

***The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Thursday May 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, Don Gould, Mike Hickey, Walt Jackson, 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. Board members Bob Branson, Brad Bryant, Craig Sharbonno and Steve Spillar were absent.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of Tuesday April 10, 2007. Don Gould made a motion to approve the minutes. Bruce Stewart seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Brian Benedict opened by setting a tentative date of July 14, 2007 for the President's Bar-B-Que and followed by stating that an e-mail will be forthcoming identifying the specific date. Brian then mentioned that an e-mail had been forwarded to all board members from Sue regarding the capital needs for The Meadows Golf Course, which identified 12 possible improvements totaling \$305,000. After a few comments regarding Sue's e-mail by the Board Members, Brian brought forth a discussion centered on the health of Phil Fertitta. Phil's son had e-mailed a letter letting TMGC know that Phil may need some special consideration during tournaments held throughout the year. Phil thoroughly enjoys the camaraderie of TMGC and looks forward to playing in the upcoming events. Discussion ensued with consideration of 5th flight members who are familiar with Phil and who would likely be good candidates for Phil's foursome. Jeff Galgocy mentioned that an e-mail had been sent out to all 5th flight members letting those members know that Phil could possibly use a bit more attention than he has needed in the past.

Secretary's Report

Dennis Moyer opened by stating that the lessons were numerous for the Hogback tournament and added that fewer mistakes will be present in the President's Cup. The Board applauded the efforts of the tournament organizers and understood that a learning curve was natural. Next, Dennis stated that there are 35 new associate GHIN members, 3 new junior associate members that bring the total to 191 Associate GHIN members and 11 Junior associate members. 244 total members are broken down into 202 regular (47 new), 16 HCM, 13 HDS and 13 HXP. 3 red shirts (Lynn Brown, Kent Kirksey and Dick Rohrer). It was mentioned that Kent had not received his red shirt status from the board. Bruce Stewart motioned to add Kent Kirksey to Red shirt status, Bill Pierpoint 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Pierpoint stated that he did not have any new information to report. Walt asked Bill how much carryover was from last year. Bill stated \$4335.00. Walt noted that the prepared financial statement looked a bit different than he was use to seeing and asked Bill why the reports appear different than he was use to seeing. Bill pointed out that the old way did not appear to be properly prepared to him and that his reports follow common GAAP. He is more than happy to help the Board understand the financials if specific questions are put forth. Bill stated that the balance sheet is an important statement that was somewhat overlooked in the past and really is a tell-tell for the health of TMGC. Walt questioned a few of the entries and Bill answered his queries, which Walt accepted.

Old Business

Jeff Galgocy opened the old business discussion by asking Bruce Stewart if any new members are looking to join TMGC. Bruce motioned that TMGC accept Bobby Hunt and Norman Ashford as new members. Bill Pierpoint 2nd the motion. After Walt questioned if these new prospective members have a GHIN index, Bruce clarified that an earlier discussion identified them as having a GHIN. The motion was approved unanimously.

Brian then began a discussion regarding the interclub competition, identifying 3 clubs as being interested: Deer Creek, Foothills and Meadows. Fox Hollow and Raccoon Creek are out. Other possible clubs mentioned are Pinehurst, South Suburban and Highlands Ranch. Walt asked what the green fees are at Deer Creek and Don Toller answered \$50 during the week. Walt then added that the administration of an interclub competition is quite an undertaking and if other clubs were not supportive, then possibly it would be best to have a Home & Home play rather than the interclub. Bill supported the notion that the administering can be a nightmare trying to coordinate 20 guys from each club during the week. Brian will keep all informed of any progress.

New Business

Brian brought forth a discussion concerning the black tees. Brandon Toller asked if the Board had a chance to review an e-mail detailing the idea of combination tees rather than black tees. The basic idea is to have 9 holes played from the gold tees and 9 holes played from the blue tees for first flight participants. Walt added that Pradera and Pinehurst have combo tees. A common argument against the black tees is that practice is impossible from tees that only exist during tournament play. Walt also stated that the course superintendent prefers a combo tee. Walt motioned to have the black tees eliminated and accept the combo tees (gold tees for holes 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 13, 14, 15 & 17 – blue tees for holes 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16 & 18). Tommy Erbert 2nd the motion. Dennis asked how the course would be rated. Tommy stated that the CGA would play the course and rate the combo tees. Bill Pierpoint supports the idea and brought forth the idea of a double colored rock for the tees. Walt then stated that the signage and the scorecard would support the combo tees. Bill then asked if future scorecards could be made to support the combo tees as well? Walt then brought forth the idea of the CRF being used for the tee markers. Ben Blea then added that the

change would be in effect forever with 2 color rocks always existing on the course. Another bonus to the idea identified by Walt is that the tee boxes will have less wear and tear. Brandon thinks it's a great idea and supports the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval. Brian asked when Jerry Brown would rerate the combo tees? Walt stated that Jerry had already been contacted and that he will be out soon to rate the new tees.

Brandon said that the articles for the newsletter are coming along nicely. He also stated that he has had 75 supportive responses for e-mailed newsletters vs. the mailed versions. Walt quickly noted that the e-mail version would be a cost saver. Brandon then discussed the Hogback tournament, which had its share of poor weather conditions later in the afternoons. Some of the financial results will need to be straightened out and will be done in short order. Tommy applauded "Chairman Brandon" for his fine work with the tournament, followed by a standing "O" from the Board. Walt added that Brandon's work is an example for all future tournament chairmen. Brian was impressed with the number of volunteers for the tournament as well. Bill asked that the financial information be sent to him no later than Tuesday afternoon. Walt implored Dennis to cut back on the amount of information that he provides regarding the tournaments, but Dennis replied that too much time would be needed to change the spreadsheet that he provides. He will see what he can do to accommodate. A number of Board members volunteered their take on the tournament information provided and offered their input for spreadsheet output.

