

***The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Thursday, December 14, 2006***

Call to Order – Roll Call

Brian Benedict, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. at The Meadows. Other directors present were: Vice President Jeff Galgocy, Secretary Dennis Moyer, Treasurer Bill Pierpoint, Bob Branson, Brad Bryant, Tommy Erbert, Don Gould, Walt Jackson, Bruce Stewart and Brandon Toller. Also present were Ben Blea, Fran Bergonz and Don Toller, Board Co-Advisors with Steve Spillar attending as Recording Secretary. Craig Sharbonno and Mike Hickey (Medical) were absent. Chip Verrill was not present.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of November 9, 2006. Bob Branson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Pierpoint, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Brian Benedict stated that he talked to Chip Verrill about his participation as a TMGC Board member and Chip decided to resign. Discussion on procedure for replacement took place and Walt Jackson asked Brian what he wanted to do since it was his decision. Brian stated he would like to ask Steve Spillar to become a Board member. Walt Jackson made a motion to appoint Steve as a new member. The motion was seconded by Jeff Galgocy, and the motion passed unanimously.

Brian, being influenced by his recent back surgery, conceded control of parts of the meeting to Jeff.

Secretary's Report

Dennis Moyer reported that we currently have 194 members and working to gain more from Englewood.

Dennis stated that Herb Jara, Walt Jackson, Max Holder and Gordon Stigall are eligible to be added as Honorary Decade Seniors. Jeff Galgocy made a motion to bring in Herb Jara, Walt Jackson, Max Holder and Gordon Stigall as Honorary Decade Seniors. The motion was seconded by Dennis and the motion passed unanimously.

Walt made a motion to bring back all three Redshirts: Todd Ridgway, Tom Schroeder and Jerry Key. Don Gould seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tommy Erbert to allow Ralph Sugar and Richard Rohrer to be placed on Redshirt status. Bruce Stewart seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

In a report on members with insufficient credits for last season, Bruce feels that those people who have 6-7 credits be allowed in and those with 5 credits or less do volunteer work of two hours per insufficient credit. Walt made a motion to vote in all 20 members with insufficient credits to volunteer two hours for each credit short. Don Gould seconded the motion and the motion passed with two dissensions. Bruce also stated that he would call Mike Hickey about his \$20 Redshirt non-payment. For the record, the 20 members with their obtained 2006 credits shown are: Bill Barbour (5), Bruce Dick (7), Randy Harrison (1), Mike Hickey (5), Jim Hofstra (6), Bob Hogge (7), Randy Jahns (4), Chris Lawson (7), Jon Libby (6), Frank LoTurco (7), Peter Lubar (5), Bill Mahnken (7), Gary Manes (6), Buzz Mays (6), Rex Mohr (7), Boyd Pickens (4), Chad Scherer (3), Bob Shepka (5), Shannon Smith (6), and Leo Zannis (7).

Brad Bryant made a motion to vote out all members with insufficient credits that did not respond by phone or mail. The motion was seconded by Walt, who then made a motion to table this item until the next Board meeting so that interested Board members could have a chance to call these people and if they were to get their checks in to Dennis before the next meeting they would be allowed to continue their membership. Bruce seconded this motion. The motion passed with one dissention.

A motion was made by Bruce to add all 22 new members from the Wait List into the Club. Tommy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. For the record, the new members added are: Lance Balthasar, John Burgess, Pete Coffaro, Dennis Deblieck, Ron Denslow, Chuck Dieter, Jim Elliott, John Gravina, Jacob Kuijper, Phil Levson, Mike Link, Raymond Mang, James McDonald, Glenn Miller, John Noble, Jerry Ramult, Erick Ratzer, Ron Rausch, Jack Sawatzki, David Smith, Justin Smith, and Richard Youll.

Fran Bergonz stated that he would post membership applications at other places, such as the recreation center, swimming pool and other golf courses. Bruce welcomed Fran's help.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Pierpoint feels it's a big hassle to have two signatures on the TMGC checks. Currently those signatures are Bill's and Dennis Moyer's. Discussion on the merits of one signature verses two ensued and Bill pointed out that he is carrying a \$75,000 insurance policy, which protects the Club from a number of things including theft and fraud. Walt Jackson made a motion to require only one signature. The motion was seconded by Tommy Erbert, and the motion passed with one dissention.

Bill feels that a TMGC membership count of 226 is overly optimistic, since many Englewood members may be playing their tournaments at Mira Vista Golf Course. Therefore, 200 regular members might be more in line with expectations. We currently have 153 paid members, 22 new, 21 coming back with stipulations for a total of 196.

