

***The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Thursday, February 8, 2007***

Call to Order – Roll Call

Brian Benedict, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:00 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, Brad Bryant, Don Gould, Mike Hickey, Walt Jackson, Craig Sharbonno, Steve Spillar, Brandon Toller, and Recording Secretary Jon Hanson. Also present were Board Co-Advisor Fran Bergonz and webmaster Kenny Lind. Board members Tommy Erbert and Bruce Stewart were absent. Tommy arrived later at 7:00 pm.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of January 11, 2007. Don Gould made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeff Galgocy, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Brian Benedict opened with details regarding the Membership Book publishing. Brian stated that the printing costs for the Membership Books may exceed the budgeted amount. The printing for the necessary number of copies will approach \$1000.00. Mike Hickey asked if the electronic version might be used to help alleviate the cost overrun, but member's privacy has been an issue. The printing will be completed prior to the next meeting for the stuffing and Walt added that the cost will need to be accounted for in the budget. Brian appreciates everyone's hard work on the Membership Book.

Secretary's Report

Dennis Moyer's updated membership report indicated that there are 13 honorary Past Presidents, 13 Honorary Decade Seniors, 16 Honorary Charter, 153 (+ 8)Regular members paying full dues, 3 returning Red shirt members, 27 (+ 3 -1)New members (1 had to cancel due to relocation).

Treasurer's Report

Bill Pierpoint opened by asking about the bag tags that are provided by CGA, wondering how the payment for the tags works. Walt stated that CGA sends 200 tags @ \$10.00 per each, but the payment to the CGA is calculated after the actual amount is collected for the tags. Bill let everyone know that he will miss the 3 of the next 4 meetings.

Bill then began discussing the budget and he stated that everyone had been sent a copy. The surplus for the year stands at \$689.00.

Proposed budget items that came up for discussion:

1. The printing cost needs to be updated to show \$1000.00, not the \$900.00 budgeted. Jeff asked how many books should be printed, which Walt answered 275. Brad felt as if 250 would probably be adequate. After additional discussion, 275 was agreed upon. The actual cost to complete the printing will be \$4.40 per book. Jeff added that binders need to be considered as well. A new budget figure of \$1300.00 was proposed and agreed upon.

2. Walt questioned the proposed \$500.00 for the President's BBQ. Mike Hickey stated that he could help out with the BBQ. With Mike's help, it still made sense to bump the amount to \$750.00.

3. Walt then pointed out that the actual cost per person for the Fall Banquet will be \$43.00 per person. It was discussed and agreed that \$40.00 per guest should be charged.

4. Walt pointed out that the cost per person for the Tee Off Party will be \$41.00 per person, which includes 18% tip and applicable tax. The budgeted \$6000.00 will cover approx. 150 people. Typically, only about 90 members show up.

5. Board Meetings: Walt pointed out that the Breakfast Meeting should be approx. \$350.00 which breaks down to \$13.00 per 25 attendees. With the budgeted \$1000.00, that would leave \$650.00 for the Dinner Meeting. Walt felt that this figure might be too low and wasn't sure what venue would fit for that figure? Bill stated that past history has shown that the amount has been adequate. He wondered what should be a reimbursable expense? Sometimes a board member might have a receipt for an expense and will ask for reimbursement. He isn't sure which receipts should be reimbursed? Walt stated that board approval is necessary for expense items, so if something is not a budgeted item – no reimbursement.

6. Walt stated that the raffle prize amount for the Tee-Off Dinner (\$1500.00) might be too high. The pro shop gives up \$600.00 in merchandise, which comes from uncollected credits.

Bill made a motion to accept the budget with the increase for printing (change to \$1300.00) and for President's BBQ (change to \$750.00). Jeff seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Jeff Galgocy began the old business discussion by stating that the updates for the Tournament Management Book have been received and will be ready for the next meeting.

Of the 55 members who were short credits for the 2006 season, 6 more members will be returning with stipulations, making a total of 20 returning members with stipulations. The stipulations are that members will need to work 2 hours volunteer time for every tournament credit that they were short of the required 8 credits. Randy Jahns had to quit due to scheduling conflicts. The additional (6) returning members are Bruce Dick (4 credits short), Randy Harrison (7 credits short), Chris Lawson (1 credit short), Peter Lubar (3 credits short), Chad Scherer (5 credits short) and Shannon Smith (2 credits short). These members needed to remit their dues by February 1st to avoid being dropped.

