

TMGC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 11, 2010
The Meadows Golf Club

Call to Order – Roll Call

Richard Dial, President of The Meadows Golf Club (TMGC), called the Board of Director's meeting to order at 6:06PM at the Meadows. In addition to Richard Dial, attendees included: Jon Hanson, George Turtle, Steve Grantowitz, Bill Barbour, Pete Coffaro, Barry Ehlers, John Gates, Steve Heyn, Mike Hickey, Chris Nicholl, Craig Perkins, Jeff Galgocy, Don Gould and Brian Benedict. Not present were Brad Bryant and Dave Wade.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2010 were acknowledged by Richard Dial. John Gates noted a change regarding the mention of the seed rack rather than seed bottles. No further issues or objections were raised.

President's Report

Tom Woodard was gracious enough to meet with us for a Q&A regarding the Pro Shop and Course issues.

Tom apologized for the way a Board Meeting went last year and wanted to communicate better moving forward. On the subject of Book Money extensions from the current Oct 31st deadline until the following year, Tom stated that with over 19 clubs, leagues, etc, totaling approximately 1,500 members, it would be tough to keep track of all of the credits. That said, a staff meeting led to the decision to keep all Book Money active during the current fiscal year with the main reason as already stated.

Richard mentioned that this issue comes up every year and the argument is that it is our money, we pay into it. Why not treat the Book Money like gift cards which are used for other things? Tom explained that gift cards are different. We (Foothills) decided not to do it due to the book money needing to be used during the fiscal year. Tom had spoken to Dan Bradley at the Foothills Men's Club as well. They understand and agree too. They will use the leftover cash to purchase prizes for raffles, etc. George Turtle inquired about extending the deadline to Nov 30th. Tom acknowledged that they can do that, but it has to be an absolute final deadline. Book money can be spent at either course. Craig Perkins asked why book Money can't be used for tee times? Tom explained that it would hurt them financially due to the hard competition for discount greens fees.

It was decided that TMGC will take the responsibility of emailing reminders to the membership at the end of the year. The outstanding credit list will come from the Pro Shop.

Tom went on to mention that in connection with the CGA Interclub competition, after talking Highlands Ranch Golf Club and other clubs in the region, The Meadows will honor the resident rate for the matches.

Tom then brought up the fact that the CGA rerated the course last year. Eventually, the Blue and Gold tees will be switched on hole #3. The course won't change it on the scorecards yet, due to about 6 months of card inventory. The rerating will be reflected when the scores are entered into the system. Richard asked if it will affect the handicaps? Tom stated it would not. Don Gould asked if the tees would be switched. Tom replied no, not until June.

Tom mentioned that the stairs behind hole #11 are in need of repair and will cost about \$2,000, and therefore asked if the Club uses them. The Board replied, yes. Tom will have them fixed.

Tom thanked the Club for the seed bottles and racks. Richard pointed out that the thanks go to John Gates. John asked how they're working. Tom highlighted that it is their main emphasis to have players use them year round.

George asked Tom if there is anything we, as a club, can do to help with relations with the Pro Shop staff? Tom replied that he thinks the relationship is good, and that TMGC is one of the more organized clubs he's seen.

The Board thanked Tom Woodard for participating in the meeting.

Richard noted that the TMGC is in the Rocky Mountain News thanks to Mike Hickey. Mike explained that there was no charge to us and the ad will run until they run out of space. Mike has called the Columbine Courier and will follow up.

Richard, per a letter he received from Fran Bergonz, offered the Board an update concerning Fran's health. The cancer has mutated and resists chemotherapy – back to the same condition as last June. Doctors recommend a 5 week break. Fran will be home if anyone wants to come by. From Fran, "Thanks to the Board for the recognition and support. Love every one of you guys. Hit them long and straight."

Secretary's Report

Steve Grantowitz updated the Board with the latest membership numbers. 174 members to date, not including 8 new members to be voted on this evening – bringing the 2010 total new member count to 15. There are currently 3 Red Shirts and 1 to be voted on. Only 9 members from 2009 remain with an unknown status. There are still 29 short-credit members that have not notified the Club of their intentions. Mike Hickey offered to compare notes after the meeting as he had contacted a number of members since the last meeting. Additionally, there are 31 paid Associates to date.

Treasurer's Report

George Turtle detailed that the checking and savings accounts total approximately \$35,000. The Course Recognition Fund has decreased due to the seed bottles and racks. GHIN fees will be due soon. Regarding the Budget, even with outstanding deposits, the Club is still expected to have revenue of \$15,900 with a working budget of \$15,864. Future revenue will be fine.

George mentioned that he forgot to bring the list of checks written needing approval, totaling approximately \$1,100 and went on to explain the debits.

George concluded with the last 2 pages which represent the budget for this year. It will be uploaded to the website soon.

Motion by Chris Nicholl to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mike Hickey. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Chris Nicholl listed and discussed 7 prospective members for Board approvals – Derek Howard, Greg Gentry, Jack Sawatzki, Jeff Speer, Jesse Burroughs, Roger Clendenning, and Tom Gregory. Chris then made a motion for approval. John Gates seconded. Motion passed.

Richard opened a discussion regarding another prospective member, Chris Jabin. Chris was asked to appear before the Board two years ago to discuss a complaint that was filed against him by a TMGC member. Jabin chose not to appear before the Board and was issued a letter of censure. He did not rejoin the club last year. Nothing in the bylaws prevents him from reapplying. The Board can either allow Jabin to return as new member, not allow him as new

member, or ask him to come in to speak with the Board. The nature of the initial complaint brought to the previous Board is not relevant. Craig Perkins asked how current Board members, who are unaware of the previous circumstances, can vote if we don't know what happened. Steve Grantowitz motioned to allow Jabin to come to the April 8th Board meeting to explain and discuss and to have a Board vote at that time. Craig Perkins seconded. The Board voted 7-4 to allow him to appear. Consequently, Jabin will not be eligible in time for the Scrambler. Richard will email Chris and ask him to come to the April Board meeting.