Discussion on the proposed final budget continued with Walt Jackson suggesting we take the \$4400 carryover from last year to pay for the Scrambler Tournament for all members, or to cover a shootout or pot games. Jeff Galgocy asked for the advisors' advice, and Fran Bergonz stated that this would jeopardize the amateur status of our CGA playing members - so "pay as you go" was suggested for all shootouts and pot games.

Tommy wants the budget to show monies in the Seminars/Programs to reflect \$250 each for himself and Don Gould. Bill stated he would adjust this item.

Walt also asked that the winnings of \$250 from the Interclub competition that Pat Amato has to be placed into the treasury, and Bill said he would call Pat.

Bill requested that he redo the budget based upon 200 members, and all Board members agreed.

Old Business

Don Toller presented the Meadows Ryder Cup proposal. He asked that a \$1 fee be applied to all tournaments to pay for the Cup. Walt Jackson felt that all tournaments should pay their own way but Don and Ben Blea felt that this was an award for those who participated and had success throughout the year and those people should be celebrated. Ben asked that this tournament should replace the 4-man BB due to lack of participation. Don is still negotiating with Sue Maguire on the green fees for a 27-hole Meadows Ryder Cup. Fran Bergonz said that he would work with the Awards Chairman (Walt Jackson) to track points throughout the year for the Cup. The Budget committee will look at the best way to fund the tournament.

Brain Benedict will report additional Interclub information in January.

Brandon Toller will switch tournaments with Steve Spillar due to a conflict, so Brandon now will work the Sundowner and Steve will work the Spring Classic.

Bill Pierpoint wants the Gamblers Choice to use the Stableford scoring system and Spring Classic to be stroke play, and Tommy Erbert said "Done!"

Jeff Galgocy will update the Tournament Management book but doesn't have a timeline on completion as yet.

Don Gould stated the awards from last year is complete but wants to spruce up the trophy case at the Meadows.

The laptop was purchased and Don G. and Brad will work with the CGA (Colorado Golf Association) to load the TPP software. Don G. asked the Board for approval to purchase a mouse and USB cable and was approved.

New Business

Jeff Galgocy said a draft of the Membership Book will be finished in February and will be available for review by all Board members before the final printing. Kinkos will be handle the final printing similar to last year.

Jeff then present all proposed changes to TMGC By-Laws and Policy File items. A lengthy discussion took place, and a number of additional items were modified. Fran Bergonz reminded the Board that it requires a 2/3's majority vote to change TMGC By-Laws, and that absentee voting language should be a proposal offered at the Tee Off Party. Discussion on Junior Associate fees took place and it was decided that the cost should be \$25 which would match the CGA cost. Bill Pierpoint brought up to Dennis Moyer that we only collected \$35 from the new members as was quoted on the New Member Application and that it should have been \$40.

Walt Jackson made a motion to collect the extra \$5 from the new members and any associates that have already sent in money. Jeff seconded the motion. Lively debate ensued with both points being made. Debate in favor felt that it was a mistake and it's only \$5. Whereas the dissenters felt that it was advertised as \$35 and that the Club should honor it. The motion passed with six in favor and five dissensions. Brian Benedict appointed Walt to call and get the extra \$5 from the new members.

Bobby Branson stated that we should not honor any late tournament entries period. More discussion took place and it was finally decided to stick to the "no late entries" policy and incorporate associated changes into the Policy File.

After all discussion was complete, Jeff made a motion to accept all agreed upon changes to the TMGC Policy File. The motion was seconded by Walt, and the motion passed unanimously. For the record, all changes are noted at the end of these minutes.

Bobby needed to leave the meeting at 8:45 p.m., saying his time was up.

Don Toller started a discussion on the Club Championship Net/Gross Championship Flight payout discrepancy. The feeling was that if they were more in line with the other net flights, that instead of one person getting a larger percentage of the prize money, this would bring more competitors into the Flight, thus creating more money for the Flight. An adhoc committee of Don Gould, Brandon Toller and Steve Spillar was formed to survey the Championship Flight members and come up with a proposal for the next Board meeting.

Other Business

Walt Jackson made a motion to have 300 Flexagon Rule Books purchased out of the Course Recognition Fund (CRF). Tommy Erbert seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Spillar requested Jeff Galgocy to approach Jon Hanson with regard to taking over Steve's position as Recording Secretary, and Jeff said that he would call him.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports, as everything was sufficiently covered during the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. Thursday, January 11th, 2007 at The Meadows.

