

**The Meadows Golf Club**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**Thursday, March 10th, 2011**

### Call to Order – Roll Call

Jon Hanson, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. at The Meadows Restaurant. He appreciates everyone's attendance. Other directors present were: Vice President Pete Coffaro, Secretary Steve Grantowitz, Treasurer George Turtle, Ben Blea, Brad Bryant, Brian Fort, Clay Goodhue, Mike Hickey, Cap Lewis, John Mele, Chris Nicholl, Craig Perkins, Dave Wade. Also present was Board Advisor Jeff Galgocy and substituting for the absent Recording Secretary Ray Swanson was Brian Benedict.

### Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Jon did appreciate Brian's efforts for stepping in to handle the recording Secretary duties, and asked for approval of the February minutes, they passed unanimously. Jon noted there will not be an approval of January's meeting minutes, as they have not been completed at the time of this meeting. Brian will continue working on getting the January meeting minutes transcribed from the recorder.

### President's Report

Jon started the meeting by thanking all the Board of Directors for attending the meeting, another 100% attendance record.

Jon began his President's Report by mentioning the passing of a Meadow's long time employee at the snack shop, Dorothy Hubler. He added that his company Advantage Sign Company, Inc. will get a sign made for the snack shop, "Dorothy's Place". He noted that there will be a committee to assemble the Membership packets after the meeting.

Jon welcomed a member of the Club, Mike Hounsel, to discuss a fund raising effort that he is undertaking for The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. He is organizing a triathlon to raise money, and has a Green Saver Book available for a \$50.00 donation that has golf course discounts in it.

### Secretary's Report

Steve Grantowitz advised the Club now has 165 members. He also advised that he has received applications for 13 Associate members. There are 6 new members that have been approved, 6 additional to be confirmed tonight, Steve advised that he received payment from prospective returning member Dave Ebens, Chris Nicholl made a motion to accept him, along with Richard Heidt, Ryan Henn, Jamie Burroughs, Michael Jones and Thomas McNerney. Each of whom made payment. Mike Hickey seconded the motion and the Board approved these six new golfers for membership unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

George Turtle advised the Club checking and savings accounts have a balance of approximately \$ 35,000.00, George advised that The Club is around \$2,200.00 under budget with respect to the membership. George reported that some associates underpaid their fees, but he will handle the issue. George has completed the tax forms for the 2009 tax year, he requested that it be posted to the TMGC website. George needs approval to send a check to CGA for Club membership, Brad made a motion for this payment, Clay Goodhue seconded the motion, it was approved unanimously.

## Unfinished (Old) Business

**Item 1) Website Launch-** Jon discussed the status of the timing of the Website launch, . Jon advised that he talked to Ryan Eisenbarth, it is ready to put up for viewing. Ryan told Jon that he will have it up and running by the end of the upcoming weekend.

**Item 2) Mentor/ Big Brother-** Chris Nicholl completed the Mentoring Outline, and gave out the assignments, asking for the Board members to contact their Mentees before the Orientation Meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>. He also asked the Mentors to volunteer with their new member for the first two tournaments. Jon will also set up the golf pairings for the New Member Orientation meeting by e-mail. George advised he will attend the meeting, but he will be unable to play. Clay will not be able to attend either. Brian Fort brought up some good points regarding how to keep the meeting interesting for the New Members.

**Item 3)** The photos of the Board of Director's has been completed for the website thanks to Pete Coffaro.

**Item 4)** John Mele advised that the Tree trimming adventure was completed successfully, with no injuries during the three hours of windy fun. Ben asked if anything will be done with the bushes on the left side of the bridge, John advised that he did not think the grounds crew has the means (equipment or budget) to trim them.

**Item 5)** the Dual Club Membership Vote was completed between meetings. However, Steve reported since only 102 members voted on the website, it can not pass yet. It would have passed, as 85 voted to approve the measure, but 106 was needed for a 2/3 acceptance out of 163 ballots sent. A discussion ensued regarding this full membership on-line vote, Dave Wade suggested that we amend the By-Laws, Article X at the general membership meeting, so the count is based on responses only. The Board also will provide a ballot at The Tee-Off Party meeting regarding the Dual Membership issue, which will allow members to join both The Meadows and The Foothills Golf Club. Brad advised that Foothill's members will still have to pay the GHIN fee along with the other associated fees to become TMGC members.

Greg Ignaszewski raised a question during the meeting. Iggy wanted to know if it would be possible for the Tournaments to start with no casual groups in front of us. Jon advised that it would not be practical to start our tournaments at 5:30 am. He also knows the Course Administration does not want to give up the early morning revenues.