Scott Crone is currently an associate, having paid the \$20.00 application fee. Walt motioned that Scott Crone be accepted if his dues are paid by February 15, 2007. Bill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jeff asked if Brian Egan had been reimbursed his tournament money from last year. Bill stated that he had been paid and that he did renew his membership.

Don then presented the new computer and its capacity for showing the tournament results via a projector onto a screen for all to see. The projector used for the demonstration was provided by Steve, but was on loan for this demonstration only. He stated that a comparable projector would cost approx. \$1000.00 to \$1200.00. The screen used is on loan from the Pro Shop, but can probably be used for future tournaments. Don showed how the computer scoring system updates every 30 seconds with a leader board showing the inputted scores. The lower portion of the screen will show the members (with their t-times) whose scores have not been entered. Entering player's scores will work in the same fashion as previous years. Don will be setting the system up prior to the tournaments and volunteers will enter the players scores into the computer after the scorecards are handed into the volunteer. The scores will then be displayed on the screen for all to see. Don will also look into the possibility of displaying both gross and net scores. Steve stated that he sells projectors and would be happy to look into setting the TMGC with a projector. Brad asked where the screen would be placed for best visibility? An exact placement hasn't been determined as of yet, but will be discussed. Steve will look into cable lengths and the logistics of setting up the projector. Walt stated that it would be wise to purchase a good projector, as it will be used for many years in the future. Possibly the CRF (course recognition fund) could be used for the purchase. Also, \$250.00 is still in the computer budget, which could possibly be used. Steve stated that the projector could be placed as far as 25' from the screen.

Brad praised Don for his exceptional work in bringing the TMGC into the computer era. Everyone present agreed and gave Don a big clap.

Brian handed out copies of the membership books for everyone's review and stated that the deadline for corrections is February 22nd.

New Business

Jeff Galgocy presented an agenda handout for everyone to look over for the NMO (New Member Orientation) to be held on March 10, 2007 @ 8:30 am. Jeff pointed out that Bruce Stewart would typically be handling the NMO, but with his absence, Jeff was helping out. Discussion about the NMO followed. Brian suggested that a rules section might be helpful and will talk with Bruce about adding it. It was suggested that Bruce start the NMO with Board introductions and new member introductions, rather than Walt handling that. After reviewing the different sections to be addressed, several board members felt it might be beneficial to consolidate some of the categories on the handout. Brian added that any deletions or additions need to be e-mailed to Bruce for consideration. Mike added that the rules section should be included and that possibly Jim Magette or Tommy would be good candidates for the rules discussion. Walt suggested that a single person could possibly summarize the entire NMO within a thirty minute period and possibly have the rules segment take another 30 minutes.

Jeff then provided the board with the results of the member survey for the TMGC. For the most part, the feedback was positive on the 18 surveys that were returned. Discussion ensued regarding the feedback questionnaire. Mike felt that the survey might be more beneficial if it were handed out earlier in the year, giving people more time to complete and hand in. Dennis added that the survey could possibly be added to the Membership Book, which Walt agreed to be a good idea. Tommy pointed out that with only 18 responses, the remaining

members that did not turn in a survey might possibly be happy with the way things are going – so they did not respond.

