

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAKE SUCCESS
Minutes of the Golf Commission Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2025
7:30 PM in the Board Room

Present: Gene Kaplan, Commissioner Anthony Baek
Sue Goldman Michael Cohen
Paul Cohen Robby Mistretta, Golf Professional
Barbara Briamonte (7:47) Patricia Santomauro, Secretary
Meri Berger (via ZOOM) Jonathan Price, Golf Course Supt.
Michael Cohen

Guest: Alan Golus
David Milner

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

On motion of Sue Goldman, seconded by Michael Cohen, the Minutes of May 7, 2025, were approved.

Robby Mistretta, Golf Professional, presented the May Rounds Count:

The month of May comparison from 2024 & 2025

	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Guests</u>	<u>Daily's</u>	
2024	4918	737	91	
2025	4451	638	73	-467 rounds/-99 guests

Robby stated that we are on course with 2023. Last year was a record year. The poor weather conditions have not helped at the beginning of the season.

Robby Mistretta, Golf Professional, also reported that the calls keep coming in regarding membership, with many wanting to join this year. He will start the waiting list in August on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Robby Mistretta, Golf Professional, also reported that the employees were told when hired that he was giving them the season, and if it works out, it works out.

Robby Mistretta, Golf Professional, stated that the compliments are far better than the complaints. The course is equal to our peers, and everyone's handicap has increased. In approximately two (2) weeks, they will be putting sheets in the carts, reminding everyone of the rules; fixing ball marks, raking the sand, replacing or sanding divots.

Superintendent Jonathan Price provided the Commission with the Golf Course Superintendent Report:

This spring has brought a wide range of weather conditions that have created significant challenges in maintaining consistent playing surfaces across the golf course. The combination of fluctuating temperatures, irregular rainfall,

and accelerated turf growth has required our team to operate on a full mowing schedule seven days a week, to keep pace and ensure optimal conditions.

We are now entering the summer season with an emphasis on turf resilience and plant health. We've made multiple targeted applications to all playing surfaces, including turf health products such as plant protectants, growth regulators, macronutrients, micronutrients, and soil conditioners. These treatments are designed to prepare the turf to withstand the stress of high temperatures, humidity, and heavy play expected through June, July, and August. A major ongoing challenge has been managing the diverse turfgrass species across the course. The property includes newly established bentgrass, fine fescue, Kentucky bluegrass, turf-type tall fescue, and existing populations of *Poa annua*—each with unique nutrient requirements, water needs, mowing heights, and cultural practices. We've had to carefully tailor our programs and make daily adjustments to address the specific needs of each species in different areas of the course. Particularly, Hole 1 and the back nine, which were part of the recent renovation, are under close watch. The new turf in these areas is still developing a mature root system and has been more susceptible to wear from cart traffic, foot traffic, disease, and inconsistent weather patterns. Fortunately, recent warming trends have finally created favorable conditions for bentgrass growth, and we are starting to see stronger recovery and establishment. Managing two distinctly different nines has been both a challenge and a valuable learning experience. We've adapted the mowing directions, machine selection, mowing heights, and daily schedules in response to conditions on the ground. With an aggressive multi-year plan ahead, our team remains focused on delivering the best possible conditions for members and guests every day. This has been the most demanding season of my career at the club, but I remain committed to the long-term vision for the golf course. I'm incredibly proud of my team's dedication and flexibility, and we appreciate your continued support and patience during this transitional phase.

Commissioner Kaplan asked the group to take home a copy of Sue's letter. Read it and send any comments to Sue for editing.

Golf Night for next April will need a committee to work alongside Robby to put it together. Topics to cover include: Policies, Conduct, how to get your Tee Times, etc. Also to include raffles and goodies.

The group requested a combined meeting with the House Committee to discuss the Grill Room.

On motion by Commissioner Kaplan, seconded by Sue Goldman, Commissioner Kaplan closed the open meeting at 8:46 PM.

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Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Sue Goldman, to open the 40-44 Executive category for 2026 to the 3 members on the list turning 40 this year -Borra-Seigman-Kristall. No new 40-44 members can enter the category. The motion carries 7 yes, 1 no.

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Sue Goldman, to Grandfather all existing Bronze categories of non-residents. No new Bronze members can enter the category. The motion carries 7 yes, 1 no.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Santomauro
Golf Commission Secretary