

***The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Saturday, January 14, 2006***

Call to Order – Roll Call

Tommy Erbert, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. at Q's Pub. Other directors present were: Brian Benedict, Vice President, Walt Jackson, Secretary, Bill Pierpoint, Treasurer, Rick Becker, Justin Borzych, Bob Branson, Brad Bryant, Jeff Galgocy, Don Gould, Mike Hickey, and Chip Verrill. Also present was Bruce Stewart, Board Co-Advisor, and Membership Book Architect Greg Vialpando. Craig Sharbonno was absent as he was sick, and Pat Amato was out of town on vacation.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of December 15th, 2005. Brad Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Pierpoint, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Tommy Erbert welcomed Greg Vialpando to the meeting and enthusiastically thanked him for his ongoing efforts in preparing the TMGC Membership Book.

Tommy then apologized for forgetting to invite Meadows Head Pro Sue Maguire and Superintendent Fitz (John Fitzgibbons) to this morning's breakfast meeting. He did relate that he had spoken with them and found out green fees are being raised \$1.00, to \$34.00, and that cart fees are also going up \$1.00, to \$14.00.

Secretary's Report

Walt Jackson declared that we currently have a total of 217 members including all honoraries; we have 178 paid regular members, 14 of whom are new members.

A motion was made by Walt to bring into the Club the following 14 new members: Chip Barrett, Les Freiburger, Ken Gerlitz, Martin Greishaber, Greg Hemmer, Eric Johnston, Jerry Key, Bob Little, Gary Manes, John Pacheco, David Sullivan, Tom Trexler, Greg Walter, and John Wilson. Brian Benedict seconded the motion. Walt asked Justin Borzych if all of these gentlemen had both a GHIN and handicap, and Justin replied that they did. The motion passed unanimously.

Walt then made a motion to remove regular membership status for the guys that have not expressed a desire to renew their TMGC memberships. (We are not entirely sure who these individuals are.) The motion was seconded by Justin. Chip Verrill asked for clarification on how we fill the regular membership. Walt responded that the process in place is for interested golfers to get on the Wait List, and that they also must have a GHIN and established handicap. Bill Pierpoint asked if all members who didn't meet credit requirements this past season had been notified, and was informed that they had and were still extended the offer to maintain their memberships if they expressed interest.

Bill said that he felt that when our regular membership is not filled, anyone that wants to get into the Club and comes to us with a check for membership dues and has a GHIN and handicap should be able to get in. Walt's response was that interested folks still need to get on the Wait List, as that is the official procedure in place to initiate new membership processing into our Club.

Bob Branson learned that in contacting members who had yet to renew, not everyone received their membership renewal notices; Jim McNamee being one, but he could not off-hand remember any of the others. Bob said that he thought that we should also be emailing folks their membership renewals. Walt's comment was that it would be a little too crazy to do both, but that in fact he did send out some renewals electronically, thereby saving some paperwork/postage costs. But it's just a fact that not everyone has email (or utilizes it), and therefore there would always be a number of renewals would need to be mailed. Walt added that if Jim was the only member that didn't receive his renewal (and is the only one he knew of), that would rate as a very successful renewal campaign.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Pierpoint reported that he was pleased the budget has passed, and he had previously sent out TMGC financials as of the end of the year. Brad Bryant had given Bill an invoice for \$760.00 for brushes for the golf course. This item was approved by the Board last season and will come out of the Course Recognition Fund. He also received a bill for trophies, and we're not sure if this one has been previously paid. In fact, Tommy Erbert was a little concerned that it has not been taken care of. He asked Bill to contact Jerry Schell to see if this was a "duplicate invoice" or if we still owe him for the trophies he designed for the Club.

Brad informed everyone that some of the Club's mail is actually coming to the Pro Shop (instead of the P. O. Box), and that there is a box in the Pro Shop that Board members should be checking from time to time.

Old Business

Tommy Erbert asked if everyone had reviewed the TMGC By-Laws / Policy File changes recommended by the adhoc committee (sent out by Jeff Galgocy). It did appear everyone had looked them over. There was a mistake noted in that the Board had not approved the paying of tournament entry fees for the Club's Webmaster.

A motion was made by Walt Jackson to accept all TMGC By-Laws / Policy File modifications as presented (with the Webmaster/entry fee change). Bill Pierpoint seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. These changes are described after these minutes.

Justin Borzych said that there are currently 15 guys on the Wait List, but it was thought that most of these guys did not have established GHINs or handicaps.

New Business

Bill Pierpoint asked about bringing guys right in when we have open regular membership spots in the Club, as opposed to going through the more formal Wait List process.

