

**The Meadows Golf Club**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**Saturday, January 7th, 2012**

### Call to Order – Roll Call

Pete Coffaro, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at The Meadows Restaurant. He appreciates everyone's attendance. Other directors present were: Vice President Cap Lewis, Treasurer George Turtle, Board Members; Ben Blea, Brad Bryant, Brian Fort, , Clay Goodhue, John Mele, Erick Rutzer, and Dave Wade Also present were Recording Secretary Brian Benedict, and Board Advisor Jeff Galgocy. Absent Board Members were: Secretary Steve Grantowitz, Michael Brouillette, Jason Burroughs, and TJ Scarponcini.

### Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Pete opened the meeting and requested approval of the December meeting minutes. Brian advised that the meeting minutes were not completed due to a computer virus that disabled his computer. The minutes will be provided for approval prior to the February meeting.

### President's Report

Pete started the breakfast meeting by hoping all Board Members had a good New Year! He asked the Board to proceed to the Buffet to get a plate of breakfast, the meeting will continue while the Board enjoys breakfast. Pete wanted the Board to know that the Tournament Entry form updates are now due. He advised that the tournament costs have not changed for the 2012 season. Pete will put the late start times in the drop box for tournament Chairmen to include in their entry forms. Jeff Galgocy requested that The President's Cup tee times start at least a half hour early on Sunday to facilitate the completion of the Shoot-Out. Pete requested a 2<sup>nd</sup> e-mail blast be sent to the membership in late January as a reminder to renew their memberships.

### Secretary's Report

Steve Grantowitz has sent the Club renewal forms on December 9th, 2011. Steve included the PayPal functionality for members to pay for their membership fees. There will be no renewal update until the February meeting, after the deadline of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pete will confirm with Steve that a renewal form was printed and mailed to Joe Beckner.

### Treasurer's Report

George Turtle provided a list of expenses this month, Brian Fort made a motion to approve the list of checks written, Dave Wade seconded the motion, it was approved unanimously. He has updated the budget with the Budget Committee, and provided a copy for the Board to approve, Brad Bryant made a motion to include the Scrambler entry fees paid by TMGC for 2012 in the budget, Brian Fort seconded the motion, it passed unanimously. Brad then made the motion to approve the revised budget, Ben Blea seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Dave Wade made a comment regarding the Budget that the Budget Committee used conservative Revenue dollar amounts. George will complete the revised 2010 Budget and put it in the drop box.

## Unfinished (Old) Business

**Item 1) CRF Possibilities for 2012-** Pete addressed the committee headed by Ben for a report. Ben advised that TMGC has approximately \$6,000.00 in the fund for 2012. Their committee will prioritize the 2011 projects that were not completed, and bring back a list for the Board to discuss and approve at the February meeting.

**Item 2) Carts on #2-** John Mele advised that he spoke with Tom & Bob, who thought we could give it a try this year. No one on the Board remembers why the carts were prohibited, other than during wet conditions; the fairway would occasionally have some standing water in the lower spots near the hazard. Brad added that there would be less of an impact if the carts were kept out of the rough. Ben suggested that may be a good use of CRF to make some signs to advise members to keep carts in the fairway.

**Item 3) Provisional on #6 revisited-**Pete again started the discussion for the local rules on #6 for drives that are not out of bounds on the right. He is still in favor of making a local rule to speed up pace of play, by allowing golfers to hit a provisional drive.

Dave mentioned an article in Golf Digest that provisional shots are for out of bounds and lost balls. Brad followed with his rules knowledge to explain that adding this rule is against the rules of golf, and should not be adopted. He advised that a golfer may hit a provisional ball if they suspect they cleared the hazard, but may be unable to find their drive. John will again see if the Superintendent may be able to improve line of sight by trimming the overgrown bushes in the ditch to the left of the bridge. He will address the bushes that have gotten very tall on hole #2 as well. George stated that we should not circumvent the rules, that TMGC adhere to the proper rules of golf on this issue. George also proposed that if special equipment is needed that the Club would be willing to rent the equipment out of the CRF.

Cap and Erick also agreed that the height of the bushes has become an issue over the years. It was agreed that the Board agrees that there will not be a local rule to allow the provisional on this hole.

**Item 4) New Board Pictures-Update Website-**Cap will ensure that new Board member pictures are taken and submitted to Ryan Eisenbarth for the update of the website.

**Item 5) Did You Know Handout/Membership Book-** Pete is still looking for a volunteer to print up a hole by hole rules sheet that can be handed to new members, and posted on the website for all members to refer to. Brad advised that he something from years ago that may be what Pete is looking for.

**Item 6) Move to White Tees with Age-** The Board discussion started by trying to determine the proper age of Seniors that this new policy will apply to. Pete suggested the age of 68 for the new policy. Ben mentioned that 65 may be the right age, half way between super seniors, and SSS. Brad hopes the new policy will not affect the Championship flight golfers. Cap will check the number of golfers that this will affect, and advise the Board via e-mail before the February meeting. Some discussion followed that a higher Blue flight player eligible to move down would then move two flights to get to the Higher White flight. The example given was that Joe Beckner may have an 11 handicap playing against players with handicaps of 22 or higher. Ben advised that he spoke with Jerry brown of CGA on the subject, and there should be no problem, as the handicaps will be adjusted based on the tees a golfer is playing and the slope at the course.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>, as soon as possible. He also reiterated that the deadlines will be changed to Saturday from Thursday, two weeks prior to the Tournament. Pete has provided the final list of Co-Chairmen in the drop box, along with the complete information for updating. Pete then started a discussion regarding the possible formats for the new Scramblepalooza tournament. He noted that it should be a 4-Man Scramble over two days with several different formats. Dave assured Clay that the computer can be customized to handle this type of format switch. Pete requested that Brian Fort and his Pot Game committee be ready to set up a Calcutta for the Friday Night prior to the Tournament. Brian mentioned he will also check on Hole-In-One insurance to see if a car can be offered. Pete has requested that John also get clearance with the Pro Shop that a fund raising Chip-Off can be held during the festivities. John also mentioned that the Pro Shop will hold TMGC to specific shot gun requirements. If there are not enough participants, we will have to use tee times for these tournaments.

**Item 2) Annual Dues Statement Deadline February 3rd, 2012** – Pete has extended the deadline for renewal to February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. No report on the number of renewals until the February meeting.

**Item 3) Website Changes-** This item was previously discussed with Cap getting photos. Pete was also looking for tweaks to the website. He suggested an area for Board Members to blog about upcoming tournaments, or other items of interest to the membership. Ben has been working on his unofficial newsletter, and hopes to have something ready for late January or early February.

**Item 4) - Computer Training-** Pete advised that the tournament computer training will be pushed to the February meeting. George will look at the Tournament Functions Manual, and include a Financial After- Action section that will give new chairmen step by step instruction on how to close out a tournament.

**Other Business** – No other items were discussed.

## Committee Reports:

**Awards Committee:** Pete requested that Clay be prepared to get a Cup as a trophy for the Scramblepalooza.

**By Laws/Policy File:** Cap will complete a final review the By Laws/Policy File for any necessary changes.

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

**Handicap:** Brad discussed the need for a new monitor for the handicap computer.

**Membership:** No Report

**Newsletter:** Ben has an informal letter that he is ready to publish with an article on Fran Bergonz.

**Pace of Play:** Several issues previously discussed

**Pot Games:** No Report

**Rules:** Brad was going make reservations for the rules seminar

**Ryder Cup:** No Report

**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

**Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** at The Meadows Golf Course.

## Adjournment:

Erick Ratzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Brian Benedict,  
Recording Secretary