Adjournment

Brad Bryant made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned 9:03 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

*Steve Spillar,
Recording Secretary*

***TMGC By-Laws and Policy File Changes from 2006
That Need to be Included in the Membership Book***

--- By-Laws ---

Article III, Section 1. Regular. The regular membership in the Club shall be limited to two hundred fifty (250) active members.

--- Policy File ---

None.

***Changes to TMGC By-Laws / Policy File
For 2007***

(with additions/changes incorporated from December's Board meeting)

--- By-Laws ---

Article X – Amendments:

Adding: d. through proper absentee voting (please refer to Policy File).

(To be proposed at the Tee Off Banquet.)

--- Policy File ---

Section A, Item 7:

Old – Absentee voting will be allowed, in writing and properly signed.

New - Absentee voting will be allowed, in writing and properly signed. Email absentee voting is acceptable with the member's name included within the email and the email sent to the Club Secretary and Treasurer.

Section B, Item 1: (switching this to Section B, Item 2)

Old – The Club will carry Junior Associate members. The annual fee is \$20.00.

New - The Club will carry Junior Associate members. The annual fee is \$25.00.

Section B, Item 2: (switching this to Section B, Item 1)

Old – The Club will carry Associate members. The annual fee is \$35.00, and this fee will not be refunded if the Associate becomes a TMGC member during the year.

New - The Club will carry Associate members. The annual fee is \$40.00, and this fee will not be refunded if the Associate becomes a TMGC member during the year.

Section B, Item 6, Part g: (to agree with Section C, Item 23, also eliminating “special entry forms” sentence)

Modified – Wait List candidates are eligible to play in TMGC tournaments on a space available basis, excluding the Scrambler, Presidents Cup, Hogback, and Club Championship.

Section B, Item 11:

New – Subject to approval by majority vote of the Board of Directors and upon satisfactory term completion, the President shall become a TMGC Honorary Lifetime Member (HLM). Ex-President HLM are required to pay their GHIN fees, but are exempt from Club dues and from the minimum participation requirements of TMGC.

Section C, Item 1:

Old – Tournament entry fees are \$15.00 per tournament day (excludes Member-Guest Tournament). In addition each member will pay \$1.00 per tournament day to the Club Course Recognition Fund. Entries received after the posted due date but prior to the Tournament start date will be accepted only when such entry “fills up a foursome” in the tournament. Late entrants must contact and notify the Tournament Setup Chairman prior to submitting any late entry. No other late entries will be accepted.

New – Tournament entry fees are \$15.00 per tournament day (excludes Member-Guest Tournament). In addition, each member will pay \$1.00 per tournament day to the Club Course Recognition Fund and \$1.00 per tournament day for The Meadows Ryder Cup competition. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Section C, Item 4:

Old – Tournament entries received after the tournament deadline, if accepted by the tournament chairman, will be subject to a \$5.00 late fee.

DELETED – renumber all subsequent items in this section.

Section C, Item 5:

Modified - All applicable fees must accompany the tournament entry. Entries received without full payment are subject to an insufficient payment penalty fee of \$5.00.

a. Entry fee overpayments will be forfeited to the Club for administrative costs unless a request for refund of such monies is made to the Treasurer in writing (or email) prior to the Fall Banquet.

b. For tournaments where carts are mandatory, all entrants must pay full cart fee at the time they enter the tournament.

c. Unused tournament early withdrawals will be returned to members either through request to the Treasurer or at the end of the season.

Section C, Item 8:

Old – Tournament pairings shall be based only on handicap and cart preference.

New – Tournament flightings shall be based only on handicap.

Section C, Item 17:

Current – Tournament Chairpersons or Volunteer Coordinators may award one tournament credit to any member not playing in a tournament but who volunteers as a marshal, works the sign-in or scorers table, or any combination thereof for one full (8 hour) day.

DELETED.

Section C, Item 19:

Old – Tournament summaries and financial reports are to be completed by the tournament chairperson no later than the Tuesday following the tournament. Copies need to be distributed to the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Awards Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, Volunteer Chairperson, and the tournament book for the file cabinet.

New - Tournament summaries and financial reports are to be completed by the tournament chairperson as expeditiously as possible following the tournament. Copies need to be distributed to the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Awards Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, Volunteer Chairperson, and the tournament book for the file cabinet.

Section C, Item 22:

Old – Underpayment of any dues and/or fees by a member will result in that member's prohibition from participation in future tournaments or other Club activities until the deficit is paid. Possible expulsion from TMGC may result if deficits aren't paid by the end of the tournament season. That member's annual dues letter will reflect such possible expulsion.

