

The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, June 12, 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, Bob Branson, Brad Bryant, Tommy Erbert, Don Gould, Mike Hickey, Walt Jackson, Craig Sharbonno, Steve Spillar, Bruce Stewart, Brandon Toller and Recording Secretary Jon Hanson. Also present were Board Co-Advisor Don Toller and Ben Blea as well as Webmaster Kenny Lind. Treasurer Bill Pierpoint was absent.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of Thursday May 10, 2007. Bruce Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes. Tommy Erbert seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Brian Benedict opened by inquiring if Board members could attend the President's Bar-B-Que on either Saturday July 28, 2007 or Saturday August 25, 2007. Tommy stated that the Fat Guy Tournament was on the 28th of July, which will not work for quite a few of the Board members. Some of the other Board members had conflicts with the 25th of August as well. Brian stated that he would get back with everyone soon with other possible dates.

Secretary's Report

Dennis Moyer handed out a sheet with the updated membership information, which states 246 members, 13 HXP, 13 HDS, 16 HCM and 204 regular. Also stated are 211 associate GHIN (19 new since last meeting) and 16 Jr. associates (2 new since last meeting).

Treasurer's Report

Brian (in Bill's absence) stated that he did not have any new information to report.

Old Business

Bob Branson started a discussion regarding the changes made in the last Board Meeting – specifically the addition of the combo tees vs. black tees. He wasn't able to attend the last

meeting due to circumstances beyond his control and questioned why the subject came up? He is concerned that the new tees take quite a bit of the meat away from the black tees. Brian stated that the Pro Shop supported the idea of changing to a combo tee due to the expense of maintaining another set of tees. Walt added that there is quite a bit of expense with adding the black tees for the tournaments. Tommy added that the cost of mowing the additional box is only a small part of the black tees expense. Bob stated that the first flight might as well just play strictly from the blue tees. Even with the combo tees, the par 5's are from the blue tees, which makes them all reachable in 2. Walt replied that the previous tournament didn't support the course as playing easier. Brian added that the course is actually more challenging with the combo tees. Kenny also pointed out that the combo tees allow players to practice from the tournament tees, which was further supported by Ben. Ben stated that some of the 1st flight participants do not hit their drives as far as others and the combo tees support an even playing field. Tommy added that the original idea of having black tees for tournament play was originally brought about by Roger Baker to help level the field for 1st flight participants. Walt also added that the Meadows Golf Course is happy with the change. Bob then asked is the combo tees had been rated? Walt answered "yes, 70.9 – 133" and added that it will soon be posted on the computer. Bob continued to question the holes that were chosen for the gold set of tees, which doesn't support a more challenging course. Walt asked if Bob had a motion? Bob did not have a motion to bring forth to the Board.

New Business

Brian began the new business discussion by asking Brandon if he had any information to share regarding the changes to e-mail for the newsletter. Brandon stated that he has had quite a bit of positive feedback from members, which should save TMGC approx. \$70 to \$80 in postage. Also, a decrease in the number of printed copies will save a few bucks. The Board was pleased to hear the news and supports the e-mailing of the newsletter.

The next subject discussed was the President's Cup Tournament review. Brian discussed the amount of money distributed to the various funds and stated that there was (1) slow play notification. Sunday's tournament averaged 3 hours on the front 9 holes and 2 hours on the back 9 holes. Brad brought up the pin position on hole #4 as possible cause for delays. The pin was located near the front of the green where quite a few players rolled their balls off of the green and then had to chip back onto the putting surface – not a very friendly position. Brian acknowledged the tremendous efforts from Tommy, Mike, Jeff, Craig and Don for the tournament. Craig suggested that an earlier start to the President's Cup might help to get the shootout completed at a more reasonable hour. Don stated that the Pro Shop is willing to get it going earlier. Brian said he would get together with Sue and discuss changing to an earlier start time. Steve pointed out that if the number of participants stays where it currently is, then it's quite difficult to get away from a 12 hour difference from the start time to the last group leaving the course. Walt acknowledges the problem with the times and that a field of 120 players or more does allow a cross-over to happen. Brad also added that the Pro Shop does not allow TMGC to dominate the course and they would rather have some open tee times available after the last group tees off. Tommy pointed out that The Meadows Golf Course could possibly lose \$1800 in revenue if the entire course is given over to TMGC for tournament play. Brian suggested that the Club Championship might also fair better with an earlier start time. That will be a consideration for the tournament.

Mike began a discussion about the upcoming Member-Guest Tournament. Mike asked Walt if a prize for a hole-in-one would be acceptable this year? Walt answered that there will be a hole-in-one prize for the Member-Guest Tournament. The fee for the tournament was raised

\$20 for 2007, which will help cover the associated cost. 8 teams are currently entered and Mike suggested that a reminder be placed at the check-in table that the tournament registration is due by June 30th.

Bob asked if there are enough participants to support changing the Dutch Creek to 2 flights? Don stated that currently there are 33 teams participating, which is getting close to being able to set up 2 flights. Brian suggested that next year's Board take a look at the idea.

Next, a discussion concerning TMGC Ryder Cup was started. Jeff asked if a financial report could be prepared prior to the next meeting, which Don answered that Dennis has the financial information. Don then stated that he is just about ready to start purchasing Ryder Cup supplies. Mike asked if the Board has any suggestions to get members fired up about the Ryder Cup opportunity? Brandon suggested that the standings should be posted at upcoming tournaments. Dennis supported the idea and asked what information should be posted? Kenny suggested posting the top 40 players. Dennis stated that currently he has \$1058 retained for the Ryder Cup and then Don reminded the Board that \$2400 had been budgeted.

Bruce brought forth a motion to add Clifton Lewis (with his current index @ 14) as a member and Brad seconded the motion. The motion carried. Also, after the last meeting, an e-mail motion was made by Bruce Stewart to add (2) new members (Tom Whitehead with a current index of 7 and Steve Befort also with a current index of 7) which was seconded by Walt. The motion carried with 11 yeas and 2 abstentions.

Committee Reports

Awards: Walt – Work in Progress.

Club Donations (CRF): In the last meeting, it was suggested that the CRF be used to purchase tee markers for the combo tees, but Walt spoke with Fitz about it and he did not want that to happen.

Interclub: Brian wasn't sure if the interclub play would take place in July or August? He will inform the Board once it is decided.

Membership: Bruce said that he added the points to the reports and asked that if anyone has a question to let him know.

Newsletter: Brandon asks that newsletter additions be turned in by the 1st week in July.

Social: Walt complimented the Social Committee for their diligent work.

Tournament Set-Up: Jeff suggested that the members be reminded that the Club Championship's Championship Flight will be a declare only this year and that an e-mail be sent out as a reminder. Walt added that a reminder attached to the next tournament's scorecards might be helpful as well.

Volunteers: Mike stated that a spreadsheet would be e-mailed out. He still needs to fill a couple of holes for the upcoming Gamblers Tournament.

Website: Kenny asked for a current Wait List to be forwarded to him. The site is running well and is current.

There were no other committee reports.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. **Thursday July 12, 2007** at The Meadows Golf Course.

Adjournment

Tommy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Jon Hanson,
Recording Secretary