

***The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Saturday, February 9, 2006***

Call to Order – Roll Call

Tommy Erbert, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at The Meadows Grill. Other directors present were: Brian Benedict, Vice President, Walt Jackson, Secretary, Bill Pierpoint, Treasurer, Pat Amato, Rick Becker, Justin Borzych, Bob Branson, Brad Bryant, Jeff Galgocy, Don Gould, Mike Hickey, Craig Sharbonno and Chip Verrill. Also present were Board Co-Advisor Bruce Stewart, TMGC Webmaster Kenny Lind, “Rules Guru” Jim Magette and Meadows Head Pros Sue Maguire and Bob Lewis.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of January 14th, 2006. Don Gould made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Pierpoint and the motion passed unanimously.

President’s Report – With Special Guests

Tommy Erbert apologized to Sue Maguire and Bob Lewis for having overlooked inviting them to last month’s Board meeting, and then relinquished the floor to them.

In a Pro Shop report, Sue mentioned the take-over of The Meadows Grill by the Premier Restaurant Group, and that so far everything seems very good. A new tee time system will go into effect March 1st. The Foothills District wanted to get social security numbers out of the picture and will make use of access numbers instead. The reservation policies will be the same – we’ll just be using a different access method. Bill Pierpoint inquired about reserving two tee times in a row. Sue responded that we have actually been able to do that for a while, the trick being that you don’t hang up after reserving the first time - you reserve the second time on the same call.

Sue informed the Board that Dan Hylton, Foothills District Director of Golf, has resigned as his wife has accepted a job in La Quinta. He is still on duty at the moment but will be leaving the Foothills District soon. She also related that the Pro Shop staff has been worried about the lack of snow over the last several weeks, so moisture hasn’t been quite as prevalent as everyone would like. This brings with it a concern about the divots on the course, as they are not “repairing themselves” in the dry conditions. It did sound as if Fran Bergonz will be organizing a “divot party” in the near future.

Bob Lewis added that although not everything was perfect, our Pace of Play improved immensely in the last three months of the season, and he thanked Bob Branson for his efforts that directly contributed to the turnaround.

Jim Magette presented an updated version of the Club’s Local Rules and Conditions. He discussed the major changes, which involved some of our immovable obstructions (railroad ties) on the course, as well as the potential use of distance measurement devices in

tournaments. He emphasized that the change to the Rules of Golf only allows the use of devices that ONLY measure distances. Any devices that have additional functionality, even if those features are not being used, are prohibited from use in competition. Jim mentioned that if the Board accepted these new items as local rules, that it would be a good idea to highlight these changes in the Membership Book.

Secretary's Report

Walt Jackson, working on the Membership Committee with chairman Justin Borzych, presented an update on the Club's membership. He reported that we currently have a total of 217 members including all honorary memberships; this includes 178 paid regular members, 14 of whom are new members.

A motion was made by Justin to bring into the Club the following 6 new members: John Arbeznic, Tom Kershisnik, Jeff Kowalski, Chris Nicholl, Ed Rumbold, and Mic Welling. Walt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Walt also related that he has given Justin 10 new gentlemen with handicaps, and there are at least 10 more fellows on the Wait List without handicaps.

Walt said that in a resolution to the debate over the \$20.00 Wait List fee, we now will be terming it a "Membership Application Fee" (that will be \$20.00). There are no issues with this change in terminology within the Club's By-Laws. Brian Benedict and Jeff Galgocy said they would check the Policy File to see if any modifications were warranted.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Pierpoint had previously sent out the latest financials to Board members. He asked if anyone had any questions with regard to those and there were none.

Old Business

Tommy Erbert reported on Greg Vialpando's progress on the Membership Book, and it should be ready for review early next week.

New Business

Rick Becker has brought up a very good idea that the Board should consider for next year's Membership Book: Offer our members the chance to indicate what they do for a living in the Membership Book. With that knowledge, Club members would have more information that could facilitate members helping each other out (and obviously could possibly open up more "Board resources").

In other business, Walt Jackson suggested the composition of a letter of recommendation of our full-hearted support of Sue Maguire's candidacy for the Foothills District Director of Golf position. Craig Sharbonno seconded that suggestion, but everyone decided that it really didn't need to be a formal motion – that we should just do it.

Tommy Erbert asked Don Gould to set up the New Member Orientation Meeting agenda, and this meeting will be scheduled a couple weeks before our first tournament (so this

meeting will be planned for March 18th). The Membership Book stuffing party will be held the week before on March 11th.

Committee Reports

Awards – Don Gould stated that all awards are updated except for the Presidents Cup Trophy, which actually is falling apart and will be getting repaired. Walt Jackson asked about the addition of Bruce Elmquist’s name to the TMGC Golfer Memorial Plaque, and Don said that he had already taken care of that. Great job Don!

Handicap – Brad Bryant had nothing to report.

Interclub – Pat Amato got the assembly laughing by relating that just before some of the Interclub organizers were going to “fire” Fox Hollow, they quit! (Their club had not really competed very well the last few years.) Pat said that he had been contacted by Riverdale Dunes concerning rejoining our Interclub group, but Pat has not yet called them back. (If they rejoined, the group would most likely consist of The Meadows, Foothills, Englewood and Riverdale Dunes golf clubs.) Guys thought that it would still be a good idea to explore options with other “more local” clubs.

Membership – Justin Borzych had already given his report.

Newsletter – No recent activity, but Jeff Galgocy reminded everyone of the upcoming deadline in 10 days for 1st newsletter issue article submissions.

Pace of Play – Bob Branson had nothing to report.

Rules – Walt made a motion accept the new “hard card” of Local Rules as Jim Magette had presented. The motion was seconded by Brad. Walt stressed that if adopted, we should make sure we highlight these changes in the Membership Book, and Brad added that the “distance devices” rule is being widely accepted at most courses. The motion carried with 7 voting for, 4 voting against and 2 abstentions. The two major items that changed:

Railroad Ties. Except when used as steps in a Hazard, are treated as Immovable Obstructions. Rule 24-2.

Distance Measuring Devices. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

Social – Don passed out sample menus from the new restaurant management for the Board’s perusal. The Board basically told Don that he is empowered to make decisions on menu options within our budgeted amounts.

Tournament Setup – Walt Jackson had nothing to report.

Volunteers – Chip Verrill and Rick Becker had nothing to report.

Website – Kenny Lind said that the redesigned Website has been up and running for a while and asked for any input or questions. Mike Hickey posed whether we could post some pictures from our own golf course, and there were a few folks that said that they would be glad to forward some to Kenny. Chip said that he would soon be inviting some Board members to his house for a more “intense” orientation session 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, March 2nd, 2006 at Ben Blea’s Office Complex.

Adjournment

Bill Pierpoint made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Becker seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

*Jeff Galgocy,
Recording Secretary*