Chris Nicholl briefly explained that the New Member marketing program and contest is working well.

John Gates announced the Newsletter article due date is tomorrow, March 12th. There were no submissions yet. Richard extended the deadline Monday, March 15th at 4pm and further cautioned that either the submissions are in on time or there will be no newsletter as it is not fair to John Gates to wait until the last minute.

Regarding Liability Insurance, Pete Coffaro stated the bottom line is no answer yet. Pete went on to explain that he was able to obtain in writing what is currently covered. He had a conversation with the Foothills insurance agent, who is also a member of the Foothills Women's club, who told him that even the Women's Club is not under that policy. She cannot release a copy of the policy to Pete, but stressed that everyone is more than adequately covered. Foothills Parks and Recreation has very adequate coverage. Pete would still like to get a copy of the policy to read it to be sure. Barry Ehlers mentioned that in the case of an alcohol incident, a lawsuit would first go after the driver, then maybe the bar, then maybe the person who bought the drinks. Richard asked if Barry and Pete feel strongly either way. Pete acknowledged that large amount of time Barry has put into the research, however, with due respect to Barry, if there were a vote today, he would say no need. Barry explained that he would prefer the Board to become 'additional insured' on the Foothills policy. With that in mind, Pete agreed to follow up.

Jon Hanson noted that there is no news pertaining to the 2010 Tournament Display. He will contact Marcus Greenwood and discuss at the next meeting.

Richard shifted to minor policy changes for the Membership Book. Items requiring a Board vote include:

- Updating the current language to include the use of email for correspondence can be voted on for next year.
- Competition administration – currently states that late entries will not be accepted. The new late entry policy has now been included in that section.
- Early withdrawals - states that they may be applied to future tournaments. Has been changed to reflect that George Turtle will be refunding that money following the fall banquet.
- Tournament flightings will be based solely on handicap – due to the new Championship Flight Declaration option, that statement has been deleted as it is no longer valid.
- Failure to show up for an assigned tee time will result in disqualification and penalty – the penalty reference has been deleted as it is not defined.
 - o Jeff Galgocy noted that it was written as a reference to any applicable penalty according to the Rules of Golf.
 - o Richard further noted that it can be rewritten, with clarification, for next year.
- Under Competition Rules – a current rule indicates that for some pot game payoffs, “obviously, the swing must be legal to be eligible for the award.” The part, “obviously...” was deleted as it was deemed unnecessary
- Most Improved Golfer - A member must have posted 20 (18) hole rounds to be eligible. “during the current tournament season” was added.
 - o Jeff Galgocy questioned wouldn't it include our off-season?
 - o Richard agreed and stated that it would be changed to “current calendar year.”

Richard noted that the new corrections will be made to the website-version as well. Mike Hickey motioned to approve the corrections. Chris Nicholl seconded. Motion passed

Regarding the New Membership Orientation Agenda, Chris Nicholl explained that it is on the calendar for March 27th at 8:30AM. Board members (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer) should try to be there and participate. First tee time following the meeting is set for 10:15AM. An invitation will be sent to new members this coming weekend.

Richard suggested making the CGA Interclub Competition into its own committee. Jon Hanson mentioned that Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree and Inverness are our Interclub competitors. We will be competing against Inverness in May, Lone Tree in June, and Highlands Ranch in July. The winner of our group will go up against the winner of another group. Finale will be at Common Ground Golf Course on Sept 25th. The breakdown of the competition is, Playing Round, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and the Championship. 12 members from the Meadows will be invited to participate. The committee (Jon Hanson and Chris Nicholl) will decide criteria and invites. Richard inquired if the competition is based on handicap levels. Jon noted the maximum handicap is 18.4. Jon will write an article for the newsletter to explain the process.

New Business

Packet stuffing tonight with volunteers from the Board.

New Webmaster: We are at the point where Kenny Lind will not be renewing his Club membership due to previously discussed reasons concerning the new withdrawal policy. Steve Grantowitz can cover short term. Don Gould offered names of other members who may be interested in volunteering. Richard will contact the candidates.

Scrambler Setup and Deadlines: The membership books will be going out on Saturday. Setup meeting is set prior to next Board meeting. New deadline for Match Play, Ringer, and Ace Pot is April 3rd. March 19th is the Scrambler deadline. Deadlines are close, but we didn't have a choice.

Roll mat discussion: Steve Grantowitz discovered a putting mat from a vendor at the Golf Expo that he thought could be a nice addition to the Club for the banquets and possibly as indoor putting practice mats during warm up for tournaments in colder weather. John Gates asked if the vendor would be willing to come to the next Board Meeting for a demonstration. Steve will set up the demo.

Committee Reports

Awards: Steve Heyn will follow up on the Club Championship plaque with Lance's photograph.

Pot Games: Bill Barbour stated that Steve Heyn will handle spreadsheets for the templates. Richard mentioned that someone will need to do the Calcutta.

Social: Mike Hickey noted that there is \$3,800 in the budget – approximately 150 people at \$25 per person. Mike and Chris Nicholl will meet to discuss. Regarding the large posted scorecards, Mike mentioned that there used to be no charge. He went to Office Max and discovered it would be \$25 per card. Jon Hanson has a better connection to get it cheaper. John Gates knows someone too. They will get with Mike on this.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mike Hickey at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Grantowitz – TMGC Recording Secretary