

***The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Thursday, March 2, 2006***

Call to Order – Roll Call

Tommy Erbert, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at Ben Blea's Office Complex. Other directors present were: Brian Benedict, Vice President, Bill Pierpoint, Treasurer, Pat Amato, Rick Becker, Justin Borzych, Bob Branson, Brad Bryant, Jeff Galgocy, Don Gould, Mike Hickey, Craig Sharbonno and Chip Verrill. NOT present were Board Co-Advisors Ben Blea, Bruce Stewart and Eric Rhodes, as apparently they have grown weary of counseling the Board. Secretary Walt Jackson was absent as he had a prior commitment.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of February 9th, 2006. Brad Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike Hickey. Justin Borzych asked Jeff Galgocy if the draft minutes had been amended to remove two names from last month's motion to accept new members into the Club. Jeff replied that indeed the minutes were correct, the vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Tommy Erbert noted that Walt Jackson had a prior commitment so he could not attend this meeting. The Membership Book has gone to the printer. Brian Benedict said that he has noticed some items that need to be corrected, and he passed around a sheet for corrections to be included from other Board members. A frustrated Bill Pierpoint lamented that we have never had all of the tournament entry forms correct in the Membership Book, and that this situation has caused problems for the Secretary and Treasurer in dealing with underpayments and overpayments each season. Bill pleaded that we really need to get the tournament entry forms correct so that we can minimize this issue. He thought that Greg Vialpando was going to send him all forms so that he could review them for accuracy, but apparently Greg ran out of time to do so. The Board will comb through all tournament information/entry forms to discover any mistakes and ensure they are remedied and that the correct information makes it into the final book. Various issues that Board members discovered included information for the Sundowner/Couples, the Member-Guest and the Spring Classic tournaments. Craig Sharbonno said that in the past, his experience has been that the Board has had a Membership Book draft copy to proof and we were able to effect changes before the Membership Book went to print. Bob Branson questioned the page formatting, where often the front and back of the same page refer to different tournaments. Tommy replied that what he noticed was that in those cases where the entry form needs to be clipped, the tournament on the reverse side has already passed. Everyone resolved to correct as many items as we could before the actual printing occurred.

Secretary's Report

Tommy Erbert said that he had spoken with Walt Jackson and that he didn't have anything material to pass on.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Pierpoint reported that with this meeting occurring so early in the month that the latest financial statements would be out Monday.

Old Business

There were no Old Business items.

New Business

Rick Becker said that in the past, he had talked with Tommy Erbert regarding trying to find out the actual amount of money spent by Club members at The Meadows. Although that information could be acquired, our Board would need release forms signed by Club members to allow the Foothills District to release that information - obviously it was brought up as to whether or not this effort would be worth our trouble. The objective would be to enable us to show the Foothills District Board of Directors the amount of revenue that we generate for the District. A few Board members were curious as to why we would bother with this undertaking. That initiated some discussion in reference to how we feel that the public is not held to as strict a "pace of play" standard as our Club. Our goal is to "get an ear" or a voice to the Foothills District Board to support our position that we do generate significant revenue for the District (and hence, we should not be subject to stricter guidelines than the general public).

The New Member Orientation Meeting is on tap for 8:00 a.m. on March 18th at The Meadows Grill. Don Gould said that he will be committing to an attendance of at least 40 members.

Justin Borzych reported that he had seven new gentlemen to bring into the Club and that they all have handicaps, but a couple GHINs that were given to Brad Bryant were bogus. A motion was made by Justin to bring into the Club the following seven new members: Dwayne Clouse, Matt Fillios, Ron Kopp, Rich Lund, Richard Matkins, Joe Mucilli, and Monte Pierce. Chip Verrill seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. At this point, it appears we have 192 regular members so eight more would fill up our membership. There are at least 15 individuals on the Wait List but they do not have established GHINs. Brad Bryant asked about the dates that guys applied, and Justin replied that he indeed has that information and that it will be important in deciding which remaining guys will get into the Club for this season.

Don asked if anyone had any soft copies of agendas for the New Member Orientation Meeting and the Tee-Off Party. Jeff Galgocy told Don that he would forward last year's agendas from the "Gooch archives".

Committee Reports

Awards – Don Gould said that the only item outstanding is to research options to rebuild the kaput President's Cup Trophy.

By-Laws / Policy File – Nothing.

Handicap – Mike Hickey declared that Associate Membership applications will be mailed by Saturday.

Interclub – Pat Amato reported that the “Interclub Organizational Pizza Party” had been held (and was over budget by about \$15.00), but that now the Mira Vista Golf Club is also in the group. It currently looks like there will be five clubs in this year’s Interclub competition if Riverdale votes to join in – Riverdale Dunes is still on the fence, but he thinks they will come in (3 to 1 likelihood). The current schedule is May 24th at The Meadows, June 21st at Englewood, July 12th at Mira Vista, August 15th at Foothills, and Riverdale Dunes as the last spot sometime in September (first tee times at 9:00 a.m. except for an 11:30 a.m. start at Foothills). Pat also talked about some of the increased prize money.

Membership – Nothing else.

Newsletter – Craig Sharbonno reported that all newsletter material was forwarded to the printer this past Wednesday morning. It is expected that a draft will be ready to review by Monday, March 6th and that we should have the 1st issue of the newsletter printed next Wednesday or Thursday – ready for the Membership Book stuffing party on March 11th.

Pace of Play – Bob Branson had nothing to report.

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

Website – Chip Verrill said we will have the session for more detailed website training next Tuesday, March 7th with Webmaster Kenny Lind.

There were no other committee reports.

Other Business

Craig Sharbonno’s new email address is: bonesz43@comcast.net

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 13th, 2006 at The Meadows Golf Course.

Adjournment

Brad Bryant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Craig Sharbonno seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

*Jeff Galgocy,
Recording Secretary*