

***The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Thursday, October 12, 2006***

Call to Order – Roll Call

Tommy Erbert, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. at The Meadows. Other directors present were: Vice President Brian Benedict, Secretary Walt Jackson, Treasurer Bill Pierpoint, Rick Becker, Bob Branson, Jeff Galgocy, Don Gould, Mike Hickey, and Craig Sharbonno. Also present was Bruce Stewart, Board Co-Advisor, and Webmaster Kenny Lind joined the meeting later. Pat Amato, Justin Borzych, Brad Bryant, and Chip Verrill were absent.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of September 14th, 2006. Don Gould made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Pierpoint, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Tommy Erbert said that he had nothing to report, but he did have a few well-deserved bonus checks to hand out to some Board members.

Secretary's Report

Walt Jackson thanked the Board for compensation he received, and said that he hoped the Board would have a nice time next year. He asked when it would be appropriate to turn in his keys to the file cabinet and green entry box and was told that sometime during the Fall Banquet would be good. Other than that, Walt had nothing else to report.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Pierpoint asked that any receipts still coming to him for this financial year be given to him by the Fall Banquet so that he can get those paid and prepare to close out the financials for this season. He inquired as to who was going to run bingo at the Fall Banquet and was informed that once again Eric Rhodes graciously volunteered to perform that task. Bill said that he would bring \$1100.00 in \$100.00 bills for bingo payouts. There is \$1250.00 budgeted for raffle prizes available to Don Gould who is taking care of the prizes. Bill will take care of all Ringer money once the final results are determined, as well as \$300.00 for Henry Bissell and \$100.00 for Jerry Kidney for their respective Club Championship Tournament cash prizes. Also assuming there are no aces in the Sundowner/Couples tournaments, Bill will have checks of \$746.25 for Don Berthiaume and Joey Betts for their share of the balance of the Ace Pot.

Bill brought up the fact that there are a number of members who have money in their Club accounts due to tournament withdrawals. A motion was made by Walt Jackson for any members who have tournament withdrawal money in Club accounts to have a refund check disbursed to them from the Treasurer. Craig Sharbonno seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Walt suggested that a Policy File amendment pertaining to this situation be drawn up in the future.

There is \$300.00 in the budget for gifts to Pro Shop personnel. Walt made a motion to award \$100.00 Outback Gift Certificates to Meadows Head Pro Sue Maguire, Pro Bob Lewis, and Superintendent John Fitzgibbons (Fitz). The motion was seconded by Don, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

The topic of the video scoreboards for tournaments was brought up once again. This is still an unresolved issue and is tabled for the new Board of Directors. Don Gould stated that upgraded TPP software is needed for this functionality, and that we are going to have to obtain a new laptop computer to run this upgraded software.

A motion was made by Walt Jackson for the Club to spend up to a maximum of \$1500.00 to acquire a new laptop that could handle video scoring. Craig Sharbonno seconded the motion, and the motion passed with 1 dissenting vote.

Discussion turned briefly to the previously talked about potential fountains for the lake between holes #1 and #9. The pondering of this possible Course Recognition Fund expenditure has been tabled for next year, as Brian Benedict has not had the chance to discuss this with Fitz.

Bob Branson also discussed the tournament information that he is still lacking and he had this documented in a fine color chart. Tommy Erbert said that the entire Board appreciates Bob's efforts in working to streamline tournament entry forms and information/rules sheets, and that we will all work to forward Bob the missing documentation.

It was brought to the Board's attention that the luncheon for the Sundowner/Couples Tournaments was already arranged but was quite a bit over budget. Walt made a motion to increase the budget for this luncheon to \$1900.00 from \$1000.00. The motion was seconded by Don. As has occurred in the past, discussion revolved around the percentage of members that would actually benefit from this expenditure, but it was observed that this would be a similar issue with any of our events. The motion carried with 3 dissenting votes.

New Business

In a review of the Gamblers Choice Tournament, it was noted that the tournament ran smoothly and no Pace of Play penalties were assessed. The "Fat Guys" ran the Pot Games in the absence of the usual committee guys of Jeff Galgocy and Craig Sharbonno, and it sounded like they had a fun time administering that task.

Information is not yet available for a review of player credits, and Brian Benedict said that he would track down Justin Borzych to ensure that we obtain the necessary data for next month's Board meeting.

A recommendation directed toward Don Gould was made to maintain this season's "No Late Entries" policy for next year. Walt Jackson did observe that the workload is actually the same for non-tournament players that are allowed to play as they need to be entered into the laptop to enable Pot Games participation. It was decided that next year's Board will discuss whether or not any changes to this policy should be considered.

