

***The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Thursday, January 11, 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 – braving the cold weather to attend. Other directors present were: Vice President Jeff Galgocy, Secretary Dennis Moyer, Bob Branson, Brad Bryant, Tommy Erbert, Don Gould, Mike Hickey, Walt Jackson, Craig Sharbonno, Steve Spillar, Bruce Stewart, Brandon Toller, and Recording Secretary Jon Hanson. Also present were Board Co-Advisors Eric Rhodes, Fran Bergonz and special guest Steve Heyn. Treasurer Bill Pierpoint was absent.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

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

President's Report

Brian Benedict appreciates everyone braving the cold to attend the meeting. He introduced the new recording secretary - Jon Hanson, who was quite touched to receive such a warm welcome from everyone.....

Secretary's Report

Dennis Moyer's updated membership report indicated that there are 189 members paying full dues, currently consisting of 145 returning members, 25 new members, 16 Honorary Charter members and 3 returning Redshirt members. He also mentioned that there is (1) new redshirt status and (3) more new member applications. Dennis also mentioned that there are (17) members on the Wait List that are either waiting for GHIN assignment or needing to establish handicaps.

Treasurer's Report

On behalf of Bill Pierpoint, Jeff Galgocy reported that Pat Amato does have the payout funds for our Club's Interclub victory, that he believes the amount to be \$142.00. Jeff believes Bill will be receiving the funds from Pat. A total of \$160.00 was expended for Don and Tommy to attend the local rules seminar.

Jeff asked for questions and discussion involving the proposed budget, and the following items came up for discussion:

- Proposed budget items that came up for discussion:*
- 1. Line 15 – Walt Jackson questioned where the \$317.00 in Bingo card sales revenue went? Eric Rhodes stated that the funds were passed onto Bill Pierpoint. Also, Eric wanted it to be known that the bingo equipment is in his possession.*
 - 2. Line 21 – Walt Jackson asked about the projected \$150.00 gain from the member-guest tournament. Jeff Galgocy stated that this line item should merely be removed from the budget figures.*
 - 3. Line 31 – Walt Jackson questioned the amount in the budget for the membership books. The budgeted amount is \$1500.00, while only \$721.00 was spent last year. Possibly the budgeted figure is too high. Returning members will merely receive replacement paper for their binders, while new members will be given a binder (which is relatively inexpensive). The new budgeted amount will be \$900.00.*
 - 4. Line 38 – Walt Jackson questioned the \$500.00 figure in the budget. Don Gould stated that the USGA meeting held in Las Vegas was to part of this figure, but the meeting was already booked. It was proposed to change the figure to \$120.00.*
 - 5. Line 39 – Walt Jackson wondered how the \$600.00 budgeted item for the Webmaster was to be distributed. Jeff Galgocy stated that the figures in the budget and the actual distributions do not agree and that he would be clarifying this figure.*
 - 6. Line 49 – Walt Jackson wondered who the 5 guys were for this item? There doesn't appear to be a line item for the president. Seems like there should be a line item for the president.*
 - 7. Line 64 – Board BBQ Meeting – Walt Jackson questioned the \$1000.00 amount for this and stated that it should actually be called the President BBQ Meeting. After discussion with other board members, the \$1000.00 amount was left.*
 - 8. Line 73 – Walt Jackson wondered why the Bingo equipment was in the budget. Jeff Galgocy stated that it will fall off in the Spring.*
 - 9. Line 84 – Walt Jackson questioned the \$2500.00 amount allotted for the Scrambler. With approx. 180 players @ \$15.00 each = \$2700.00. Jeff Galgocy agreed with the figure.*
 - 10. Line 44 – Walt Jackson wondered if the budgeted amount for the awards will be sufficient. Don Gould stated that 3 trophies are in stock currently. Brian Benedict stated that jackets may not be a part of the awards this year. Jeff Galgocy suggested that the amount budgeted for the awards should be increased by \$100.00 for a total of \$4000.00.*
 - 11. Line 65 – Walt Jackson stated that the amount budgeted for the board meetings should be enough to cover both the dinner and the breakfast meeting. (Did not get the actual amounts for this).*
 - 12. Line 66 – Walt Jackson brought up the point that the budgeted \$4000.00 for the Fall Banquet may not be sufficient. Once the tax and tip is included in the total figure, there may be a shortfall. After discussion, the amount seems to be sufficient.*
 - 13. Line 70 – Walt Jackson questioned the proposed \$5000.00 figure for the Tee Off Meeting. After the discussion showed that the figure had actually been increased 20%, it was decided to table the amount and revisit it in the budget meeting. Eric Rhodes brought up the point that at the end of the year, the budget has generally had an excess of funds available that might be utilized to cover any overages.*
 - 14. Line 74 – Don Gould stated that he had spent \$1500.00 on a new computer. Brian Benedict stated that extra dollar amounts were needed for cables, possibly a replacement printer and other computer related expenses.*

