TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

MINUTES OF THE GOLF COMMISSION MEETING HELD

MARCH 28, 1997

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL A meeting of the Golf Commission was called to order by the Chairwoman, Ann Herman, at 10:00 a.m. at the Recreation Center. The Commission members in attendance were, Mrs. Herman, Mr. Rossbach, Mr. Shulman and Mr. Shore. Alternate members in attendance were Mr. Maddock, Mr. Raffo and Mrs. Thurm. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Schorr and Ms. Weiss due to illness. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer, Mrs. Walkowich and Mr. Dytrych.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mr. Maddock made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Rossbach, motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28, 1997, MINUTES - Mrs. Herman asked if there were any changes to the January 24, 1997 minutes, there was one. Mr. Shore made the motion to approve the minutes with the change, seconded by Mr. Maddock, motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. ***1997 Par 3 Pro-Am Benefit Tournament***

After a lengthy discussion the following information, recommendations and suggestions were made:

- The tournament raised $22,000 which was divided equally between the Rehabilitation Center and the Palm Beach Recreation Department for golf course projects.

- Mr. Dytrych said that there were still a couple of pledges outstanding. A hole sponsor by American Express and one player.

- Mr. Shore stated that if the Rehabilitation Center does not take a more active part in the fundraising for the event then they should not receive 50% of the proceeds. Mr. Dytrych said that he had given the Center 100 invitations that they sent out to their donors and we received a hole sponsorship from Enterprise Rent A Car, one of their benefactors. Mr. Shulman said that if the Center was given some direction on how we needed their help they would be more than happy to accommodate us. Mrs. Herman said that she would contact Pam Henderson.

- It was decided to form a Golf Tournament Committee - Mr. Richard Raffo, Ms. Weiss, Mr. Bitzer and Mr. Dytrych will be on the committee. Mr. Raffo, with the help of Mr. Dytrych and Mr. Bitzer, will approach his connections at Mercedes and Cadillac for a title sponsorship.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Golf Course Projects - Mr. Bitzer

1. Beautification Project - Mr. Bitzer stated that the money from the tournament has been deposited into the Recreation Department Donation Account. He said that staff would start planning the beautification changes to the golf course entrance. He said that the work would be done during the summer months and be ready for the new season.

2. Seawall Repair - Mr. Bitzer said that the Town engineers have come up with an idea to repair the seawall and that it will be done in house by golf course employees.

3. Re-tubing Project - Mr. Bitzer said that the project is scheduled to be done over the summer and has not yet been sent out for bid. He said that this project may have to go back to the Town Council for review to be sure that there is money to cover the cost of the project. He said that he would give a comprehensive report on the project at the April meeting.

C. Golf Activity Report - Mr. Dytrych

Mr. Dytrych gave a report on activity at the golf course year to date (October 1, 1996 - March 28, 1997). The figures are as follows:

	FY-96	FY-97
Rounds of Golf Played	18,957	23,467
Memberships Sold	44	58
Riding Carts Rented	3,044	4,105
Pull Carts Rented	4,826	5,628
Range Ball Bkts Rented	12,151	13,108
Lessons Conducted	707	978

He said that last year for the month of March the golf course did $86,000 he said that he is projecting that the course will do $119,000 this year.

D. Golf Course Financial Report - Mr. Bitzer

Mr. Bitzer said that at the April Town Council Meeting the Town Auditors will be submitting a report which includes the financial status of the Golf Course. This report will indicate that there has been a loss over the past three years. He said that according to the acting Finance Director the Council will probably be looking for a response from management as to a financial status report and recommend plan of action. He said that he would bring this item back to the Commission at the April meeting for their review and comments.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mrs. Herman stated that she was going to write a letter to Maria Pollock expressing the commissions sympathy on the passing of her husband Gene Pollock, Golf Commissioner.

A special meeting was scheduled for April 25, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the South Fire Station.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Mr. Shore made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Maddock, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Lisa Walkowiak