New – Underpayment of any dues and/or fees by a member will result in that member's prohibition from participation in future tournaments or other Club activities until the deficit is paid. Possible expulsion from TMGC may result if deficits aren't paid by the end of the tournament season.

Section C, Item 23:

Modified – The following categories, playing opportunities and required duties are defined to provide guidelines for those competitors who are NOT TMGC Regular Members. Wait List members are eligible to play in TMGC tournaments on a space available basis, excluding the Scrambler, Presidents Cup, Hogback and Club Championship.

a. Redshirts are invited to play in all TMGC tournaments except the Member-Guest and Club Championship. Entries will be accepted on a space available basis and at the discretion of the Tournament Setup Chairperson.

b. Redshirt Members may pick up membership books, with entry forms, before the beginning of the season. Individuals on the Wait List will have special entry forms mailed to them.

c. Members “Active with Stipulations” are provided full active membership; however, such designees must earn at least eight (8) credits and work 2 hours in tournaments or special events for each credit they were short in the previous year to return to active status next year.

Section D, Item 3:

Old – The Championship Flight will have a Gross and Net winner and will play from the gold tees. All other entrants will play Net, flighted by their handicaps, from the tees designated by the tournament committee. A player with a course handicap of 20 or higher will play from the White Tees.

New – The Championship Flight will have a Gross and Net winner and will play from the gold tees. All other entrants will play Net, flighted by their handicaps, from the tees designated by the tournament committee. A player with a course handicap of 20 or higher (when handicapped from the white tees) will play from the white tees and will be flighted accordingly.

Section D, Item 10:

Old – Except for the Club Championship Tournament in which a playoff will always take place for first place ties, all ties for first place only . . .

New – Except for the Club Championship Tournament in which a playoff will always take place for a first place tie in the Championship Flight, all ties for first place only . . .

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Section E, Item 4, Part a:

Old – Prize winnings posted to the Credit Book include the appropriate sales tax.

DELETED – reletter b and c.

Section F, Item 5:

Old – A plaque will be given . . .

New – A plaque may be given . . .

Section F, Item 6, Part b:

Old – The formula used considers the golfer’s beginning of the year index and the golfer’s index as of the effective handicap revision one week prior to the Fall Banquet.

New - The formula used considers the golfer’s beginning of the year index and the golfer’s index as of the closest effective handicap revision one week (or more) prior to the Fall Banquet.

Section G, Item 3, Part a:

Old – Twenty-five (25) percent of the Ace Pot will be paid immediately to the member making a Hole-In-One.

New - Twenty-five (25) percent of the Ace Pot will be paid as expeditiously as possible to the member making a Hole-In-One.

Printing changes only (no vote!):

By-Laws:

- (1) *Article III, Section 3. Participation.
(eliminate empty e.)*
- (2) *Article V, Section 4. Handicap Committee.
eliminate “-“ in The-Handicap Committee . . .
c. blank space between “eventhough”
d. blank space between “ahandicap” and change “CGA’s office” to
“Colorado Golf Association’s office (CGA)”
e. blank space between “bythe”*
- (3) *Article V, Section 6. (end last sentence with period)*

Policy File:

- (0) *“chairman” to “chairperson” everywhere???*
- (00) *“Wait List Fee” to “Membership Application Fee” everywhere.*
- (1) *Section A, Item 5:
The Secretary, Treasurer, Handicap Chairperson, Setup Chairperson, and
Webmaster (should the individual be a Club member) . . .*
- (2) *Section A, Item 9: Capitalize “board”.*
- (3) *Section B, Item 6, Part c: add period at end of sentence.*
- (4) *Section B, Item 9: (move part a. into the sentence above in parentheses, reletter
qualification points)
The Board of Directors may bestow special honorary membership status called
Honorary Decade Seniors (HDS) as follows (qualifications for consideration):
etc . . .*
- (5) *Section B, Item 10, Part a: change “since” to “in” after the word “inception”.*
- (6) *Section C, Item 3: (capitalize) . . . Member-Guest Tournament . . .*
- (7) *Section D, Item 12, Part e:
Old – Some pot game Payoffs are associated . . .
New – Some Pot Games payoffs are associated . . .*
- (8) *Section E, Item 2: (eliminate commas)*
- (9) *Section F, Item 2: capitalize “Gross” and “Net”.*
- (10) *Section G, Item 1: capitalize Pot Games (everywhere), lowercase last
“tournament”.*
- (11) *Section G, Item 2: Games (plural)*