

***The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Tuesday April 10, 2007***

Call to Order – Roll Call

Brian Benedict, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at The Meadows. He appreciates everyone's attendance. Other directors present were: Vice President Jeff Galgocy, Secretary Dennis Moyer, Treasurer Bill Pierpoint, Bob Branson, Brad Bryant, Don Gould, Walt Jackson, Craig Sharbonno, Steve Spillar, Brandon Toller, Tommy Erbert, Bruce Stewart and Recording Secretary Jon Hanson. Also present were Board Co-Advisor Don Toller and Ben Blea. Board member Mike Hickey arrived later @ 6:08 p.m.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of Saturday March 10, 2007. Brad Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Branson, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Brian Benedict opened by thanking Bruce Stewart for his diligent work regarding the Membership Orientation. Brian stated that the printing costs for the Membership Books came in very close to the budgeted figure. Office Max came through in the clutch and was able to better the cost from Kinkos. Brian also thanked the Chairman and Co-Chairman for their hard work on the Membership Books. Brian advised all present that the weather forecast shows a possible storm for the upcoming weekend, which may dictate changes to the 6 Man Scramble tournament scheduled for Saturday. If the weather doesn't permit play on Saturday, then the Calcutta might not happen. Bill Pierpoint suggested that players should be polled to see who would still be available for play if the tournament date is changed. Jeff Galgocy mentioned that a later start for the tournament might also be an option. He asked Tommy Erbert if he had heard from the Pro Shop regarding a late start. Tommy stated that no one in the Pro Shop was available to answer that question and he would get back with them.

Secretary's Report

Dennis Moyer opened by asking Bruce Stewart to open by discussing his handout regarding Waitlist prospects. Bruce's handout included the following waitlist candidates: Jeff Ingram, David Macadam, Mark Story, K.K. Jackson, Chong Woo, Marvin Eicher, Mike Shannon, Andrew Eaton, Craig Chase, Shane Flansburg, Dave Daugherty, Scott Reshley, Brandon Cook, Jeff Reppert, Joel Reppert and Mike Edwards. Bruce motioned to bring these members into TMGC. Tommy seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Dennis reported that the current membership stands @ 244 members which includes 201 regular members. Dennis added that Gregory Lutkauskas had to drop out due to a move to Houston, TX. Current number of Associate GHIN members stands @ approx. 135 to 150 members. Bill Pierpoint added that the current dues received of \$5410 is right on track. Brad was encouraged with the current status of the TMGC membership.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Pierpoint opened with a report on his experience at the Master's tournament that he was quite fortunate to have attended last week. TMGC Board Members sat on the edge of their seats waiting for the details of Augusta. Bill stated that the rough was very similar to The Meadows 1st cut and the greens paled in comparison to ours. Actually, Bill said the greens were incredible and that they were as difficult in person as they appear on television. He also stated that the course is quite hilly, not quite the incline of Castle Pines, but nonetheless quite hilly. He and his wife Barbara walked holes one through eighteen and they were able to catch the action at the par 3 competition. They arrived at Augusta @ 7am Wednesday for the practice round and had a very enjoyable and full day. Bill was impressed with the costs for food and drinks, stating that beers went for \$2.50 and the food was very reasonably priced. All Board Members cleaned the side of their mouths after the report and Bill proceeded on with his Treasurer's Report. Bill e-mailed the financial statements late today to all Board Members and stated that he is available to anyone who would like further discussion about its content. Walt Jackson added that the Tee-Off Party will be over the budgeted amount by approx. \$165.00 with approx. 165 members scheduled to show.

Old Business

Jeff Galgocy began the Old Business discussion by handing out the Tournament Management Books. Jeff thanked Walt Jackson for all of his help in updating the publication. Brian added that Walt has done well in keeping up with the changes. Walt stated that he appreciates the accolades and added that the Tournament Chairman is empowered to make any adjustments to their respective tournaments. Bill asked Dennis if he could please send any changes that occur to him. Don Gould stated that instructions will be put together for the new computer tournament tracking software – whereby members who are helping out with the tournament's score input will be able to look at the instructions and know what is necessary for input. He also stated that his program will track the Ryder Cup points and will copy Don Toller and Brad Bryant with updates.

