

The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Thursday, July 14th, 2011

Call to Order – Roll Call

Jon Hanson, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at The Meadows Restaurant. He appreciates everyone's attendance. Other directors present were: Vice President Pete Coffaro, Secretary Steve Grantowitz, Brian Fort, Cap Lewis, John Mele, Chris Nicholl, Craig Perkins, and substitute Recording Secretary Jeff Galgocy; and Brad Bryant arrived later. Absent were Treasurer George Turtle, Ben Blea and Dave Wade. Also present was Tom Woodard, Foothills District Director of Golf

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Jon requested approval of meeting minutes from June and they passed with minimal changes from Jon.

Special Report

Tom Woodard began the meeting with some summary information regarding District matters. There will be no District bond issues on election ballots for in the near-term, and therefore no additional tax revenue will be forthcoming until 2014 at the earliest. In the last few years, the District's gross revenue has declined about \$350,000 per year. A number of golf courses in the greater Denver metropolitan area have ceased operations at least temporarily, have been/will be purchased by other groups, or are in serious financial difficulty (examples being, Green Gables, the Golf Club at Ravenna, and Box Elder Creek Golf Course). An interesting statistic is that within the Denver area, Foothills Golf Course has had the most rounds of play the last several years.

Most folks are now aware that "Fitz" (John Fitzgibbons) retired as Meadows Superintendent around the beginning of July. Paul Janosik will now take care of Head-Superintendent duties at both District courses, and John Kenny will be the new Supervisor at The Meadows. Tom explained the circumstances surrounding the situations which brought about the horrendous conditions that affected so many areas of the golf course, and various strategies that might be used to avoid those problems in the future.

Tom also reported that the Pro Shop has observed that Pace of Play problems are not limited to TMGC, but are a universal "tournament issue". That is, all tournament-type events held at The Meadows exhibits similar Pace of Play slowdowns. He noted that it has been very helpful this season having John Mele working so hard and diligently to improve TMGC's Pace of Play. Another suggestion Tom offered was that maybe the Board could consider changing policy to allow the combination of players from different flights to help eliminate the number of 3-somes that fall out of some tournament setups.

President's Report

Jon did not have any items to report on outside of the agenda.

Secretary's Report

Steve Grantowitz advised the Club now has 183 members which includes 25 new members and 3 Redshirts. Steve also reported there are now 105 associate members signed up.

Treasurer's Report

George was not present but had forwarded the current financials. Jon reviewed these with the Board in a broad fashion. There were no unusual items to discuss and no questions. Jon also clarified all the expense checks to be approved.

Mike made a motion to approve the past month's expenditures, Steve seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Item 1) The President's Barbeque has been changed to August 27th and will be held at Mike's house. Golf tee times that morning will start at 10:03 and 8 tee times have been set aside.

Item 2) With regard to previous GHIN posting problems, it was discovered that there was a small glitch in the TPP software. That issue is going to be resolved in an update that will be available soon and applied to our current software version.

Item 3) Some recent items concerning the Member/Guest Tournament: Bob Lewis will be out-of-town that weekend, so is looking to get information as soon as possible for shotgun planning purposes. With regard to Pro Shop money for the guests, gift cards were done last year and that will also be the case this year. At present, there are only 27 entries for the Tourney. There was additional discussion involving the appropriate Pot Games and Calcutta. Mike will be working out all Social Committee details for the Tournament.

New Business

Item 1) Feedback on the Beat the Pro Feature of the Hogback Tournament was overwhelmingly favorable. It was an interesting addition, provided some added excitement for that Tournament, and should certainly be a potential continuing aspect of that event.

Item 2) The Member/Guest Tournament setup will be on Tuesday (July 19th) at 5:30 p.m.

Item 3) Neither Ben, nor the Club, has yet to receive any invoices for the CRF expenditures approved (and executed) earlier in the season.

Item 4) Jim McDonald had voiced some concern to the Handicap Committee (specifically Brad) over the fact that Kelly Hannegan has basically only tournament scores posted in the GHIN system. Brad sent a response to Jim and the Board that those are pretty much all of the rounds that Kelly plays, as he rarely plays casual rounds, and that it is indeed an honest measure of his handicap and golfing ability.

Item 5) There was some discussion regarding the "Tee It Forward" concept being espoused by the USGA/CGA (a concept basically encouraging all golfers to play the game from the tees properly representing their skills. It is an idea that cannot really be applied to Club tournaments, but can certainly be a consideration for all members' casual play.

Item 6) There was some discussion as to the “mowing procedure” with regard to our tournament “Drop Zones”. The Meadows maintenance crew is responsible for that specific grass cutting, and they have been properly instructed to continue to maintain those areas as “closely mowed”.

Other Business – There were no other items presented.

Committee Reports

Awards Committee: No report.

By Laws/Policy File: Nothing to report.

CRF: Already discussed in Unfinished Business.

Handicap: Already covered.

Membership: Previously summarized by Steve.

Pace of Play: John and Tom Woodard have discussed a number of aspects of this topic. They had talked to Fox Hollow members who mentioned that they actually use non-players to help in that area, and also assess penalties for any group playing their round in over 5 hours. Discussion ensued as to the Board considering combining golfers from adjacent flights to help eliminate 3-somes and take up less tee times for a tournament day.

Pot Games: Cap noted that all clubhouse purchases by Pot Games volunteers need to be approved by him.

Rules: No report.

Ryder Cup: Current point standing will be updated as soon as the Hogback Tournament is officially closed out.

Social: No additional report.

Tournament Set-Up: Dave not present but will be working on the Member/Guest Tournament.

Volunteers: Craig has this area well handled.

Website: No report.

CGA Interclub: Jon reported that our Club gave it our best shot, but we came up short and are out of event for this year.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held **Thursday, August 11th, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. at The Meadows.

Adjournment:

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Jeff Galgocy,
Substitute Recording Secretary