

**The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Thursday September 13, 2007**

Call to Order – Roll Call

Brian Benedict, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:08 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, Tommy Erbert, Don Gould, Craig Sharbonno, Steve Spillar, Brandon Toller and Recording Secretary Jon Hanson. Also present were Board Co-Advisor Don Toller and Fran Bergonz. Board member Mike Hickey showed up at 6:45. Board members Brad Bryant, Walt Jackson and Bruce Stewart were absent.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of Thursday July 12, 2007. Tommy Erbert made a motion to approve the minutes. Don Gould seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board also approved the posting of the notes from the Thursday August 16, 2007 meeting.

President's Report

Brian Benedict opened by asking all interested parties to contact him via e-mail regarding golfing on September 29, 2007. He then turned the floor over to Dennis Moyer for the Secretary's Report.

Secretary's Report

Dennis Moyer opened by stating that there wasn't much to report. There are two new associate members and as of tonight, there are 48 people signed up for the 4-Man Best Ball Tournament.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Pierpoint stated that he has sent out current financial information to the Board, and asked if anybody had any question to please let him know. He stated that there was a miscalculation from the Member/ Guest Tournament, which resulted in the income showing \$582.00. He expects the year-end numbers to be up, but can only make a guess based on the current figures.

Old Business

Brian stated that a motion was brought up in August regarding using some of the CRF funds to replace the water coolers. Tommy made a motion to replace the water coolers. Don Gould seconded the motion. The ProShop supports the idea. The motion carried.

Tommy stated that the website shows the Member Play Credits and informed the Board that since Kenny Lind is out of town that the 2-Man Best Ball has not been posted yet.

Brian began a discussion regarding the Pace of Play. He stated that a policy is currently in effect and any arguments from the players first must go to the tournament Chairman, then to the Pace of Play Chairman, then to the V.P. Tommy supports the policy as it currently reads with no extenuating circumstances. Bob stated that the 1st group out in the last tournament finished their round in less than 4 hours. Even though they were more than 15 minutes behind the last public play group, no penalty should have been assessed. If a group completes nine holes in under 2:10, penalties should be assessed. Tommy agrees with the 2:10 rule, but a penalty must be assessed if a group is more than 14 minutes behind the group ahead. Don Toller stated that the ProShop needs to be informed of the 4:20 rule for a round – without a penalty. Brandon stated that the group ahead of their 1st Tournament foursome blew through #9, which put their group behind. They were assessed a penalty even though they closed the gap on the back nine and finished in 4:28. Don Toller stated that the initial group out should not be assessed a penalty, but any groups finishing more than 14 minutes behind the group ahead should receive a penalty. Tommy clarified the policy, which reads 4:40 for a round and that any group finishing more than 14 minutes behind the group ahead may be assessed a 2 stroke penalty. Fran then offered that if the 1st group finishes in 4:40 that tournaments might actually run longer than they already do. Brian thanked everyone for their input. Bob feels that stressing the pace of play at the check-in table would be beneficial, as well as all groups moving their carts to the far side of the bridge on hole 11, possibly posting a sign on the near side of the bridge stating that policy may help. Fran offered that hitting up on hole #3 might help improve the pace of play. Steve feels like hitting up won't make much of an impact. Tommy stated that he has seen as many as four groups on hole #8 and feels like a logjam occurs there. Fran stated that the front nine always seems to play slower than the back nine and he has heard from the ProShop that they will receive complaints from the groups following a tournament if the pace of play is too slow. Brian said that new laminated reminder placards will be put together and placed on the check-in table. Bob stated that he pass out a reminder letter to the members.

