

TMGC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 13, 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 6:10PM at the Meadows. In addition to Richard Dial, attendees included: Jon Hanson, George Turtle, Steve Grantowitz, Bill Barbour, Brad Bryant, Pete Coffaro, John Gates, Chris Nicholl, Craig Perkins, Dave Wade, Jeff Galgocy, and Clay Goodhue. Not present were Steve Heyn, Mike Hickey and John Wilson.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes of April 8, 2010 were acknowledged by Richard Dial. No further issues or objections were raised.

President's Report

Richard thanked everyone that worked on the Tee-Off Party. He acknowledged Bill Barbour, George Turtle, and Pete Coffaro for their work on the Scrambler as well as Jon Hanson for his contributions. Richard noted a letter from Fran Bergonz's wife, Barbara, thanking the TMGC for the outpour of sentiment and support.

Secretary's Report

Steve Grantowitz updated the Board with the latest membership numbers. 196 members to date. Total new members for 2010 is 28. There are currently 5 Red Shirts. Additionally, there are 101 paid Associates to date.

Treasurer's Report

George detailed that there is over \$47,000 in the Club's checking and savings accounts. Payments have been sent out to members for overpayments. This is the preferred method so we do not accumulate a large amount of funds in accounts payable. Ace Pot just under \$1,500. CGA will be invoicing us for the Bag Tag fees. Jon Hanson ran across a CGA invoice sitting in the file cabinet from March 1, 2010 for \$1680 for bag tags. Richard has the remaining bag tags that haven't been handed out. Brad Bryant wanted to be sure we account for the tags and send back any we don't need so we don't get charged for them. George stated that we also have an invoice for GHIN fees which will be reconciled this week. Also, a number of members have prepaid for upcoming tournaments. Total income is just a little more than our current expenses. The Tee Off Party was under budget as expected by \$945 which will be applied to the Fall Banquet. Pete Coffaro asked for clarification as to what are the Course Recognition Fund and the Contingency Fund? George explained that the CRF is for course improvement and projects like the recently created seed bottles – a little something extra from the Club for the course. The Contingency Fund was set by a previous board. If we have excess funds at the end of the year, the balance is carried over. Jeff Galgocy further explained that the Contingency Fund is set aside for possible expenses such as if the tournament laptop goes on the fritz. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and checks written by George by Jon Hanson. Chris Nicholl seconded. Report approved.

Unfinished Business

Richard received an email from Ryan Eisenbarth explaining that he and Craig Marshall hope to have a full working model of the new TMGC website for review by the July Board meeting. At this time, the Board is leaving the design up to their experience and expects it will be simple and functional.

Rules sheets will be posted on the website, so tournament chairmen should be sure to have their sheets ready for posting with the tee-times list.

Regarding the Roll Mats that were reviewed by the Board at the April meeting, a Board consensus is that it is not necessary to purchase a mat at this time.

New Business

Every year the subject comes up that some members believe their scores may not be posted properly and that their handicaps may be artificially high. Some members tend to win more often than others with handicaps that seem inflated considering their skill level. Richard asked Brad Bryant to discuss the subject. Brad explained that some guys have handicaps that seem to start off high at the beginning of the season, earn Ryder Cup points, win tourneys, then somehow work themselves back to a better position by the Club Championships. Without naming anyone, this happens perpetually since he's been Handicap Chairman. The system is set up to theoretically deal with guys who play out of state or play difficult courses and are turning in scores that are higher than normal. However, if you look at the higher slopes of the courses they play, their handicaps still seem to be higher than normal. If someone's score is skewed 2 shots, it can happen. If it were 5 or more, it would be more obvious. We can't restrict members from playing anywhere in the off season, or at specific venues. Generally, the issue takes care of itself. In the past, we've asked individuals who are borderline on flights, to play in the next flight up. We've done that recently too. Otherwise, he (Brad) tends to let the system work itself out. Richard mentioned that if we get letters from members, we address it. Concerns are valid, but Brad doesn't believe there is another option. Jeff Galgocy noted that a number of years ago, he got restricted for an exceptional score - does that count? Brad explained that 1 exceptional score is not counted for 5 regular tournament scores. A player's handicap becomes restricted (locked) and their handicap doesn't fluctuate for 5 regular scores. There are complaints on both sides. Richard added that there is a difference between the CGA restricting handicaps rather than the Club doing it. One issue is Match Play. All members should turn in their scores after a match, but some members believe their matches are not a reflection of their regular scoring, and putts may be given and not all holes may be completed. Brad emphasized that all members should include and enter their Match Play scores – just follow the rules of golf and record all scores all the way through. The rules of Golf explain how to do it.

Regarding Gambler's Choice. Richard thanked the Board members that attended the setup meeting. Everything looks good for Saturday. Everyone, please know the rules of the tournament and help others that don't know. We will have bag tags available at check-in for the next couple of tournaments starting with the Gambler's. Members seem to understand the opt-out procedure. Steve Grantowitz noticed on entries that some members complete flight, tee and declare regardless of whether or not the choice(s) even apply to them. Dave Wade noted that he sifts through those and most are self explanatory.

On the subject of the President's Cup Chairmen, Jeff Galgocy mentioned that we tend to get half of the ex-presidents to come out. Jeff will handle handicapping for the Shootout. Richard will be sure someone from the pro shop is available to assist with chip offs, etc.

Richard noted that the President's barbecue will be on July 31. All board members, spouses and significant others are invited to play golf. If anyone cannot make it, please let him know so he can give the pro shop a list for tee times.

Pete Coffaro motioned to purchase two stamps to make it easier to stamp score cards as Gross or Net to clarify. John Gates seconded. Brad Bryant stated that we can try to get one stamp that switches between both. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

- Awards: No report.
- ByLaws: No report.
- CRF: Richard mentioned that the Board should come up with suggestions on what to do with the funds for 2010. Also, the seed bottles are constructed well and work well. Thank you John Gates.
- Membership: No report.
- Newsletter: No report.
- POP: No report.
- Pot Games: Bill Barbour – we're good for Gambler's. \$10 per game.
- Rules: Brad just played the course today. All of the frost burned areas are horrible. The course topped them with a mixture. If you get your ball in there, it's like mud. Cannot be marked. Cannot be ground under repair. Options are lift, clean and place, or play it as it lies. Richard asked if it could be LCP for just those areas? Brad said no way you can do that. Some areas are bad, others are fine. People will complain. Brad's inclination is play it as it lies – mud chunks and all. We just can't mark it all. Jon Hanson added the only way to implement LCP is if we get hard rain tomorrow (Friday). Brad added otherwise, it will be play as it lies. Richard added that another issue is the #12 tee box drop area. Brad stated the rule sheet will explain that the drop is the Red tee box if you hit it in the water on tee shot.
- RyderCup: Jeff Galgocy is good to get started with this tourney.
- Setup: Dave Wade is good to go. Scorecards have been printed and although the cards will have pops, it is not an issue since the computer takes care of everything with Gross scores entered. Just need to be sure volunteers mark all cards with "Gross Scores Only".
- Volunteers: Craig Perkins has no one on the tee after 12pm due to everyone being out playing. Brad mentioned that Mike Hickey will cover that last hour. Richard asked if everyone has been contacted. Craig explained that the responsibilities have been split up between himself and John Wilson. Volunteers have been contacted by phone and email and he believes 3 have not responded by email yet.
- InterClub: Jon Hanson stated we are set for the match against Inverness next week. First tournament is May 21st. Next are June 4th and July 30th.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Pete Coffaro at 7:11PM.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Grantowitz – TMGC Recording Secretary