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Board of Director's Meeting March 25, 2019 Turner Valley Golf and Country Club Boardroom

Attendees: Tracy Bertsch, John Burke, Kevin Farr-Jones, Joe Fenton, Dan Heyde, Gregg Undershute, J.D. Scheller

Regrets: Kathy Jessop, Ralph Wilson, Fred Woodlock

1. Meeting brought to order by Gregg Undershute at 6:45 PM
2. Review of past Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2019
 - Any new business arising from the minutes – None
 - **Motion to accept the minutes by Dan Heyde, seconded by Tracy Bertsch. All in favor, motion carried.**

3. Correspondence

- Answers to March BEV Question: **Now that you can leave the pin in to putt. Are you planning to putt with the flagstick in? Do you think it will help with the pace of play?**

- Will probably take out the pin most of the time but this is dependent on the shot situation. I don't think leaving the flagstick in will accelerate play all that much. I think there are bigger issues, regarding slow pace of play, aside from the time it takes to put the flagstick in and out of the hole (lengthy pre-shot routines, lost ball searches are likely two of the biggest culprits).

- I have golfed over 30 rounds in Phoenix this winter with a group of 24 players. Interesting that some in our group started leaving the pin in and over time we all did. I can clearly state this new rule speeds up play.

- I do believe it speeds up the pace of play. I will leave it in depending on the situation. It took some getting used to but now it rarely comes out. I like it.

- I have been golfing all winter long with the new rules. Almost everybody prefers to keep the flagstick in. Yes, I will play with it in, unless it is very windy, and yes it does speed play up a bit.

- I think leaving the flag in should speed up play.

- To leave the pin in or not to leave the pin in when putting either way, I believe it will not speed up play. Each person, persons must make a concerted effort to judge their speed of play and realize they are not the only people on the course.

We have too many "entitled" attitudes out there. Furthermore there are members that are known to be very slow and they know it. Do they care no!

- Pin in— yes, I will put with in, yes it will improve pace of play.

- I like it in on long putts as it gives some depth perception, short putts (inside 15') I like it out as the hole looks bigger to me. If the shadow is at me or if the wind is making the flag flap and move, I like it out. When everyone is either long putting or slightly off the green things do go faster as people can just play up without the fear of penalty. I would say that generally it has helped pace of play this winter. There are a few instances where the putts are shorter that some like it in, some out so in a foursome it can take a little longer but not significantly so.



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- The new rule has the potential to help speed of play.

I am concerned about situations where members of the foursome each have different preference for their putts. Flag in, Flag out, etc. No caddies around to make that happen. Think about some of the characters in match play and you can imagine where this might go. In the rounds I have played to date this year it has helped a bit, but the people involved were all interested in pace of play to begin with. A player with a particularly long putt was comfortable to go ahead and putt up while the rest of the group got in place. We did have one foursome where the couple we played with had polar opposite approach. He wanted the flag in for every putt, she wanted the flag out.

- I plan to leave the pin in for longer putts but will remove it for the shorter ones. I will also remove the pin for short chips as I believe the ball has a better chance of falling in rather than ricocheting off the pin if it is not dead center.

- Probably leave the pin in for longer putts but otherwise take it out---I do not think it will speed up play ie. for everyone who leaves it in another will want it out & vice-versa.

-it will do nothing to speed up the pace of play, why---- someone else who has finished putting is holding the flag ready to replace it. THE ONLY TIME you will see play speed up is when those who hit in the bush or the WRONG fairway FORGET ABOUT looking for their balls.

- I've been playing in AZ for the past 3 months and it seems most golfers are leaving the pin in. I don't see any noticeable change in playing time. It's easy to manage for those that want the flag removed - whoever removes it holds onto the flag and replaces it if the next player wants it in.

One note - I see some players remove their ball from the hole by grabbing the flag pole and pulling it up - I'm not sure this is a good idea as it may cause damage to the top of the hole.

4. Committee Reports and Updates:

- **Business Development (Tracy B., Gregg U., J.D. S.)**

- A presentation and discussion were held on Visage GPS system and contract.

- **Motion to exit the current Visage contract pending member communications and negotiation with Club Car/GPSL by Kevin Farr-Jones, seconded by John Burke. All in favor, motion carried.**

- Update of potential land annexation from the Town of Black Diamond.

- Notice of Annual General Meeting will be sent out by April 17th.

- **Communication (Kathy J., J.D. S.)**

- Board's Eye View will be sent out the last week in March.

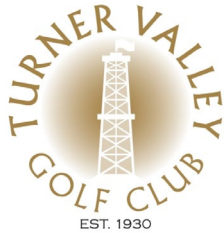
- Question of the Month?

- **Course and Grounds & Clubhouse (Kevin F.J., Joe F., J.D. S.) (John W. Ad-Hoc Member)**

- Meeting was held on March 13th

- Trees will be removed by the front entrance as they are growing to close to the power lines and the tree in the middle of the #14 fairway will be removed as it has become a safety concern.

- Clubhouse reroofing project has begun and will be completed by the end of March.



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- **Finance (John B., Ralph W. J.D. S.)**
 - Presentation of February financials
 - Audit is moving smoothly with Muth and Co. We should have financials by early April.
- **Membership Engagement, F&B (Dan. H., Fred W. J.D. S.)**
 - Members Handbook has been updated for 2019 and a draft has been sent to the members of the Board for review, a motion to approve will take place at the April Board meeting.

5. New Business: - None

6. Announcements: - Rules seminar by Alberta Golf to take place at the club on Saturday May 4 at 8:30 AM

7. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM by Gregg Undershute

Next Meeting: Pre-AGM Meeting Thursday April 25, 2019 6:30 PM Turner Valley Golf & Country Club Boardroom