

***The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Thursday, May 11, 2006***

Call to Order – Roll Call

Tommy Erbert, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. at Q's Pub. Other directors present were: Vice President Brian Benedict, Secretary Walt Jackson, Pat Amato, Rick Becker, Bob Branson, Brad Bryant, Jeff Galgocy, Don Gould, Mike Hickey, Craig Sharbonno, and Chip Verrill. Also present was Eric Rhodes, Board Co-Advisor. Treasurer Bill Pierpoint and Justin Borzych were absent.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of April 13th, 2006, and Don Gould was thanked for a job well done on those. Mike Hickey made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Don, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Tommy Erbert stated that we are no longer pursuing the acquisition of golf Rules Books for all members this season. We do have the latest Decision Books, thanks to Jim Magette, and Eric Rhodes said that he would try to pick up a few new Rules Books on his next visit to the Colorado Golf Association office.

Tommy also inquired as to the status of a correction page for the membership book. Both Brian Benedict and Jeff Galgocy noted they are collecting modifications and will combine those for the next newsletter.

Secretary's Report

Walt Jackson had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

Reporting on behalf of Bill Pierpoint, Walt Jackson said that we are about \$1400.00 behind in the pace of our associate memberships as compared to past years. Other than that, the income statement looks pretty good. With no expense for Rules Books, that will eliminate some of the pressure on the budget. Bob Branson asked about the budget comparison between the current year and last year. It apparently is a bit confusing to some Board members, so we'll ask Bill if he might make those section headings a little clearer.

Old Business

Mike Hickey committed to make a "\$5.00 late fee" sign for this Saturday's tournament to remind those members who are turning in late entries. The Board also brought up the idea of making forms more accessible on the Website. Webmaster Kenny Lind has already made some improvements in that area, but everyone agreed that a single button, tab or menu to access all TMGC forms would be even better. Bob Branson grumbled that he still needs a number of tournament information forms (in Membership Book format) to be sent to him from tournament chairman. He only has four so he needs seven more. All chairman agreed to send Bob the appropriate information – both tournament information sheets and entry forms.

New Business

In a review of the Spring Classic, Mike Hickey and Bob Branson reported it went really well until later in the afternoon when we had trouble adding players into flights and could not run reports for the last two flights of the day. Tommy Erbert stressed that if tournament chairmen ever again decide to allow relief from aeration holes, it must be stated that that relief must be taken in accordance with the USGA rules. This was obviously a source of confusion for many of that day's competitors.

Craig Sharbonno noted that June 1st is now the deadline for article submission for the next newsletter issue, and that preparations are underway. Jeff Galgocy reported that we are almost out of copies of the first issue, and the go ahead was given if a few more need to be printed to send to Wait List gentlemen. Jeff also asked if it was okay if we inform everyone through the newsletter of the golf tournament that will be held for Bill Mueller's son. That was considered appropriate and that information should also be forwarded to Kenny Lind for Website posting.

Tommy asked Board members what they knew about "electronic scoreboards" that Foothills Golf Club is now using for their tournaments. No one seemed to have much information regarding this topic. Brad Bryant said that we can certainly handle it technically, but we may need some additional hardware for the laptop to enable that capability. Chip Verrill volunteered to look into the possibilities and will do some investigation. Brad added that the latest version of TPP has a built-in applet for "live scoring" and he will research that functionality.

Bob informed everyone that Todd Ridgway will soon have surgery, and Bob was looking into ways to help make guys aware of this at the Club. Walt Jackson observed that Todd has also paid for Redshirt status, and Tommy mentioned that we have another Club member who has done the same (he couldn't immediately recall that member's name).

Bob then distributed a sample configuration for a special private section on the Website for the Board of Directors use only. Bob's design was very thoughtful and well-received and will be the catalyst for further development of this Website feature.

Committee Reports

Club Donation – Using some money from the Course Recognition Fund to implement the "clubhouse tournament electronic scoreboard" would be a great use of that Fund.

Handicap – Walt Jackson asked Mike Hickey to look into the "March 26th" associates as apparently these folks do not appear to be in the handicap system. We've had a number of "not so congenial" phone calls from gentlemen concerning this problem, so Mike will look into this immediately.

Interclub – Pat Amato said that he is searching for A, B and E players for the first Interclub match on May 24th, as we're a little thin in these player categories.

Newsletter – Brian Benedict will include an article asking for feedback on the new Website from our members. Mike also said he would contribute an article concerning late entries for tournaments.

Pace of Play – Bob Branson said the pace of play was very good for the Spring Classic Tournament, although there were a few penalties handed out. He is somewhat annoyed that we continue to receive some “pressure” in this area from the Pro Shop, but many Board members reminded Bob that a number of folks have done a lot of work championing this cause in the past (namely Brian Benedict and Terry Burley). As a Board, we really want to consider this finished, so Bob was told that on his own, he could take his suggestions to the Pro Shop to see if any changes might be possible.

Pot Games – Jeff Galgocy updated the Pot Games “special situations” sheet for future use.

Tournaments – Tournaments are going well so far, and Walt Jackson wants us to impress upon members to put those tournament entries in early.

Tournament Setup – Walt showed Bob how it's done in TPP, so now at least Bob is familiar with that TPP function.

Volunteers – Chip Verrill said that we could use a few more volunteers for this Saturday's tournament, and a number of Board members said they would be available to help.

Website - A motion was made by Chip to purchase Adobe Acrobat (publisher version) for Website formatting (for a cost of about \$200.00). Jeff seconded the motion. There was a short discussion as to the need for this product, but it would greatly aide us in Website work as well as other areas. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no other committee reports.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 8th, 2006 at The Meadows.

Adjournment

Don Gould made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Craig Sharbonno seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

*Jeff Galgocy,
Recording Secretary*