

The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Thursday October 11, 2007

Call to Order – Roll Call

Brian Benedict, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:05 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, Tommy Erbert, Don Gould, Mike Hickey, Walt Jackson, Steve Spillar, Bruce Stewart and Recording Secretary Jon Hanson. Also present were Board Co-Advisor Ben Blea, Don Toller and Fran Bergonz. Board members Craig Sharbonno and Brandon Toller were absent.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of Thursday September 13, 2007. Bob Branson pointed out some corrections to the minutes, which Jon Hanson assured would be made. Tommy Erbert made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Jeff Galgocy seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Brian Benedict opened by introducing 2 special guests: Tom Woodard from Foothills Parks and Recreation District and Sue Maguire with The Meadows.

Tom thanked the Board for the invite. He was afraid that the meeting might be postponed due to the Colorado Rockies Rocktober baseball game, but he is pleased to be here. He touched on a couple of issues with TMGC and is impressed with how the Board has handled them. One issue deals with the amount of time it takes for groups to finish tournaments, but he does understand that it takes a little longer to play The Meadows compared to other courses. The other issue concerns the handling of penalty strokes – where TMGC will be handling all future administering of penalty strokes. He feels that the two concerns are a dead issue as far as he is concerned.

Walt asked Sue how TMGC's pace of play throughout the year looked. Sue answered that it was pretty good. She recalled 1 of the tournaments had a slow group to start out – playing in 4:45, which in turn slowed the play for all. The slowest time for a group was 5:22. Walt suggested that earlier T-Times might be beneficial to the overall pace of play and asked Tom what he thought of the idea. Tom replied that he has heard some complaints about prime T-Times being taken by TMGC and that later T-Times might help to get avid golfers out during the prime times. He pointed out that The Meadows and Englewood are the only two courses that allow the Men's Club to book as many T-Times as they do. One person in particular complained about the availability of T-Times and Tom invited her to meet with Foothills members to discuss the situation. Walt pointed out that TMGC contributes \$19 per tournament player towards The

Meadows, while the one party with complaints represents a much smaller group. Brian also added that TMGC will play in nasty weather while the general public would probably pass. He added that TMGC benefits the course in other ways as well. Tommy asked Tom if other courses have different start times for their Club Tournaments. Tom replied that Fossil Trace is one course that is actually losing its Men's Club, while some of the other courses that he is familiar with start their tournaments a little later in the morning, allowing the general public people to play early. Jeff stated that shotgun starts have worked well in the past and wondered if Sue supported targeting some other events for shotgun starts – particularly the Gamblers Tournament. Sue supports that idea and added that early season start times would be 7AM, while later in the year 8AM would be the start time. Tom added that starting in 2008, Foothills District will have the same rate for both the resident and non-resident golfers and that resident golfers will be able to set t-times earlier than non-resident. Overall, Foothills District has 1.2M net with 4.6M gross. Walt asked how much goes back into the golf course, which Tom answered that there are many amenities within Foothills District that are deserving of funds – but a portion goes back into the course. Walt reminded Tom that TMGC has offered to provide The Meadows with the water jugs. He said that he would get with Fitz and discuss. Sue clarified that Fitz is all for the water jugs. Tom then stated that last year the Mill Levy was 1.5M, while the new Mill Levy is 3M, which will help Foothills District tremendously. With the District currently living check to check, The Meadows will be receiving some monies for improvements – including parking lot, clubhouse and cart paths. Again, he wanted everyone to know that he supports TMGC. Another type of event that Tom suggested is a “Beat the Pro” event, where members contribute \$5 into a pool and the pot is split by members that beat the Pro. Tom handed out some Foothills District literature to the Board Members and thanked the Board for asking he and Sue to the meeting. Brian asked them both to the Fall Banquet. The Board thanked them both and they left @ 6:38.

Brian said it's time to get back to our meeting. Jeff replied that any changes will need to dealt with through next year's Board. He has informed Sue that a new schedule will be coming out soon and that the 2 Man Best Ball and the 4 Man Best Ball will be combining into a 2 day Member / Member tournament near the end of the 2008 year. Tommy suggested that eliminating 3 dates might be good. Dennis suggested changing the Club Championship to a 3-day tournament. Walt suggested that a committee could possibly expedite resolving the issue if the Board says yes to considering a change. Jeff has received some general input from the members and will also review the questionnaire from the Fall Banquet addressing the Club Championship.

Secretary's Report

Dennis Moyer opened by stating that two members (John Kaiser and Leo Zannis) are up for HDS status and asked if they are in good standing? Brad answered that John has played in 2 of the tournaments and Mike stated that Leo had made a good effort throughout the year. Walt motioned that John and Leo go to HDS status. Tommy seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dennis also reported that year end membership stands as follows: HCM – 15, HDS – 15, HXP – 13 + 1 (Brian), Regular – 202 for a total of 246, which leaves room for 48 more members. Red shirts are Lynne Brown (2nd year) and Richard Rohrer (1st year). Tommy made a motion to increase the membership to 300, which Walt seconded. After discussion from the Board Members, the motion was denied. Dennis then informed everyone that next years dues will be \$99 as agreed upon earlier in the year.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Pierpoint stated that he has sent out current financial information to the Board, and asked if anybody had any questions to please let him know. Bill's projected figures for year end results based on current financial information is as follows: Beginning year surplus: \$4436.22, 2007 Budget <\$4397.00>, anticipated year end surplus: \$39.22, 2007 Under budget estimate \$2267.44 which adds up to an anticipated surplus @ year end of \$2306.66. Bill wants everyone to understand that these figures are merely estimates and that a number of expenses and some income are yet to be received. Walt wanted the Board to know that the cost of trophies has increased approx. 25%, which needs to be considered in the future. Jeff stated that the renewal letter will reflect the \$99 dues and \$25 GHIN fee. Brad conquered with the \$25 GHIN fee stating that he hasn't seen an increase in the cost, but he will look into it and get back with Jeff.

