

The Summerland Golf Society

Highlights of April 27, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting

- The first Board meeting of the 2020 season. Members of the Board this year are: Danielle Riley – Chair, Jeff Clarke – Vice Chair, Martin Nisbet – Treasurer, Ken Oleschuk, Ryan Hawk and Jeff Goodis.
- We now have full occupancy of the newly renovated clubhouse. There are a few outstanding cosmetic issues – colouring of the stucco, painting of the doors and staining of the deck pillars, but these items will be completed in the coming days.
- Covid 19 Protocols. So far, measures put in place to encourage social distancing and limit the opportunity for the spread of Covid 19 virus in the pro shop, the food and beverage department and on the course have been well-received by staff, members and guests. Staff have adjusted well to dealing with our new normal.
- The increase in the number of power carts being used daily is causing issues with extra wear and tear on the course. As the weather becomes warmer, there may be issues with availability of power carts. Players who play later in the day may not be guaranteed a cart due to the number of carts necessary to accommodate social distancing and the time needed for cleaning and sanitizing between users.
- With the extra spacing in place on the driving range tee line, it is likely safe to expand use and allow more time for practice instead of limiting use to just pre-game warm-ups, especially later in the afternoon when the range is not as busy.
- Food and beverage operations are now open, with limited offerings. Wine on tap and draft beer will be up and running soon. There are lots of canned beer options available. The course will be using sticker wraps for all canned alcoholic beverages sold this year.
- The club is not yet offering club storage and for some of our members, it is difficult for them to lift their clubs in and out of their cars, etc. every time they play. Jason believes that with a few adjustments, club storage can be offered by pro shop staff in a safe way. The Board agreed that club storage should be offered.
- Jason advised that he has applied for the Federal Government wage subsidy program. It is hoped that we will know soon if the club qualifies.
- When the course opened, our outstanding receivables was considerable. With the opening of the course, and members paying their yearly dues, cart fees, etc. a large portion of that outstanding amount has now been received. With the members-only policy in place when the course opened, there was a noticeable increase in new members. Early membership numbers are on track to be close to budget.