

The Meadows Golf Club
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Thursday, December 8th, 2011

Call to Order – Roll Call

Pete Coffaro, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at The Meadows Restaurant. He appreciates everyone's attendance. Other directors present were: Vice President Cap Lewis, Secretary Steve Grantowitz, Treasurer George Turtle, Board Members; Ben Blea, Brad Bryant, Brian Fort, Erick Rutzer, TJ Scarponcini, and Dave Wade Also present were Recording Secretary Brian Benedict, and Board Advisor Jeff Galgocy. Absent Board Members were Michael Brouillette, Jason Burroughs, Clay Goodhue, and John Mele.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Pete opened the meeting and requested approval of the November meeting minutes. Steve made a motion to accept the minutes. Dave Wade seconded the motion, the minutes passed unanimously.

President's Report

Pete opened the meeting and discussed a meeting that he had with Foothill's Director of Golf, Tom Woodard, Pro Shop employees Sue and Bob regarding the Course Conditions. Tom is optimistic that the new Course Superintendent, Paul Janosic will be able to revive hole # 16 next year, as well as overall improvements around the course. Pete advised that Tom stated that hole #16 was reseeded 6 times over the course of the year, and they will resod it this year. The irrigation system was left on for an extra month this fall, and it will be functioning as early as possible next year. They have also sprayed snow mould around the course to help prevent winterkill. Cap suggested that this information should be presented to the membership, he requested Steve put this on the website.

Pete also advised all new Board members that they will be invited to utilize the drop box. Pete then requested an update of the InterClub dues, George advised that he is looking into the payment to CGA, he should be able to get the application off the CGA website, and we should be included in the 2012 tournament. Pete advised that he has updated the calendar for 2012, and requested everyone look in the drop box for upcoming deadlines. Pete said a major change will be in the due dates for entering tournaments in 2012, as the deadlines will be moved to Saturdays for member convenience.

He also advised that while he was meeting with the Course officials, he spent the unclaimed prize money left at the Pro Shop, which will add over \$700 worth of raffle gifts to the 2012 Spring Banquet.

Pete advised that he set a tentative date for the Board Barbecue on July 28th.

Secretary's Report

Steve Grantowitz advised the Club will be sending out renewals in the near future, hoping to send them via e-mail by December 9th, 2011. Steve advised that he has activated the PayPal functionality for members to pay for Tournaments, which will carry a fee of \$1.00 per tournament day, and improve reporting accuracy for those that use the new system.

Treasurer's Report

George Turtle advised that he only wrote one check for expenses this month, the P.O. Box renewal fee. He has worked up a budget with the Budget Committee, and provided a copy for the Board to review. Steve noted there will not be a need to print many membership books, as most members are comfortable with the online version. They are expecting to print only 5 to 10 copies for the 2012 membership. Brad requested the seminar account be upgraded to allow Board Members to attend the rules seminar held by CGA. Brad also made a motion regarding Board Compensation. He wanted to upgrade the Vice President position for a stipend based on the amount of work and time the VP puts in during the year prior to his Presidential year. Ben seconded the motion, it passed unanimously. Policy File section A-% will need to be updated by the Policy File Committee to reflect this policy file update. Brad also requested that the Scrambler prize money line item be increased to cover the Club members' entries. There was also discussion that there is no money allotted to the Ryder Cup this year. Jeff Galgocy advised that there will be a \$30 fee that the qualifiers will need to pay to cover the additional costs not covered by the \$1 assessments. Steve made a motion to approve the revised budget, this item will be tabled until the January meeting.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Item 1) Membership Renewal Forms- Steve advised that he will send an e-mail letter to the membership tomorrow December 9th.

Item 2) CRF Possibilities for 2012- Pete confirmed the committee again will be headed by Ben Blea, with Dave Wade and Erick Ratzler rounding out the group. Pete requested the rest of the Board bring their ideas on constructive ways to spend the CRF funds to benefit the Golf Course.

Item 3) New Member Contest/ Membership Drive- Pete advised that there will again be a new member contest for members bringing in new golfers to the Club. Steve also suggested that TMGC get a booth at the upcoming Golf Expo, partner with the Foothill's District to provide some discounts to play the course and attract new members to TMGC.

Item 4) Final Tournament Director Assignments-Pete advised that the Final Tournament assignments with a few minor changes are in the drop box.

New Business

Item 1) 2012 Tournament Review- Pete urged the Board to access the drop box, and revise their particular Entry Forms. Pete requested that these revisions be completed by January 6th, prior to next month's meeting. He also reiterated that the deadlines will be changed to Saturday from Thursday, two weeks prior.

Item 2) Annual Dues Statement Deadline January 31st, 2012 – Pete has extended the deadline for renewal to February 3rd, 2012

Item 3) 2012 Calendar and Deadlines- Pete has updated the TMGC Calendar in the drop box.

Item 4) Website Changes- Pete requested Board members have their photo taken for the website. Brad Bryant advised that he has the camera, if Board members need this to post a digital photo. Pete will contact the website administrators to make the updates.

Item 5) Jon Hanson HXP Vote- Pete requested a vote to upgrade Jon Hanson's status in TMGC. Brian Fort made the motion to consider Jon Hanson an Honorary Lifetime Member for his service as President of TMGC in 2011. Steve Grantowitz seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

Item 6) Computer Training- Pete advised that the tournament computer training will be pushed to the February meeting.

Item 7) Rules Sheet”did you know” Handout/Membership Book- Pete was looking for a volunteer to publish a rules sheet for possible rules at the course, a hole by hole synopsis.

Item 8) Move to White Tees with Age- Ben Blea brought up the move it forward proposal for the club, to enhance the tournament experience, as well as entice members to return for another year of tournament play. After much discussion, it was decided that the Board needed more information to proceed with a motion. Cap will follow up to determine the number of possible players this may affect.

Item 9) Carts #2/ Hazard type-Provisional #6- Pete brought up several ideas to improve Pace of Play for the 2012 season. He will have John Mele, POP Chairman, discuss the possibility of allowing carts in the fairway on #2 during TMGC tournament play. He also began some discussion regarding a local rule for tournaments regarding #6. This issue was tabled after a lengthy debate regarding the rules of golf, how it would not really affect the pace of tournament play. Pete also brought up the idea to clear some of the brush to improve the golfer’s view of their tee shots from #16 tee box.

Other Business – No other items were discussed.

Committee Reports:

Awards Committee: No report since Clay was unavailable

By Laws/Policy File: Pete, Cap and Steve to review the By Laws/Policy File for changes, with the pending change for section A-5 included for 2012

CRF: Ben and Dave noted they will revise their list of items after the January meeting

Handicap: Brad to get more labels from CGA for the label printer.

Membership: No Report

Newsletter: Ben has an informal letter that he is requesting articles for.

Pace of Play: Previously discussed, John unavailable for this meeting

Pot Games: No Report

Rules: Brad was going to talk with Jerry Brown from the CGA to discuss Senior Course ratings regarding the Tee it Forward issue

Ryder Cup: Previously discussed in the Budget section

Social: Tee Off Party plans need to be initiated with the Restaurant

Tournament Set-Up: No Report

Volunteers: No Report

Website: Notify the webmaster of impending updates, Board Member Photos

CGA Interclub: Pete and George to follow up to ensure TMGC inclusion in this event

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held

Saturday, January 7th, 9:00 am at The Meadows Golf Course.

Adjournment:

T.J. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Brian Benedict,
Recording Secretary