Bill made a motion to allow such a procedure for new members, bypassing the Wait List and thereby the \$20.00 Wait List fee. The motion was seconded by Walt Jackson. In discussion, Walt reiterated that new guys need to have active GHINs, established handicaps, and have to go through the Wait List process. Brad Bryant asked for an explanation on how we handle that administratively, and

Walt responded that Justin Borzych, as Membership Chairman, oversees those activities. After a bit more discussion, Bill reluctantly withdrew his motion.

Work on the Membership Book is in progress. Greg Vialpando and Tommy Erbert stated that we would like to get it to the printer the 1st week in February, and our absolute deadline will be the middle of the month. Greg will send out tournament information/entry sections to the lead chairmen in Word document format (with “track changes” turned on), so they can update the information and get it back to him for inclusion into the Membership Book. Jeff Galgocy said that he would handle getting all By-Laws / Policy File updates to Greg.

In other New Business, Jeff Galgocy made a motion to change the title of the TMGC Website to “The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC)”. The motion was seconded by Bill Pierpoint. After some brief discussion, with most Board members feeling the current title was just fine, the motion was defeated with 1 supporting vote.

Jeff also asked if our Webmaster, Kenny Lind, should be attending Board meetings. The consensus was that he is certainly welcome to attend, but that it wasn’t necessary as the Website committee can certainly handle the job of being the Website conduit.

And in a last item, Jeff noted that in modifying the Policy File item dealing with “Golfer of the Year”, that Membership Book page 13 would need to be modified, and that we should include some language describing the action taken in case of ties. Don Gould said he would handle the appropriate changes for that section.

Committee Reports

Awards – Don Gould noted that there are several trophies in the trophy case that need to be updated, as Mike Edwards did not apparently take care of that task at the end of last season. Don will manage that undertaking.

By-Laws / Policy File – Done!

Club Donation – We already reviewed that we have been billed for brushes purchased by The Meadows Golf Course, and that this will come out of the Course Recognition Fund.

Handicap – Brad Bryant reported that we will have a lot of tournaments this season in which the CGA (Colorado Golf Association) handicap update will occur on the day before the tournament begins. As we have decided in the past, we will be using the golfers’ “trend” index for those tournaments. Brad asked about the possibility of moving the Fall Banquet to November 4th to help with the final determination of the Most Improved Player Award. Instead of considering that action, it was decided that we could effect a change in the Policy File to use the most recent handicap revision prior to the Fall Banquet to help determine the winner of this award.

Brad and Tommy Erbert indicated that they were planning on attending the CGA meeting on February 10th; and that if anyone else is interested, the cost is \$10.00.

Interclub – No report, as Pat Amato was absent.

Membership – Justin Borzych had already given his report.

Newsletter – No activity.

Pace of Play – Bob Branson had nothing to report.

Social – Don and Tommy said that they were still trying to meet with the new restaurant management. Brad bemoaned the fact that he had briefly met with the new restaurant manager, and that she didn't have a clue as to who or what TMGC was. Obviously, Don and Tommy need to get over there to remedy that situation. Tommy commented that the Foothills District was responsible for some of that knowledge transfer, and that he was disappointed that they had shirked that duty.

Tournament Setup – Walt Jackson declared that everything was going exceptionally well!

Volunteers –Chip Verrill and Rick Becker thought that the idea of them being volunteer “ambassadors”, especially for new members, was a good idea, and they were looking forward to taking on that responsibility. Walt suggested to them that they should also get our ex-Presidents involved in that role.

Website – Chip Verrill sent out a hearty thank you to our Webmaster, Kenny Lind. Chip summarized that he thought we were off to a great start, and that so far, updates are being posted very quickly. He intends to introduce the Website to everyone, and is planning an offsite “training session” for more interested Board members – a session that would teach them how to actually post things themselves, if that need should ever arise. Greg Vialpando said that it would be a great idea to carry out Website demos for new members (at the New Member Orientation Meeting) and for those members in attendance at the Spring Banquet. Chip will plan a “Website show and tell session” for our next Board meeting. Brad said that we are still looking to have a protected area on the Website to file electronic documents, but strongly advises that for now, only two individuals should be able to update the Website (Kenny and another designated member from the Website committee). Walt asked the committee to have Kenny put on the Website that the Club currently has membership openings, and that he should include the requirements for membership (Wait List, GHIN and established handicap). For now, we will put off any final decisions regarding the posting of membership information on the Website.

There were no other committee reports.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 9th, 2006 at The Meadows Grill.