15. *Line 87 – Walt Jackson questioned the amount of monies available for the Sundowner Couples luncheon. Walt felt that the amount available should either be sufficient or strike it altogether, but the current budgeted figure is not workable. Jeff Galgocy stated that the amount allocated will be discussed in the budget meeting.*

The board members thanked Walt Jackson for his stupendous budget overview and wished to thank him for his input.

Old Business

Bruce Stewart began a membership discussion. Members with insufficient credits have been sent a letter detailing what is necessary to regain membership status. He stated that Bill Mahnken and Gary Manes have returned. Bruce then noted that the letter sent to the members with insufficient credits did not contain a due date for return. Therefore, he motioned that these members be contacted via e-mail with a due date of Feb. 1 to express interest in remaining a member in the TMGC and forwarding their dues. The motion was seconded by Walt Jackson. The motion passed with no dissenting votes. Bruce followed up later and stated that the letters did go out to the final 7 members with insufficient credits from last year.

Bruce Stewart's motioned to add 2 new members – Tony Fox and Jason Burroughs. Jeff Galgocy seconded the motion. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

The members contacted regarding their status with the club due to insufficient credits who have not responded will also have until Feb. 1 to respond back to the Club. Those who do not respond will be dropped. This motion was made by Brad Bryant and seconded by Tommy Ebert. The motion passed with 1 dissenting vote.

Brian Benedict stated that The Meadows Golf Club plans to still have the interclub competitions.

Jeff Galgocy brought up the subject of club sponsored shootouts and their affect on amateur player status. Fran Bergonz has looked into the affect and reports that he was unable to find any loopholes for handing out cash for amateurs. Cash or cash equivalents cannot be used. A question was raised about wagering on a golf game. Wagering is OK as long as the wager comes from the participant voluntarily. The amount of a wager comes into play, but as long as the amount does not ruin the spirit of the game, then it is OK. Generally, the amount is relative to the monetary status of the participants. Brian Benedict suggested that gift certificates could possibly replace the cash from the shootouts, which seems to be OK as long as the certificate cannot be exchanged for cash. Don Gould suggested that the shootout could possibly be handled as a pot game, which was also suggested by Jeff, as this has been done in the past with the Hogback Tournament.

New Business

Jeff Galgocy identified the different board members who were responsible for the information/entry forms required for the Membership Book, stating that the final drafts need to be ready by January 25, 2007.

- 1. Tee Off Party / Scrambler – Walt Jackson*
- 2. Hogback – Bruce Stewart*
- 3. Presidents Cup – Brian Benedict*
- 4. Spring Classic – Bob Branson (done!)*

5. *Gamblers Choice – Tommy Erbert*
6. *Member Guest – Mike Hickey*
7. *Club Championship – Jeff Galgocy*
8. *2 Man Best Ball – Brandon Toller*
9. *Meadows Ryder Cup – Don Toller*
10. *4 Man Best Ball – Dennis Moyer (done!)*
11. *Sundowner – Craig Sharbonno*
12. *Couples – Ben Blea (done!)*
13. *Fall Banquet – Walt Jackson*
14. *Ringer – Brad Bryant*
15. *Match Play – Tommy Erbert*

Fran Bergonz suggested that a copy of the schedule be sent to Kenny Lind for posting on the Website. Craig asked if the schedule and forms were to be reviewed by the entire Board. Jeff replied with a yes – when all Board members have the opportunity to review their drafts of the Membership Book.