Walt heard that Bill had received some feedback regarding the set-up of foursomes for the tournament, perhaps having too many Board members paired together. Bill stated that at least a half dozen people let him know that it might be better if the Board members spread out and pair up with new members and other TMGC members. Ben also heard similar remarks. Mike suggested that Board members spread out for the upcoming tournaments. Brian directed Don Gould to match up no more than 2 Board members in a foursome. Walt brought up the point that the philosophy behind the groupings is to set up the earlier players in a flight with members who are willing to score their flight, which generally includes the Board members. Ben added that the Board members have had a say in pairings for many various reasons. Also, Don stated that the pairings are computer generated.

Don Gould questioned the way in which Ryder Cup points are to be tabulated, asking if the Pro Shop payouts dictate the point tabulations. Don Toller answered by stating that the Pro Shop payouts was one of the ideas, but other ideas are under consideration. He will need all tournament information from the tournament chairperson – specifically who had complete rounds. A copy of the master file will be forthcoming from Bruce. Don Toller stated that a full round is necessary to accumulate points. Walt clarified that Don Toller is the Ryder Cup coordinator and that he does not have anything to do with the Ryder Cup. Jeff asked if all ties apply to the points and Don Toller replied that there is always a 1st place winner per flight, but other positions end up in a tie position. Points will be awarded accordingly. Don Toller and Jeff discussed different ideas on how the points should be awarded.

Tommy motioned that the Championship Flight be a declare only flight, beginning with the Club Championship. Walt seconded the motion. Tommy pointed out that it has not been a problem in the past filling the declare only. Don Toller asked what the survey from the Championship Flight supported? Brandon clarified that the declare only was supported by the members of the Championship Flight. Walt mentioned that TMGC has 40 members with a 6 or less handicap, further supporting the declare only position. Jeff looked back at the survey information and found that the declare only was well supported. Tommy amended the motion – Championship Flight to be a declare only for the Club Championship only. Walt brought forth the payouts from the Hogback, whereby the First Flight actually paid out more than the Championship Flight. After further discussion, the motion carried – 2 abstained. Walt suggested Brandon add the change to the Newsletter and Kenny to add the change to the Website. Jeff said that he would change the entry form accordingly. Tommy said that he would help clarify the change on the scorecards for the Championship Flight.

Don Gould suggested that each tournament chairperson bring their handbook to the scoring table so that members who are entering scores will know how to run reports for the flights. Kenny asked why the projected scores aren't shown on a screen? Walt answered that Steve Spiller felt that a screen wouldn't be large enough to accommodate the projected image. Brandon then suggested that the scores being shown be slowed down.

Jeff asked Bill if he knew what funds were used for the tape measures used on the closest to the pin holes. Currently, there are 8 tapes, but only 4 are usable. Jeff purchased the 4 that are currently being used (\$376.00). Bruce motioned that Jeff be reimbursed for the purchase. Don Gould seconded the motion. Walt asked where the unused tapes are? Jeff clarified that the extra 4 tapes are not usable. Don Gould suggested that the CRF be used for the reimbursement. The motion was amended to state that the CRF be used. Motion passed with 1 dissention.

Committee Reports

Awards: Walt and Don Toller will get together regarding Ryder Cup awards and positions.

Club Donations (CRF): With Fitz's wish list in, the CRF committee will look into purchasing the combo tee markers. Currently, there is \$4405.50 in the CRF.

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

Social: Walt brought forth the dinner arrangements for the next meeting, to be held at The Meadows. Shrimp and 16 oz. Prime Rib will be the entrée. He noted that \$632 had been budgeted, which accommodates 20 people @ \$30 per plate. Drinks are not included. At the Tee-Off Party, extra food had been prepared and was put out the following day following the

tournament. Walt noted that the Social Committee is doing everything that they can to accommodate both budgetary figures and arrangements.

Tournament Set-Up: Don Gould reminded the Board that Tuesday May 29, 2007 would be the date for the Set-Up meeting for the President's Cup.

Volunteers: Mike Hickey pointed out the volunteers did a bang-up job for the Hogback. Getting a full field of volunteers is somewhat difficult for a two-day tournament, but the e-mail solicitations have helped. Getting the word out early has been helpful. He will keep the Board abreast of volunteer help. Saturday's tally was 32 volunteers, while Sunday was 23 volunteers. It was suggested that another person might be helpful to get the volunteer coordination work completed. Mike felt that he could handle the responsibility. If help is needed, possibly he could solicit Steve for some help.

Website: Kenny updated the Board on current hits on the website: 2312 hits. He also asked that if any of the links aren't functioning properly to please let him know. Walt asked why the changes that were necessary to the pairings were not posted on the Website? Kenny stated that due to time constraints and the reformatting that is necessary to make a change to the website, that only the initial pairings will be shown on the website. Also, once a member has been to the website to find their t-time, there wouldn't be any reason to revisit the site a second time. Any changes will need to be handled through personal contacts with the affected members. Jeff added that Kenny couldn't be held accountable for any changes that happen after the initial pairings are set. Dennis added that future changes would be held to a minimum.

There were no other committee reports.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. Tuesday June 12, 2007 at The Meadows Golf Course. Please note the date change.

Adjournment

Mike Hickey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Pierpoint seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

*Jon Hanson,
Recording Secretary*