

The Meadows Golf Club
Notes of the Board of Directors
Thursday August 16, 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, Don Gould, Mike Hickey, Walt Jackson, and Recording Secretary Jon Hanson. Also present were Board Co-Advisor Ben Blea and Don Toller, as well as Webmaster Kenny Lind. Absent were Bob Branson, Brad Bryant, Tommy Erbert, Craig Sharbonno, Steve Spillar, Bruce Stewart and Brandon Toller.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of Thursday July 12, 2007, but without a quorum present, the minutes could not be approved.

President's Report

Brian Benedict opened by stating that the President's Bar-B-Q date will be Saturday, September 29, 2007. He will have t-times available between 9:00 to 10:30 am for all that can attend. Bill Pierpoint stated that he wouldn't be able to attend.

Secretary's Report

Dennis Moyer stated that TMGC 1 additional retired member – Jim Johnston.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Pierpoint stated that he has no new information to share at this time. Walt Jackson asked where the cash stands at this time. Bill stated \$45,000 at the end of July. Walt then asked what the projected expenses are for the remainder of the year. Bill stated that he could not exactly answer that question at this point.

Old Business

No old business issues were discussed.

New Business

Brian opened the new business discussion by stating that the Member-Guest tournament was a success with most participants enjoying the tournament. Bill stated that the tournament ran slightly over budget. Walt asked that the deficit be incorporated into the budget to offset the loss. Bill stated that the net tournament gain or loss account has a balance of \$561.00, so no worries about the overrun. Walt questioned the account stating that the balance doesn't make sense. Jeff Galgocy asked Bill where the balance came from. Bill said that he would report back to the Board in answer to the question, but felt that it was not a big deal. Walt stated that the Board needs to take action to correct any inaccuracies. Brian felt that an e-mail vote could be put out to get the Board involved. Bill further pointed out, that overall, the TMGC is under budget. Again, Walt stated that the Board as whole needs to acknowledge the figures. Jeff pointed out that the membership may question the over/under of the budget and supports Walt's position. Bill stated that he would help the Board to understand exactly where the figures are. He will clarify where the over/under stands.

Jeff wants all to understand how payments to the Proshop work. If a member pays for all of the days of a tournament, the Proshop receives the entire amount, even if the member does not participate for all of the days paid. Brian then congratulated Walt on a fine job with the t-times.

Brian stated that the new member play credits would have to wait until Bruce Stewart can report on the status. Dennis stated that new members stand at 47 to 48. Walt would like to know how many of the new members are participating in the tournaments. Later in the meeting, Dennis reported that 5 of the new members hadn't signed up for any of the tournaments. Mike Hickey stated that quite a few members are participating and volunteering for tournaments. Don Gould stated that some members from last year still need to cover their short credits by volunteering. Mike said that he does not have exact membership information regarding shortages, but he has contacted the members that he is aware of.

Brian reports that Bob Lewis has stepped back and will not longer enforce the pace of play penalties during tournament play. Bob was inundated with TMGC members that were not pleased with the penalties, and he feels that the Proshop should not be put into the position as an enforcer of the penalties. Mike suggested that a timeclock or a specific person be put into place to capture the turn times for foursomes. Brian suggested that every tournament chairman be responsible for pace of play issues. Ben Blea asked what happened to the idea of (1) person per foursome being a pace of play coordinator? Brian supports that idea. He also pointed out that tournament personnel cannot continue to send penalized members down to the Proshop in the future. Jeff brought up a good point – there are extenuating circumstances that preclude a group falling behind the group ahead of them. One such occurrence was when a cart broke down on the course. Brian wants everyone to know that the Proshop will still be keeping track of the turn times, but the only change in procedure is with the people in charge of enforcing the penalty. Walt pointed out that it is important that everyone is on the same page. He was informed that the last public group out prior to the first tournament foursome played too quick. Bill pointed out that the actual time turned is not the question, but rather the rule of keeping within 14 minutes behind the group ahead is the main goal. Walt wants the Board to

understand that favoritism cannot come into play and that the enforcement of the pace of play rule needs to be consistent. Jeff supports Walt. Mike adamantly asked that the Parliamentary procedures be followed in the Board Meetings. He implored Brian to use the hammer to get control of the floor. Mike then stated that he agrees with the 14-minute rule, but he also wonders who is going to enforce the rule. During the first weekend of the Club Championship, Brian was asked by some of the members receiving the penalties where the information came from for the penalties – which is why these members went to the Proshop when informed that the Proshop kept track of the times. He also said that even though the Proshop will no longer enforce the 14-minute rule, they would keep track of the times and inform the Tournament Chairman of the infraction. Mike pointed out that members probably would still argue with the Proshop. Walt feels like the penalties are warranted, with past tournaments showing that times were getting out of hand. Mike pointed out that the number of threesomes might have had an effect on the groups following them. Jeff pointed out that some of the flights were compacted, which creates a lag in times. Don Toller then asked the Board for their view on the accordion effect that occurs on the back nine. He has noticed that the front will play in 3 hours, while the back will play in 2 hours. Usually, the sprint to complete the round occurs around hole 13 or 14. Brian feels as if placing a Marshall on either hole 16 or 17 might help out. Mike pointed out that if a group has a gap between themselves and the group behind, the front group should hold up on hole 18's green to help close the gap. Walt questions the sprint concept and states that he hasn't noticed it in the past. Ben supports Don's perception and says that he sees it all of the time.

