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Dear Oaks Members,

After a long winter that saw five named storms move through the Tulsa metro, warmer spring temperatures are finally upon us. May brings the anticipation of summer and all of the outdoor activities we each enjoy. The Oaks is coming to life, and this is a perfect time to gather with family and friends to enjoy your club!

Our annual meeting in April was well attended and three new board members were announced: Don DeSelms, Kenny Gibbons and Bobby Miller. The officers for this year include myself, Andy Lucas, Vice President, Wink Kopczynski, Secretary, and Don DeSelms, Treasurer. While we each bring unique qualities to the board, we share a common commitment to serve the membership well. I look forward to working with our board and management team in the coming year.

At the conclusion of the annual meeting, Bill Bacon and Dave Miley completed their board terms. We are grateful for what each accomplished during their tenure – Bill's leadership of the House committee and Dave's leadership of the Golf committee – and the lasting impact each had in elevating the stature of our club. I would also like to recognize our past president, Zach Malchi. Zach's energy, commitment and dedication to the club over the past three years has left us in a great position to continue to grow and thrive. From all of us, thank you for your service, Zach.

As we prepare for summer, you will continue to see Dan and his crew getting our course ready for the golfing season. A difficult decision was made to extend the course closure an additional two days in April. During the four-day closure, all the greens received verti-cutting with our Graden machine and had sand applied. Collars were repaired, and we continue to replace winter kill around the greens and fairways as quickly as we receive shipments of sod. Nobody enjoyed having the course closed, but the dividends from the sacrifice are a shorter duration of repair work and a course that will be in summer condition sooner. Thank you for your patience and be sure to thank Dan and his crew for their dedication and hard work – they are all professionals.

Elsewhere around the club, you will continue to see enhancements. The clubhouse landscaping and fence replacement projects are expected to begin the week of April 28. The men's locker room project is expected to be ready for occupancy on May 17. The last of the 20+ year old HVAC units will also soon be replaced. The pool has undergone its spring maintenance and will be ready for its opening on Friday, May 23, in conjunction with Memorial Day weekend festivities. You will receive an additional email with information about the pool facility as we get closer to opening day.

The focus of the board during this next year will be completing the Vision 2030 5-Year Strategic Plan. This plan will be responsive to the membership survey completed in 2024. The collective voices of the membership have provided a list of things you want to see from our club. Some of those items are being addressed in the near term and others will take more planning and time to accomplish. We will be transparent in the process, and you can look forward to further communications about Vision 2030 in the coming months.

One of the near-term items we've taken steps to address is the desire for improved dining experiences. You saw recently that Jared Fimple was hired as assistant general manager. Jared brings a strong pedigree in food service, helping lead the opening of several restaurants for Big Cedar Lodge. His commitment to the member experience and to developing and training staff are sure to have positive impacts on our club. We've also created dining room manager positions for Centennial Lounge and The Tilly Grill to better serve our members – congratulations to Bradley and Dakotah for their new responsibilities.

Members also play an important role in helping our staff create a positive dining experience. Our management team is focused on cost control, with staff levels being a significant component. You can help us plan for the right level of staffing by making reservations through the Whoosh app. When you make a reservation, the dining rooms and kitchen are notified, enabling management to be more responsive to member needs. If you are having difficulty with the Whoosh app, contact Justin for a quick tutorial.

In closing, we should all feel proud of our club. We are in a good financial position that allows for the continued investment in our great facilities. The litmus test for how we are doing is the strong waitlist of families wanting to join the Oaks. The waitlist is now over 45 and we continue to have potential members requesting tours.

Thank you for your support; it is truly an honor to serve the membership as your president.

See you in the fairways -

Curtis Dinan
President