Brian Benedict reviewed next year's tentative event schedule:

2007 TOURNAMENT/EVENT SCHEDULE (Tentative)

TEE OFF BANQUET	APRIL 13
SCRAMBLER	APRIL 14
SCRAMBLER (alternate date)	APRIL 21
HOGBACK	MAY 5-6
<i>Foothills Invitational (non-credit)</i>	MAY 19-20
PRESIDENT'S CUP	JUNE 2-3
SPRING CLASSIC	JUNE 16
GAMBLER'S CHOICE	JULY 7
MEMBER – GUEST	JULY 21-22
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	AUG 11-12, 18-19
2-MAN BEST BALL	SEPT 8
<i>Foothills Fall Classic (non-credit)</i>	SEPT 22-23
4-MAN BEST BALL	SEPT 30
SUNDOWNER / COUPLES	OCT 13
RED LIGHT SPECIAL (non-credit)	OCT 20
FALL BANQUET	OCT 20

In reviewing the status of preparations for the Fall Banquet and awards, Don stated that all awards are ordered except for the Member of the Year plaque. He also recounted how he had been advised to order the Club Championship Tournament wind jackets, which totaled an extra \$360.00 over the projected budget. Walt asked how this action came about, and Tommy Erbert readily admitted that he had overstepped his bounds in authorizing and telling Don to spend some extra money on awards. Bruce Stewart noted that the jackets were already on order. A motion was made by Mike Hickey to increase the budget for awards to include the purchase of wind jackets for the Club Championship Tournament flight winners. Bob Branson seconded the motion. Walt Jackson emphasized that the Board needs to be informed of these types of changes to the budget before they occur. In this instance, the decision had been made rather quickly to acquire the additional awards since the Club has a significant surplus of funds at the end of this fiscal year. The vote was taken and the motion passed with 1 dissenting vote.

Don then made a motion that the Board not give out the Member of the Year award this year. The motion was seconded by Walt. Rick Becker lamented that he just does not have sufficient information to help the Board out with this decision, but that there was a general consensus that no one member really stood out this year in volunteering time during tournaments. Jeff Galgocy offered the view that the Board should be able to come up with somebody who deserved the recognition, but many Board members were of the opinion that would lessen the award – something which we certainly did not want to do. The vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. Brian said that he would notify Ben Blea to exclude that category from the Fall Banquet agenda.

In an action with no controversy, a motion was made by Walt to nominate Bob Montessoro for a special award – Most Inspirational Member of the Year. Don seconded the motion. Bruce remarked that we want to ensure that this honor is bestowed “appropriately”, and Brian took on the action to notify Bob that he would receive something “special” at the banquet. The motion passed unanimously.

The Fall Banquet menu will include prime rib, salmon, the usual trimmings and desserts, and appetizer trays are also on order. The appetizers were not an originally budgeted item, but once again thought to be an appropriate expenditure of some of the Club's excess funds for our last event of the season. Walt made a motion to have the Meadows Grill use linen tablecloths for the event, even if this resulted in the event being over budget. The motion was seconded by Mike, and the motion passed unanimously. Another motion was made by Walt to authorize the spending of an additional \$600.00 for the Fall Banquet appetizers. Bob seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

At this point, Kenny joined the meeting and discussed how the year progressed with regard to the Website. He recollected that during the season, he had received nothing but positive feedback concerning the Website, and that his primary goal was to ensure that information was as current as possible. The topic of a secure area within the Website for Board members' use only was brought up, and Kenny said that capability does exist. He also noted that all information from this past season is already archived.

In examining the nominees to be placed on the Fall Banquet ballot, Jeff is currently the only aspirant for Vice President. Jeff reported that the candidates for election to the Board include Rick Becker, Jeff Galgocy, Don Gould, Jon Hanson, James Hauber, Paul Santaniello, Steve Spillar, and Brandon Toller. Bruce chimed in that he was also running, and subsequently both Tommy and Walt also threw their names into the hat. Jeff noted that the updated ballot will appear in the newsletter with a note that members will be casting votes for 5 candidates.

Committee Reports

Awards – Already discussed.

By-Laws / Policy File – Mike Hickey made a motion for the Board to formally endorse the proposal to bump TMGC's regular membership from 200 to 250 members. The motion was seconded by Bill Pierpoint, and the motion passed unanimously.

Newsletter – Jeff Galgocy stated that final updates will be sent to the printer and that the last issue should be printed by the end of this week.

Social – Don Gould asked Rick Becker to line up two volunteers who can help at the Fall Banquet from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Volunteers – Tommy Erbert expressed disappointment with this year's effort, and that this area has much room for improvement next season. Mike has said he would take on this role (although it remains to be seen if he is actually appointed the chairman), and he has a number of ideas that he thinks will be effective.

There were no other committee reports.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the TMGC Annual Membership Meeting which will be held 6:00 p.m. Saturday, October 21st, 2006 during the Fall Banquet at the Meadows Grill.

Adjournment

Don Gould made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Branson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*Respectively submitted,
Jeff Galgocy,
Recording Secretary*