Brad Bryant then began a discussion regarding the assignment of GHIN numbers and handicap calculations. Active season scores can be inputted into the computer as it is on @ all times. The first revision day for GHIN updates is April 6, 2007. Brad feels as if he can establish a trend for new members, which would act as a handicap for the initial tournaments. An index will not be established until the first update of the new season. Jeff pointed out that the bylaws state that an established handicap needs to be used for members. Brad stated that the index schedule doesn't line up with the initial tournament schedule, therefore a trend might be a good alternative. Walt pointed out that a change to the index vs. trend is a bylaw issue, which needs to go to the members for a change. Jeff stated that 27 new members already have established handicaps. Walt stated that some of the members on the wait list do not have established handicaps. Jeff suggested that these wait list people receive a GHIN and post scores to that GHIN in order to establish an index. Brad supported Walt's position that the issue is a by-law issue. Craig added that without the index, new members will not be able to participate in the match play competition. Tommy pointed out that 10 scores are necessary to establish an index. Brad then stated that trends are good for local play. Brad isn't sure how to state the question to the members in order to change the by-laws. Tommy stated that it might be best to address this issue at the Tee-Off Party. Fran then said that possibly a new category could be established for these new members, which would not make them a part of the by-law issue. Jeff stated that the policy file accepts the club index that the USGA provides. Dennis clarified that 5 scores establish a handicap. Brad suggested that with the clarification from Dennis, that the by-laws do not need to be changed. As long as the GHIN system is utilized, then handicaps can be established as per the earlier discussion. Brad clarified that a trend is really a potential index. Brian simplified the discussion and asked if these potential new members should be invited into TMGC or not? Kenny pointed out that a new member must have an established handicap. Bill stated that a new member must have a GHIN in order to play in a tournament and suggested that the wait list potential members should be brought into TMGC and the handicap issue can then be addressed. Brad pointed out that it may be possible to have them as members under contingent membership status, utilizing a trend for establishing handicap. Mike supported the idea of getting these members into TMGC. Jeff asked if the new members should be extended the March 30, 2007 deadline, which Brad answered with the notion that a trend must be established. Don supported the idea of bringing in the new members and suggested that the NMO could be used to help the new members in clarifying their entering of their scores. Walt stated that Bruce has 12 new guys that Brad should give GHIN numbers and the TMGC should accept them in.

Steve Spillar began a discussion about the black tee survey that sent out to applicable members, which resulted in 17 members wanting to keep the black tees and 18 members wanting to get rid of the black tees. He noted that the members with the lower handicaps were in favor of eliminating the black tees, so the votes seemed to follow handicaps. Numerous board members then stated their opinion regarding the issue, which varied on the necessity of even addressing the issue. It was agreed that the survey was well done, but no action is necessary – the black tees will stay.

Jeff addressed the need for an increase to the membership dues for the upcoming 2008 season. A 10% increase can be established without the issue becoming a by-law change. Walt made a motion to increase the dues to \$99.00, which was seconded by Mike and the motion passed unanimously.

Bill provided a handout pertaining to the online entry process. He feels as if it is not wise to proceed with this option at this time. Brad concurred and felt it wasn't prudent to proceed with the online entry process and suggested that it should be tabled at this point in

time. Bill suggested that everyone merely read through the handout and further discussions could be dealt with in the future. Jeff thanked Don for his input the issue.

Brandon stated that Newsletter articles need to be given to him by 5PM on Monday in order for the article to make the Newsletter.

Brian handed out copies of the Membership Book to each board member and stated that the stuffing party will be March 3, 2007.

Committee Reports

CRF – Walt stated that 300 rule books will be brought into the stuffing party on March 3, 2007. He then stated that he had been talking with Steve regarding the projector. Steve stated that he can look into the options available for a projector. Walt motioned that \$2000.00 be available for the projector, which Tommy seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

Pace of Play – Bob stated that the Pro Shop does not have input one way or the other regarding how penalty strokes are implemented. Tournament committees can set up the way that the pace of play strokes are implemented. Bob ordered 250 pace of play books which he will bring to the stuffing party. The books cost 50 cents each. Walt motioned that Bob be reimbursed \$125.00 for the cost of the books, Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Social – Walt stated that the upcoming meeting will be held on March 3, 2007 @ 9AM at the Meadows. All board members will be present with the exceptions of Jon and Bill. Walt suggested that Sue, Bob, Fitz and Chuck be invited to attend.

Volunteers – Mike stated that he needs an e-mail list for members. Dennis stated that he will send a list to both Mike and Brandon.

Website – Kenny stated that the site is up and running.

There were no other committee reports.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 9:00 am. Saturday March 3, 2007 at The Meadows Golf Course.

Adjournment

Brad Bryant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Galgocy seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

*Jon Hanson,
Recording Secretary*