Mike asked if any new names have been thrown into the hat for new Board members. Brian said that he had talked with a few members about running for the Board. Jeff pointed out that Brad, Craig, Bob, Mike and Steve have served their terms. Ben suggested that a sign be posted at the check-in table asking for volunteers to run for the Board. Brian then asked Kenny if he would continue with his fine TMGC website work even if he becomes the new VP. Kenny answered absolutely! He enjoys his role and cares about the TMGC website. Win or Lose in regards to the VP position, he will continue to be the Webmaster.

Bill asked if the standings are available for the ringer. Jeff said that they should be available soon. He also brought up a situation in which Jack Quinlivan's hole in 1 keg was purchased with the extra funds available in the pot games. Ben questioned the purchase with those funds. Jeff answered Ben by explaining that the Board did not allow Jack into the Ace Pot this year due to entry arriving late. As a show of good faith, the Pot Game Committee decided to utilize discretionary funds to purchase the keg. After hearing the explanation, Ben supports the use of the funds. Mike asked where the discretionary funds come from. Jeff replied that rounding with payout computations is the source. Brian stated that he takes responsibility for the purchase of the keg. Bill questioned why someone couldn't enter into the Ace Pot later in the year. Walt replied that late entries have been a hot button for TMGC and earlier Boards have made Policy to address the issue. The rules cannot continually be changed to accommodate only a few. Jeff explained that Jack's situation with his late entry form came up during a Board meeting and the Board voted to not allow his entry into the Ace Pot. Jeff feels as if the ruling was unjust. Don Gould pointed out that any changes would have to address by next year's Board of Directors.

Committee Reports

Awards: Walt – Even though there are measurements in place for the Player of the Year honors, Walt feels as if Henry Bissell is shoe in for the honor. He suggests that a special edition of the Newsletter be compiled after the Club Championship highlighting Henry's exceptional play (Course record round of 64). Ben supports Walt's suggestion. Mike suggests that a special award be awarded to the most inspirational player in the club, which could be viewed as good PR for the club. He suggests Kent Kirksey as the recipient. Ben suggests Roger Anderson. Walt suggests Warren Coble as a recipient, pointing out that he tirelessly fills divots during play. Brian will bring up the idea at the next Board meeting. Ben stated that the award does not have to be yearly award and would like to see it awarded in special circumstances. Mike will make sure that the idea comes up at the next meeting.

Club Donations (CRF): Walt – At a cost of approx. \$2000, he again suggested that the funds be used to replace the antiquated water stands around the course. He has talked with Sue about the idea and feels as if she supports the idea. Walt made a motion to appropriate the needed funds to replace the water stands. Don Gould seconded the motion. Brian said that he would send out an e-mail for the vote. Brian asked Bill where the CRF currently stands. Bill answered \$5000 currently. Ben suggested that the water stand on 18 be eliminated. The round of golf is nearly complete at that point and a water stand just doesn't make a lot of sense to him. Possibly there are other uses for the CRF. Don Gould pointed out that using the CRF for the course is good PR with the Proshop. Bill pointed out that cart path work might make better use of the funds. The cartpath on holes 8 and 9 could use some attention. Walt said that the cart path idea had been brought up before and asked if anyone remembers who addressed it in the past. Brian answered with Roger Baker. Don Toller explained that the funds necessary to complete those types of repairs far exceeds the amount of money being discussed and that those repairs probably need to come from the Foothills District. Walt informed everyone that Sue was quite enthusiastic about the water stand replacement idea and keeping a good relation with the Proshop is beneficial to TMGC. Don Toller suggested that the Proshop be approached and asked what other ideas they might have. Ben had heard that they were interested in rangefinders for the flagsticks. Don Toller pointed out that they don't really work too well and are susceptible to breakage. Walt thought that the Proshop might be interested in something that might speed up the pace of play, possibly purchasing skycaddies for rental use.

Social: Walt – Said that he would begin looking for "sale" items to use for the Fall Banquet.

Volunteers: Mike – Said the volunteers are in good shape

There were no other committee reports.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. **Thursday September 13, 2007** at The Meadows Golf Course.

Adjournment

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Jon Hanson,
Recording Secretary