With regard to the status of the Membership Book, Jeff informed everyone that updates are being sent to Dennis. Walt questioned if everything was resolved and Jeff said yes, outstanding issues have been resolved.

Jeff reported that for the Sundowner/Couples Tournament, he has been in contact with the Meadows Pro Shop regarding the open dates for the tournament. Basically, there are 3 options available – (1) October 6, 2007, (2) swap the original date with the 4 man best ball or (3) keep it as the second weekend in October. July 28, 2007 was discussed as a possibility, but the date is not a viable option with the Pro Shop. Brian suggested that the October 6, 2007 be used, and most of the Board members agreed, so that will be the new date.

Don sent out questionnaires to the members of the Championship Flight asking their opinion regarding payouts. He tallied the results, which showed the following: (7) Gross Only / Declare Flight, (6) the previously used “Roger Baker Method”, (5) Even splits between gross and net, (5) Leave it the same. Don recommended that the “Roger Baker Method” be used. Considerable discussion ensued. Steve Spillar stated that there is such a slight difference between options 2 & 3 that a combination of the two could be used. Fran felt that option 1 could be the best solution. In rare instances of very small Championship Flights, TMGC could help fund the payouts from the general treasury fund. Brad and Bob stated that they see a problem with this idea. Brad has been in a situation where there is such a large difference in handicaps that the fairness becomes questionable. Eric Rhodes and Steve Heyn stated that it’s best to have a choice when it comes to competing. Walt stated that a declare only is a possible solution. Jeff responded by saying that prior to motions being brought forth, it may be best to consider what the responses from the flight participants were. Don responded that the flight participants support option 2. Eric stated that handicaps have a way of adjusting themselves over time. Bob emphatically stated that he deplores the idea of non-Championship Flight participants voting on the Championship Flight payouts. Walt stated that he doesn’t want to supplement the Championship Flight payouts.

Bruce made a motion to implement option 1 for the Championship Flight, which was the Gross Only / Declare Flight option. The motion was seconded by Walt. Then, Walt offered an amendment to eliminate the black tees and the First Flight play Net Only form the gold tees. Bruce accepted the amendment. The motion was defeated with 5 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

A motion was made by Steve Spillar to change to option 2 (the “Roger Baker Method”) paying 4 places only. Brad seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 dissenting votes.

With regard to the Tournament Management Book, Bruce stated that he has the disk of documents and will get it to Jeff , who will update the book for the upcoming season. The

electronic version for the tournament management functions book has been sent to Jeff from Bruce.

Jeff made a motion to refund Brian Egan \$36.00 in outstanding tournament credit from 2006. The motion was seconded by Mike Hickey. The motion passed unanimously.

For the record, Eric stated that he appreciated the efforts made by Don for his time regarding the Championship Flight payouts survey.

Committee Reports

Awards – Don Gould stated that only one update is needed for the trophy case, the President’s Cup Trophy, and he is taking care of it.

Membership – Bruce Stewart said that he is tentatively planning the New Member Orientation meeting for March 10, 2007.

Newsletter – Brandon Toller is handling the layout. New articles are due by February 12, 2007. Walt Jackson suggested that an article be written introducing the “newbees” to the TMGC board to the membership. Board members agreed that was a great idea.

Social – Walt Jackson suggested that discussion commence for the upcoming Board meetings - possibly merging the breakfast meeting with the Membership Book Stuffing meeting. The Meadows Grille has shown an interest in hosting the meeting. March 3, 2007 will be the merged meeting date.

There were no other committee reports.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 8th, 2007 at The Meadows Golf Course.

Adjournment

Tommy Erbert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Craig Sharbonno seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

*Jon Hanson,
Recording Secretary*