## New Business

**Item 1)** Jon discussed the opportunity for TMGC to have Membership Flyers in several areas of the golf course. He advised that Tom Woodard approved the flyers to be set on the table in the lobby outside the Pro Shop, but not in the Pro Shop. He also advised that we can link to the Foothill's Recreation Golf E-Newsletter. He also requested that no flyers be put on vehicles in the parking lot. Chris will develop the flyers, with Ben Blea volunteering to handle the printing. Craig, Chris and Ben have a \$200.00 budget for this advertising endeavor.

**Item2)** New Member Orientation- Meeting is set for Saturday morning March, 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Jon will handle the Agenda. Jon has spoken with Bob securing 6 tee times for golf starting at 10:30, after the meeting. Jon will send an e-mail to the Board, the mentors will contact their new members to see if they want to play.

**Item 3)** Scrambler Set-Up Meeting Date- The meeting date was moved up to Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Craig Perkins confirmed the due dates, and asked that the membership be notified early and often about the short time span between the Membership Book distribution and the Due Dates. Steve advised that he has handled this with the creation of a special entry form, the Pre Season Entry Form that combines all the early registrations.

**Item 4)** Spring Tee Off Party Coordination- Jon advised that he has completed some purchases for the Raffle prizes from the unused Pro Shop credits from last year. He asked Mike Hickey to contact Chuck Borzych and Walt Jackson to see if they will

volunteer to sell tickets at the door again this year. George advised there is a \$1,500.00 budget for purchases, it was decided that Mike, Pete and Chris will comprise the Raffle Committee to purchase the rest of the Raffle Prizes. Pete discussed his experience from last year, that Golf Galaxy gave him the best deals. He advised that the \$5 off coupons were given to TMGC by the Store Manager, not purchased by The Club.

Mike Hickey started a discussion regarding how to divide the food budgets between the Tee Off Party and the Fall Banquet. Dave Wade suggested that we have the Italian Fare, rather than Burgers and Dogs. Mike advised they are the same price, the Board approved having the Italian dinner, saving \$1,300.00 for the Fall Banquet dinner. Jon advised that several volunteers would be needed for the Check-In Table.

**Item 5) e-mail Discussions-** Jon wanted to remind the Board of Directors that they represent the Board, even when discussions are taken off line. He requested that all involved in the Ryder Cup discussion to please be cautious about what is said in e-mails.

## Other Business

**Member/Guest Tournament-** Brian Fort wanted to start a preliminary discussion regarding how the Club would like to handle the Member/Guest Budget for this years event. Based on 80 Players, he presented 4 options to the Board:

- 1) \$630 subsidy by the Board to help with the M/G dinner.
- 2) \$310 paid by the Club with No CRF or Ryder Cup fees added to the Entry
- 3) \$70
- 4) Recruit Sponsors to enhance the M/G Tournament

The discussion was cut short by Jon, and advised Brian to put this item on next month's agenda, as there is still time before this tournament is scheduled.

## Committee Reports

**Awards Committee:** Clay will take the Trophy's to get engraved within 3 weeks

**By Laws/Policy File-** This item was previously discussed, The Club will present a ballot or floor motion to vote on the dual membership issue.

**CRF-** Ben has spent the money per the previous month's discussion, and some of the items have already been set out.

**Handicap:** Brad advised that the first date for posting scores will begin on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Interclub:** No reports from Jon.

**Membership:** Previously discussed in the Secretary's Report, Chris made a motion to add 6 new members, passed unanimously

**Pace of Play:** John Mele advised that he has received a Pace of Play Guideline from Tom that splits out hole by hole times to maintain good pace of play. Brad questioned how the times were derived. John responded that the times were provided by the CGA. John will send a copy of this to the Board in the near future.

**Pot Games-** Cap Lewis asked about the Calcutta for The Scrambler. Previous Pot Games Chairmen gave him some tips. Brian Benedict volunteered to be the Auctioneer if needed.

**Rules:** No Report

**Ryder Cup:** The e-mail discussion mentioned previously was related to the Rule Changes for Captains picks needing to have earned enough playing credits to be eligible

**Social:** Mike advised that he will contact the Restaurant to advise them of the menu, appetizers, along with the Italian Fare. Mike also requested that a Board member swap tournaments with him for the Sundowner, as he will be going to Ireland to play golf during this tournament.

**Tournament Set-Up:** Dave will decide how best to set up The Scrambler, 5 or 6 man teams once the entries are received, and discussed with the Tournament Chairmen.

**Volunteers:** No Report.

**Website .** Addressed in Unfinished Business

**CGA Interclub** – Jon advised The Meadows will participate again in 2011, some clubs will be realigned, TMGC will have some new clubs to play against this year. Jon will let the Board know when the CGA identifies the other Clubs we will play.

## Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held

**Thursday, April 7th, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. at The Meadows Golf Course.

## Adjournment:

Clay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Brian Benedict,  
Recording Secretary