Adjournment

Brad Bryant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Galgocy seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

*Jeff Galgocy,
Recording Secretary*

**TMGC By-Laws and Policy File Changes
2005 - 2006**

--- By-Laws ---

Article III, Section 3. Participation. Retention of membership in the Club shall be contingent upon a minimum participation in scheduled Club events established as follows:

- (a) A full year member shall qualify if the member earns at least eight (8) tournament credits. Each day of a TMGC tournament is equal to one (1) tournament credit. Only one (1) tournament credit may be earned by participating in Match Play events. To earn a credit in Match Play, a match must be played.**
- (b) New members accepted after April 1st shall participate in at least 50% of the remaining scheduled tournaments.**
- (c) The full tournament season shall be from the Tee-Off Party to the Fall Banquet.**
- (d) Return of the tournament entry form, by itself, shall not constitute participation.**

(Parts (e) and (f) deleted. This was approved at the 2005 Tee-Off Party.)

--- Policy File ---

Section A, Item 2, Part b:

Modified – Any member who joins TMGC during the season must pay the entire annual dues.

Section A, Item 5:

Modified - The Secretary, Treasurer, Handicap Chairperson, Setup Chairperson, and Webmaster (should the individual be a Club member) shall receive an annual stipend of \$300 upon completion of their terms to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors. At the end of the season, the Board of Directors shall decide if additional bonuses, limited to another \$300, will be awarded. Bonuses may be different for each position and will be based on individual performance throughout the year.

Section A, Item 6:

Modified - The Secretary, Treasurer, Handicap Chairperson, and Setup Chairperson receive tournament entry fees paid by the Club. This does not included match play tournaments and Club Course Recognition fees.

Section B, Item 5, Part c:

Old – New members joining TMGC for the current season are required to volunteer in club tournaments as follows:

- i. Must work not less than 5 tournaments or special events, such as the Tee-Off Party and Fall Banquet. A specific amount of time is not paramount.*
- ii. The intent is that the new member must make himself available to the Volunteer Chairman for assignment.*
- iii. New members are individually responsible for adhering to this requirement.*
- iv. New members failing to volunteer as required will not be readmitted to active membership for the following season.*
- v. The Volunteer Chairman will maintain appropriate documentation of volunteer information, verifying tournaments and special events worked by new members, as well as other TMGC members.*

DELETED.

Section C, Item 5, Part a:

Modified – Entry fee overpayments and/or tournament entry fee refunds/credits will be forfeited to the Club for administrative costs unless a request for refund of such monies is made to the Treasurer in writing (or email) prior to the Fall Banquet.

Section C, Item 23, Part c:

Old – Members on Probation must earn four (4) of the eight (8) tournament credits available, and must work 1.5 hours in tournaments or special events for each 0.5 credits they were short the previous year. . . . etc.

DELETED.

Section C, Item 23, Part d:

Old – Members “Active with Stipulations” are provided full active membership, however the designee must earn at least five (5) credits and work 1.5 hours . . . etc.

DELETED.

Section D, Item 5:

Modified – No “tournament player” can play out his flight, including the Chairperson of the tournament.

Section D, Item 8:

Old – Throwing of clubs will not be tolerated. The first offense will have a two (2) stroke penalty assessed, and the second offense will mean disqualification.

DELETED.

Section D, Item 12:

Modified - The maximum stroke differential between partners in 2-man team competition events is 8 strokes, applying the applicable index in use for that event. 2-man teams entering Club tournaments with more than an 8-stroke tournament index differential will be adjusted by bringing the highest index down to reflect an 8-stroke difference.

Pace of Play, Tournament Committee, 9th bullet:

Old – Payouts for Skins and Closest to Pin pot games are not affected by any POP penalty. DELETED.

Section E, Item 2:

Modified - An amount, at least equal to the entry fee money (minus cents which are rounded down), shall be returned to any given tournament for prize awards.

Section E, Item 4, Part c:

Last Sentence changed to – These gift cards must be purchased by October 31st of the year won and will expire on December 31st.

Section F, Item 1:

Modified - Trophies will be awarded for all individual stroke play tournaments of the season. No trophies will be awarded in team play tournaments or shootouts. Wait List competitors are not eligible to win trophies.

Section F, Item 3:

Modified - A plaque will be given for “Golfer Of The Year” to the member who earns the most points during the season based on tournament finishes. Points will be awarded for the first through fourth place for every flight of each stroke play tournament. Points will also be awarded for first through fourth place for individual handicap Match Play tournaments that are available to the entire membership.

Section F, Item 6, Part b:

Modified – The formula used considers the golfer’s beginning of the year index and the golfer’s index as of the effective handicap revision one week prior to the Fall Banquet.