New Business

Brain began a discussion regarding the Code of Conduct. He stated that he is not taking the actions in the Club Championship lightly and that Bob with Foothills has taken action. He reinforced the notion that the Marshals are there to help. Bob suggested that the Marshals should be educated on how to administer Pace of Play rules, suggested a course on how to use etiquette for pace of play administration. Brandon supports the idea. Fran stated that there is a manual that is offered to the employees for etiquette. He also suggested that Brian send a response letter to Foothills stating that the Board supports their stance on the issue and that the Board isn't taking the actions lightly. Bob suggested that the Marshals need to be accountable for their actions as well. Tommy pointed out that complaints had been raised in the past regarding the Marshall in

question. Bill asked what exactly happened during the Club Championship? Brian answered by stating that vulgarity was used toward the Marshall. Fran stated that vulgarity is not to be tolerated by a Marshall and that if it does occur, then the Marshall is instructed to let the ProShop know right away about the occurrence.

Brandon stated that newsletter articles need to be turned into him by the 24th. He asked Bob if he could write an article regarding Pace of Play. Bob said he would. Brandon then stated that the newsletter would be distributed at the Fall Banquet.

Jeff stated that the Club Championship was a successful tournament. The numbers were dead on. Tommy brought up the point that 3 members earned more money than amateur status will allow. Jeff pointed out that there were actually two different tournaments going on during the Club Championship. Don Gould clarified by stating that only 1 score was used for the separate tournaments and he then asked if the winnings for both tournaments could jeopardize their amateur status? Fran said that multiple competitions within the same event cannot have winnings above \$750 or amateur status is given up. Craig suggested that more places be paid, reducing the winnings. Fran stated that the rules are quite clear and the per event rule applies. Tommy suggested that the Senior Club Championship should go back to a two-day tournament and the problem would be solved. Mike suggested that a max. of \$750 payout be adopted. Brian suggested that the rule might best be stated to match the USGA rule – generalizing the language to change with any changes that might come up in the future.

Don Gould then began a review of the Two Man Best Ball Tournament. He stated that there were 116 participants and it ran quite smoothly. There were no withdrawals and no late entries. Brian asked if any changes were necessary and Don answered no. Bob said that he was confused on the payouts, but when he asked Eric Rhodes for clarification, the proper payouts were made.

Brian asked if there are any nominations for Member of the Year? Mike said that he would e-mail the volunteer report to the Board to help in identifying members who volunteered during the year.

Status for the Fall Banquet was not addressed due to Walt's absence.

Bill pointed out the Ryder Cup fund stands at \$2100. Don Toller stated that he has a budget for the event and that the \$2100 will easily be spent. Brandon stated that Under Armor is working with him for shirts.

Jeff inquired if current Board members are interested in coming back for next year? Craig – No, Bob – No, Mike – Leaning toward No, but could possibly be talked into it, Steve – Yes, Brad – Jeff stated that Brad is an excellent Board member and any issues with Foothills do not affect his status, Brandon – No, he will need to resign from the Board due to his increased upcoming responsibilities, Jon – Yes. Bill was quick to point out that Dennis has done an exceptional job as Secretary. Dennis and Bill are

happy to continue in their capacity as Secretary and Treasurer. Tommy stated that Chuck is running for the Board and that Steve Heyn may be interested.

Brian will help Jeff with the 2008 Tournament Schedule, along with Dennis' help. Brandon asked if 6/21/08 could not be used for a tournament as he has huge plans for that day....

Committee Reports

Pot Games: Craig stated that the Pot Game Committee would purchase a keg for the Ryder Cup draft to be held tomorrow night. He stated that there is money left over dating back to 2004. The remainder of the leftover funds will be used for the Sundowner Tournament. He thanked Don Toller for all he has done for the Ryder Cup.

Volunteers: Mike will be sending out the e-mail list of volunteers for the year. In regards to a letter submitted by John Altenhoffen asking for membership consideration for 2008, it was determined that the 2008 Board will need to rule on his status.

There were no other committee reports.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. **Thursday October 11, 2007** at The Meadows Golf Course.

Adjournment

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

Respectively submitted,

Jon Hanson,
Recording Secretary