Bill asked what the stipends will be for the current Board Members, which Brian said that it will be taken care of tonight. Walt also clarified that members who are due extra funds from the Club Championship will be receiving gift cards. Brian asked Don Gould, Dennis, Bill and Brad to step out of the room – along with him. Jeff made a motion to pay \$300 stipends to Dennis, Bill, Brad and Don for their tremendous service throughout the year. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Walt then made a motion to pay a stipend of \$550 to Brian for his tireless Presidential efforts throughout the year. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Jeff then motioned for a stipend of \$300 to Kenny Lind for his excellent Webservice work. Tommy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Jeff asked if any further bonus should be paid. The general consensus was that any extra funds have already been spent. Walt suggested that next years Tournament Chairmen be compensated for their efforts with their tournament fees being paid. Jeff invited the Officers back into the room. Jeff then informed Bill of the stipend amounts.

Old Business

Brian stated that a motion was brought up in August regarding using some of the CRF funds to replace the water coolers. Walt stated that with the CRF fund currently standing @ \$4500, there is adequate funds to support (4) water jugs and towels buckets to be provided to The Meadows at a cost of \$3700. Walt made a motion to allocate \$3700 for the water jugs and towel buckets. Tommy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff suggested that the following members have been considered for Prospective Board Members in 2008: George Turtle, Brad Bryant, Jon Hanson, John Gates, Steve Spillar, Joel Quizon, Paul Santenello, Mike Edwards and Bob Meyer. The vice-president candidates are Don Gould and Kenny Lind. He will talk with all potential Board Member candidates to clarify their interest.

Don Gould made a motion to make Warren Coble TMGC Member of the Year. Jeff seconded the motion. Walt clarified that the trophy will only state "Member of the Year", but Brian stated that he will take care of the engraving. The vote passed.

Brian asked for a review by the Board for the 4-man Best Ball and the Sundowner / Couples tournaments. Bruce stated that Don Toller and Ben Blea did a great job on the Couples Tournament. Bruce motioned that TMGC reimburse for lunch funds spent. Mike seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion carried.

Bill asked if all receipts have been gathered for the Ryder Cup. Don Toller said that he has sent a final amount to everyone. Bill will look into the accounting for the Ryder Cup figures and update his statement.

New Business

Bruce handed out an August report regarding member credits. He has a letter to send out to the members who did not make credits and suggested that if he doesn't hear a response back, then renewal letters will not be sent to those members. Brad supports what Bruce is saying. Walt asked that renewal letters go out to everyone. Brad stated that the By-Laws require a letter to be sent to the members low on credits. Brad motioned that Bruce Wurster receive redshirt status. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In regards to the Fall Banquet, Walt informed the Board that 102 had signed up with 29 guests. He projects the cost of the banquet to be under budget. Appetizers will be provided with the main course being Prime Rib and Chicken. Wine will also be provided.

As far as the awards to be handed out during the Fall Banquet, Walt stated that they were all on order, but will exceed the budgeted figure by 15% to 20%. He was able to get very nice trophies, especially with Henry Bissell asking that he receive only (1) award for his (4) wins.

Jeff handed out a proposed ballot for the Fall Banquet for everyone to look over. The issues addressed are regarding changes to be the tournaments via votes at the Spring Banquet and the Club Championship.

Jeff then asked if everyone has input regarding the use of TMGC to get the word out to TMGC members advertising other member's business. Fran feels as if this is not a networking club and does not endorse the use of the website for advertising purposes. Mike agreed with Fran. Walt also supports Fran's position. The Board's consensus is to leave this off of the website.

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Committee Reports

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Handicap: Brad stated that (4) people are currently on the wait list. He and Brandon deactivated everyone earlier in the year and somehow lost (4) people. TMGC will need to pay these individuals. (1) lady, (1) junior and (2) men make up the (4) members. Brad apologized for the error, but did state that it isn't unusual to have this happen. Bruce currently has (1) individual on the wait list.

Pace of Play: Bob e-mailed everyone a Pace of Play Policy and stated that he spoke with Bob @ The Meadows about it – received full support from The Meadows. Mike pointed out that the pin placements were absolutely ridiculous for the last tournament. Walt stated that the Tournament Chairman can give the ProShop recommended pin placements, but there is a process to follow for The Meadows. Fran pointed out that the maintenance department has a routine that they follow regarding pin placements and that they do not have the time for special placements.

There were no other committee reports.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. **Thursday November 8, 2007** at The Meadows Golf Course.

Adjournment

Steve Spillar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Jon Hanson,
Recording Secretary