

TMGC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 10, 2009
The Meadows Golf Club

Call to Order – Roll Call

Richard Dial, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Director's meeting to order at 6:05PM at the Meadows. In addition to Richard Dial, attendees included: Jon Hanson, George Turtle, Steve Grantowitz, Pete Coffaro, John Gates, Steve Heyn, Mike Hickey, Chris Nicholl, Craig Perkins, and Dave Wade. Not present were Bill Barbour, Brad Bryant, and Barry Ehlers.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes of November 12, 2009 were acknowledged by Richard Dial. No objections were raised.

President's Report

Richard announced that all Board members' opinions should be heard and therefore, along with continuing to use Robert's Rules of Order as a template for organizing our meetings, he will do his best to keep everyone on topic.

Secretary's Report

Steve Grantowitz discussed the progress of the 2010 renewals. At the time of the meeting the Club had 231 members in the database – the same number of renewals that were sent out via postal mail on November 18th. Due to schedule conflicts, Steve had not yet obtained the PO Box key and Drop Box lock code from George Turtle. 2010 Renewal statistics will be available at the next Board meeting in January.

Steve has organized the Club members' personal information by uploading the data to a contact list in a Google Gmail account – themeadowsgolfclub@gmail.com. This 'database' is a convenient and efficient way to update and organize the member data without having to rely on a spreadsheet. Following a discussion of options for the Board to access the database and utilize customized email addresses for Club correspondence. In the end, it was determined that the email addresses were unnecessary and that it would be best if Steve were to act as the only gateway in maintaining the database – this would ensure the security and accuracy of members' personal data.

Aside from collecting updated personal information from the renewals, Steve will create a new template and process for collecting, organizing, and distributing Tournament fees and data. He will coordinate with George Turtle and Dave Wade on the distribution of the information.

Treasurer's Report

Richard outlined and discussed the major sources of income for the Club as member dues and associate GHIN fees. George then commenced with the reading of the financial statements. As expected, there was limited activity in November. A donation of \$100.00 was made to the Crohns and Colitis Foundation in honor of Kenny Lind's mother.

Pertaining to the Ryder Cup discussion from the November meeting, George noted that we were not charged for the final nine holes of the 2009 Ryder Cup. \$1750.00 in tournament fees was collected. If the 2010 Ryder Cup final nine holes are once again free, the Club will need to budget \$450.00 to cover hats, shirts, etc. If we are charged for the final nine holes, we must instead budget \$1050.00.

Prior to discussing options for the Ryder Cup, Richard asked for clarification of the status of the Clubs accounting credit or deficit. George noted that the Club has about \$8000.00 in amounts over expenditures and that we do not want to have that amount increase further if we can avoid it.

Following further discussion by the Board, Richard decided that the discussion on whether or not the Club should continue to subsidize the Ryder Cup should be tabled until at least the January meeting when more information on our returning members will be available.

Unfinished Business

Richard asked Steve Heyn to discuss his poll of members regarding the 'declare only' issue brought to the Boards attention at the Fall Banquet.

Steve detailed that he had attempted to poll (via email) 59 members whose handicaps were 10 or under as of the last GHIN sheet on record. Of the 59 members – 18 were "For", 13 were "Against", 23 did not respond, and 5 members' emails had bounced back. Steve had spoken to Brad Bryant and Eric Rhodes who are both fully in favor of 'declare only'. Aside from being in favor, the 3 of them discussed options for keeping the Championship Flight (CF) full should more members choose not to declare down to the CF. One idea was to have a box on the tournament registration sheets for 'declare out' rather than 'declare in' – which would force members to choose to opt out, otherwise default. They also agreed that the CF should not be less than 16 players. John Gates asked Steve Heyn what the benefits would be and why someone might choose to vote against it. Steve replied that for some members, the portion of their entry fee which goes to Gross payouts is an amount they (some CF players) will never have an opportunity to earn back.

The group discussed the possible solutions, including having separate Gross and Net pots based on entry status, as well as the number of players that might be affected by the 'declare only' option. Richard was not comfortable with the fact that of the 59 members polled, 28 either did not respond or did not receive the email, and therefore stated that he wished to talk to Steve Heyn further after the meeting.

Richard turned the floor over to John Gates regarding the Seed Bottles. John had been making them for walking carts. He turned in 100 bottles to the course and he believes they turned out ok. A rack would be another 350 dollars. Dave Wade asked about the handles. Although John had intended to do half and half, in the end he chose not to do it but feels they will still work fine as designed.

Richard asked Jon Hanson to discuss the progress made with the CGA Interclub Tournaments. Jon stated that he sent in the \$150 entry fee and they replied back with a 'thanks' but have not gotten back to him otherwise. The CGA has a set of rules on their website which were also sent to him via email. Jon is interested in bringing a few clubs together to form a multi-club team. Chris asked if we weren't supposed to put our own team together. Jon replied, yes, but that the CGA is ok if a few clubs get together too.

After the break, Richard noted that the 'Most Improved Golfer' has been determined and that Brad isn't present to discuss the details. However, we will put the information on the website.

Regarding the Tournament Management Policy, Richard and Jon have started to edit the current document in an effort to boil down the points and reduce the document length by half. A draft should be ready by the January meeting.

New Business

Richard mentioned that a vote was needed to decide if Don Gould would become an Honorary Ex-President. Mike Hickey made a motion to confer Honorary Lifetime Member and Honorary Ex-President status to Don Gould and Jeff Galgocy. Mike then went on to change his motion to include all Ex-Presidents. Richard asked for clarification on the difference between Honorary Ex-President and Honorary Lifetime Member. After a brief group discussion, it was determined that no difference existed aside from the different titles being used at different times in the Club's history. Mike withdrew his original motion and made a new motion that all previous presidents become Honorary Lifetime Members. Seconded by Jon Hanson. Motion passed.

Richard then read the Club policy pertaining to trophies. Currently we distribute trophies for Gross and Net. Richard asked the group whether or not we want to keep it this way or reduce it to Gross only. Following a brief group discussion, it was decided that the current policy is fine and should remain as is.

On a different trophy subject, it was decided that in adherence to current policy, a hole-in-one trophy needs to be purchased for Rich Lund. A hand vote was taken – all in favor.

By the next meeting in January, the Tournament Chairs and Co-Chairs will need to have reviewed the current tournament entry sheets and be prepared to discuss any necessary changes.

Richard reminded the group that there is a members-only section on the Club website. This area is where all Rule Sheets and Financial Statements are located.

The group discussed the excessive time and effort necessary to run tournament Pot Games and what possible solutions there could be to reduce individual responsibilities. Although it was ultimately decided that there isn't a single solution to this issue, it would be in the Club's best interests to increase the number of Volunteers per tournament to limit the amount of responsibility on any one individual. One way to do this would be to emphasize to the new members the importance of volunteering.

The final New Business discussion centered on Pro Shop Credits and the fact that there were a number of members who did not utilize their credits by the November 1st deadline. In light of the fact that the Pro Shop had agreed to extend the deadline to November 15th, the group decided that Steve Grantowitz should send out final reminder emails to all of the members with an outstanding credit of at least \$5.00 to 'use it or lose it' by November 15th.

Committee Reports

Awards: Steve Heyn will update all of the plaques in 2010.

Membership: After a brief discussion, the group decided to waive the New Member Fee as was done in 2009. However, New Members will still have to pay the \$25.00 Initiation Fee.

Richard reminded the group that the next Board Meeting will be held on the morning of January 9th.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Dave Wade at 8:14PM.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Grantowitz – TMGC Recording Secretary