Brian handed out a sheet with (3) proposed changes to TMGC By-Laws for 2007, which has been endorsed by the Board of Directors. These changes will be voted on during the upcoming Tee-Off Party and are as follow:

Article III – Membership: Section 6. New Members

Current: - a. Each member must establish a handicap commensurate with their playing ability prior to joining the Club. All submitted handicaps are subject to approval of the Board.

Proposed: - a. Each member must establish a USGA Handicap Index (GHIN) commensurate with their playing ability prior to being eligible to enter any Club tournament. All submitted handicaps are subject to approval of the Board.

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Current: - c. Resident Membership: Requirements for member acceptance into the Meadows Golf Club is as follows:

- 1. At least 18 years of age.**
- 2. Residents of Jefferson County.**
- 3. An individual who either is not a regular member of Foothills Golf Club or is willing to drop their membership at that Club when joining The Meadows Golf Club. Dual membership in TMGC and Foothills will not be permitted.**

Proposed: - Delete (2) above. If this passes, then parts d. and e. of this section will also be deleted as they define Jefferson County residency requirements and non-resident membership and will no longer be applicable to TMGC membership requirements.

Article X – Amendments:

Current: - These By Laws may be repealed or amended, or new By-Laws adopted, by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members, either:

- a. present at the annual membership meeting,**
- b. present at any special membership meeting,**
- c. through written ballot mailed to all members.**

Proposed: - Adding: d. through proper absentee voting (please refer to Policy File).

After looking over the proposed changes, Walt added that Jefferson County had given the rights to the land for the Meadows Golf Course and it might not be a great idea to delete the Resident status. Brad then added that the date in Part E of Section 6 was on issue and it might make sense to move the date up. Mike Hickey motioned that the date be changed to January 1st. The motion was seconded by Bill. Vote passed unanimously. Jeff stated that he will make the change. Walt then asked about clarification of the verbiage in the Policy File. Jeff read exactly what the content of the Policy File states and Fran Bergonz suggested that the content be published in an upcoming Newsletter for all to read.

New Business

E-Mail Voting: Walt sent an e-mail to all Board Members proposing the addition of the e-mail voting procedures as follows:

--- Policy File ---

Section A, Item 7 (renumber current 7–10 to 8–11):

New - Voting on motions outside of Board of Directors meetings is permissible using email provided all of the following conditions are met:

- a. All voting members of the Board must have individual email addresses.**
- b. The Board member proposing the action must submit the motion and a second to the President of the Board. Upon verifying that the motion complies with the Club’s By-Laws, Policies and Rules, the President will present the motion to the Board of Directors for vote via email.**
- c. There will be a seven (7) day voting deadline. The voting deadline may be shortened to three (3) days, provided the President personally contacts and speaks to each Board member by telephone, informing them of the proposed action and the voting deadline.**

- d. A minimum of eight (8) votes is required to finalize the decision; otherwise the motion will be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting.*
- e. A majority of the votes tendered determines the outcome on the motion.*
- f. Any Board member may "object to email method of handling this motion." That action will automatically invalidate email voting on this motion and the motion will be listed on the agenda for consideration at the next Board meeting.*
- g. The President of the Board will timely inform all Board members the conclusion on the motion when disposition is determined.*
- h. The motion, any appropriate discussion, and the conclusion on the motion will become part of the official minutes of the next Board meeting.*

Walt made a motion to accept the Policy File changes and the motion was seconded by Don Gould. Discussion was as follows: Walt clarified that when he worked with the Railroad, provision F was part of their policy and it makes sense to have it in place. Bill added that the e-mails that were sent out last week seemed to work fairly well and supports the proposed change. Walt then added that Part II of Bruce's motion was not completed properly. Bruce clarified what was discussed concerning the index (Part II). Brad stated that the revision cycle for index changes does occur. Walt would like to see something put into the policy file for future Boards. Brad added that e-mail voting had not been completed in the past and that next years index will be handled better. Don Gould stated that Article 3 – Section 6 was broken. At least 6 people were not approved. Mike stated that this initial process was a good learning experience. Brandon Toller added that the process might be delayed if the e-mail process is not accepted. Walt feels it would be appropriate to handle extremely urgent matters in the e-mail fashion. Bruce feels as it could work well. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Redshirt Status: Dennis began the discussion by stating that Lynn Brown is in his second year of redshirt status and will be allowed redshirt status for this year. He also stated that he is not clear what Kent Kirksey's will be this year – due to his accident in Moab. Clarification with Kent will be forthcoming. Mike will contact Kent and see what his intentions are for the upcoming season and will get back with everyone.

