

***The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Thursday, September 14, 2006***

Call to Order – Roll Call

Tommy Erbert, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. at The Meadows. Other directors present were: Vice President Brian Benedict, Treasurer Bill Pierpoint, Rick Becker, Justin Borzych, Bob Branson, Brad Bryant, Jeff Galgocy, Don Gould, Mike Hickey, and Craig Sharbonno. Secretary Walt Jackson, Pat Amato, and Chip Verrill were absent.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Consideration was given to the Board of Directors meeting minutes of August 8th, 2006. Craig Sharbonno made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Branson, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Tommy Erbert did not really have much of a report for this meeting, but he strongly suggested for those participating on the next Board to enforce the NO LATE ENTRIES rule. His advice was that it is just too much of a hassle to deal with for the Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Setup Chairman, and the Tournament Chairmen.

Secretary's Report

Walt Jackson was absent and there was nothing to report on behalf of the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Pierpoint had previously sent out the Club's latest financials, and he asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Old Business

Bill Pierpoint asked Brad Bryant about the status of the video scoring function and whether or not to pay Don Gould for the cables that he acquired. Brad said that we will get the video scoring working and that Don should be reimbursed for the purchase of the cables.

Bob Branson questioned Bill as to whether the financials for June had ever been sent out. A number of Board members said that they had received them, and Brad will take the action to forward those financials to Bob in an email.

New Business

In a brief review of the second weekend of the Club Championship, it was noted that the tournament ran smoothly, and that once again our Club Champion is Henry (Bissell).

Jeff Galgocy raised the notion that for one Pace of Play penalty that was assessed during the Hogback Tournament, one competitor readily admitted that he was entirely to blame, and he had asked

that the penalty should be attributed only to him and waived for the other members of his foursome. In discussion, the Board saw the need for a policy file item dealing with this sort of circumstance – the ability to wipe out the penalty strokes for the other members of the group when one golfer assumes total blame. The Pace of Play Chairman will also need to discuss this idea with the Pro Shop for their thoughts.

Jeff also noted that the deadline for the last newsletter is September 22nd, as articles collected by that time will be forwarded to the printer so that they can be worked on while Jeff is out of town the last week in September.

Tommy Erbert asked about candidates for next year's Board of Directors. Bob Branson, Brad Bryant, Mike Hickey, Craig Sharbonno, and Chip Verrill are on the Board next year serving the second year of their terms. Don Gould and Rick Becker said they would run for reelection. Jeff Galgocy said he will be a candidate for Vice President, as well as be on the regular ballot for Board of Directors. It was observed that Jon Hanson has expressed an interest in running for the Board. It is intended that a sample ballot will be included in the last newsletter noting the gentlemen who we've recruited who are willing to "throw their names into the hat".

With regard to next year's tournament schedule, Tommy advised Brian Benedict to get together with any TMGC Vice President candidates and Sue Maguire to determine next year's event schedule.

Bill Pierpoint and Brad Bryant were temporarily dismissed from the meeting. Tommy asked the remaining Board members to consider bonuses for those gentlemen beyond the normal \$300 per year stipend. A motion was made by Don Gould to match the stipends of Bill Pierpoint, Brad Bryant and Walt Jackson (for both his roles). Mike Hickey seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Tommy said that work was already commencing with respect to member renewal letters, and he asked Justin Borzych to send a list to Walt of the TMGC members lacking sufficient credits for this past season.

Tommy noted that Don is already planning the Fall Banquet, and he should have an update on that for the October Board meeting. Also, Don will get together with Bill regarding prizes for Fall Banquet.

Bill and Brad returned to the meeting and Tommy then left the meeting.

Brad made a motion to award the "usual" President's gift to Tommy. The motion was seconded by Justin, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bill said that it looks like our Club's financial surplus may be in the \$3000.00 to \$5000.00 range, but he will send out a better estimate to Board members in the near future.

It was noted that the award for Player of the Year cannot be determined until the end of our tournament season.

Jeff closed out New Business promising to send out all current Hogback Tournament information to Bob.

Other Business

Walt Jackson had sent out a suggestion that the Board should consider that the Member of the Year award should go to "a guy we all know". In Board discussion, it was thought that an Inspirational Member of the Year award would be more appropriate. The Board does not yet have a list of volunteer hours laid out in a spreadsheet to help influence a choice for Member of the Year. Tommy Erbert charged Rick Becker with getting in touch with Chip Verrill to get us a list quickly to vote on during the October 12th meeting.

In considering a Course Recognition Fund (CRF) expenditure, a motion was made by Brian Benedict to have fountains installed in the lake between holes #1 and #9. The motion was seconded by Brad Bryant. Tommy said that we first need to find out the cost of such a project, and Mike Hickey

advised that we want to research the various cost options. We also need to find out from Fitz (Meadows Superintendent John Fitzgibbons) if we are paying for the entire project or just a portion of it. The motion was tabled, and Brian said that he will discuss this matter in more detail with Fitz.

Another “golf course improvement” suggestion was offered: Make sand and seed bottles available at the turn. A few Board members mentioned that it would also be good if we had full sand bottles to start with when we go out to the first tee! When asked for the current balance of the CRF, Bill replied that it is around \$5300.00.

Don Gould then made a motion to spend about \$300.00 for a hole in one opportunity for the Gamblers Tournament. The motion was seconded by Jeff Galgocy. Discussion revolved around whether or not this was worth the trouble for a one-day tournament. The motion passed with 2 dissenting votes and 2 abstentions.

Committee Reports

Awards – Don Gould had nothing at this time but is preparing to get all the awards done.

Handicap – Mike Hickey has been working with Brad Bryant on handicap activities. Mike said that he would like to see a training “deal” carried out for Brad’s successor should Brad not be in charge of the Handicap Committee next year.

Membership – We are intending to include a proposal on the Fall Banquet ballot to increase TMGC regular membership from 200 to 250 members. At the very least, a little blurb should be put in the Newsletter so the membership can be informed.

Volunteers – Mike volunteered to assume Volunteer Committee duties for next year, as he has a number of ideas and suggestions on how to run this function smoothly.

Website – Bob Branson asked if we were eventually going to get something set up on the Website for Board members use only. Brad said the functionality is available and recommended that Webmaster Kenny Lind be invited to the next meeting for discussion.

A motion was made by Brad to also award a matching bonus to Kenny for his excellent work this season on the Website. The motion was seconded by Craig Sharbonno, and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no other committee reports.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 12th, 2006 at The Meadows.

Adjournment

Don Gould made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Branson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

*Jeff Galgocy,
Recording Secretary*