, Golf Professional  
Patricia Santomauro, Secretary

Guest: Alan Golus  
David Milner

Commissioner Gene Kaplan called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

On motion of Sue Goldman, seconded by Meri Berger, the November 13, 2024 Minutes were approved.

Golf Professional Robby Mistretta reported the calls keep coming in regarding membership. He has been in touch with the Waiting List and has added six (6) Gold members and four (4) Platinum Couples. He is waiting for the Non-Resident registrations to be completed to know where he can move forward.

Commissioner Kaplan opened a lengthy discussion of the 2026 Golf Membership mailing date and deadline for registration. The current process for the Non-Resident mailing is not working. The other clubs require a decision by October. Robby cannot move forward with the waiting list in time, and we are losing possible members from the waiting list as they are committing elsewhere without a guaranteed spot from us. It also leaves the commission trying to guess at the budget every year. A suggestion for 2026 is to start the Non-Resident mailing in early September and have a deadline of October 15<sup>th</sup>. A \$2500 non-refundable deposit is required to hold their spot, which was suggested and will be decided at the next meeting. If the application and deposit are not received by October 15<sup>th</sup>, a letter will be sent out stating that their membership will be jeopardized, and you have been moved to the waiting list. A Letter to the Club will be sent out in June to let the club know what to expect in the fall.

Superintendent Jonathan Price reported that the cold weather and holidays have temporarily slowed the progress of the Bunker project. Two of the issues in moving forward are: one, the dirt is too chunky to smooth out and shape. Two, the gel cannot be sprayed. We held a meeting today to discuss moving forward.

- Work on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole is taking eight (8) weeks but should be completed next week. Mike will be back tomorrow, and they just need to finish up the bunker on the right side of the fairway.
- 17, 1, and 10 will be ready April 1<sup>st</sup>. Opening Day will be Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Starting Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, the work will begin to complete all holes.
- Winter work has included removing and thinning trees
- #3 Green on the right side by the Sycamore tree as all have been pruned and cleaned out.
- Started clearing out between 2 and 5.

On behalf of the Men's Club, Men's Club President, David Milner mentioned the first event of the year will be the first week of May. David also presented the idea that in the future, the Men's Club will host the Opening Night Dinner on a Friday night as an alternative to a Sunday night. The Commission was in favor.

Golf Night will be mandatory for all new members.

Member Manual – Sue has a few notes from those that have submitted the suggested changes and is a work in progress.

Commissioner Kaplan mentioned there was a request by the Men's Club to consider an App called Golf Genius which would keep track of scoring in real time. It could be used for outings, if you are qualifying for the Mayor's Cup, etc., it would enable you to see what score you would need to beat to qualify. It would be a \$500 initial set up cost and then a \$3200 yearly fee. The Men's Club is looking to split the yearly fee with the Commission. It was suggested to try it for a year and see how it works out. The Commission was not in favor of being involved.

NR Households can have Intm and Junior players as long as the parents are members. The Commission will consider NR Households to register a grandchild, niece, or nephew.

The hiring process is going well. All the starters are returning. We will need an additional 2 or 3 individuals at the podium (Golfers will pull into the portico and someone will meet you).

Commissioner Kaplan called the meeting to close at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Santomauro  
Golf Commission Secretary