Status of Tee Off Party Agenda: Brian began by asking if any further information was needed regarding the Tee Off Party Agenda. Due to the approaching winter storm, the date may need to be changed which might require reshuffling the teams (if some members cannot play due to the date change). Tommy added that tournament entry fees would need to be refunded and that a calcutta probably wouldn't occur. Mike asked if members should be notified that the Tee Off Party will be held no matter what the winter storm brings? Bob suggested that the ProShop and the Restaurant be notified that the Tee Off Party will be on. Walt clarified what each Board Member's responsibility is for the Tee Off Party and feels like everything is good to go. Jeff will clean up the posting board and check supplies.

Walt made a motion to change the Club Championship Tournament from a 4 day affair to a 3 day affair. Bruce seconded the motion. The following discussion ensued: Mike asked if Walt was talking about the tournament for 2007, which Walt clarified with "Yes". Brad suggested that the members of TMGC should vote on this and that the Board should not make this change. Bruce added that 2/3 of the members have said "No" in the past. Walt stated that the membership doesn't need to vote on this and the Board has been elected by the membership to decide issues such as this. Brad feels as if the majority vote at the end of the year represents the membership's feelings more accurately on this subject than the voting of Board Members. Bill suggested that the issue be presented in a ballot to the membership. Jeff supports Bill's statement. Brian added that a vote by the membership is appropriate for this change. Bruce asked the Board to think about the members who have voted the Board Members to represent them. Steve suggested that the members be given a fair chance to state their opinion at the upcoming Tee Off Party. Walt stated that Fran Bergonz' traditional argument for keeping a 4 day format is because TMGC is the only club that has a 4 day Club Championship and that it that it does not have to stay that way. He added that some of the member's have conflicts with other tournaments held by the CGA during the tournament time. Also, the cost of the pot games gets a bit costly. Mike added that members with children have a hard time taking two weekends away from their families. Jeff stated that he doesn't have a strong feeling one way or the other (4 vs. 3 days), but he does feel as if the members need to have a say. Steve added that the Board cannot make a decision with good conscience without having the membership's input on the subject. Tommy stated that Foothills went back to a 4 day format. Walt feels as if keeping the same format goes against the population. Jeff stated that representing the membership is the most important part of the Board and that a vote by the membership is necessary. Brad supports Tommy, Jeff and Steve. The motion was denied – 4 in favor, 9 against.

Mike motioned that a questionnaire be presented to the membership @ the Tee Off Party. Steve seconded the motion. Don Toller stated that the membership majority vote should drive the Board and that an organized effort should be put forth to support both sides of the subject. Ben Blea stated that with the importance of the issue that it is imperative that people have the opportunity to address the membership both for and against the change. Jeff stated that it is a simple majority vote and is not a by-law change. Brad furthered the point supporting the membership's role in deciding the issue. The vote passed with 8 votes in favor, 4 against and 1 abstention.

Walt suggested that the earlier motion by Mike be rescinded and that the language for the motion/ sb inquiry to the membership be clarified as follows: Should the Club Championship be a 2 weekend tournament or should it be a Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1 weekend tournament? Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

By Laws: Done

Handicap: Done

Interclub: Brian stated that it is coming along and that he will be handling the Interclub this year.

Newsletter: Brandon stated that anything new for the newsletter needs to be in by May 1st and that it will complete on May 15.

Social: Ready for Friday's Tee Off Party.

Volunteers: Mike has 13 volunteers currently and will work to get 3 more volunteers. He has sent an e-mail to both the new members and members needing to cover credits.

There were no other committee reports.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. Thursday May 10, 2007 at The Meadows Golf Course.

Adjournment

Brad Bryant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Galgocy seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

***Jon Hanson,
Recording Secretary***