

TMGC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 9, 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 9:20AM at the Meadows. In addition to Richard Dial, attendees included: Jon Hanson, George Turtle, Steve Grantowitz, Bill Barbour, Brad Bryant, Pete Coffaro, Barry Ehlers, John Gates, Mike Hickey, Chris Nicholl, Dave Wade, Jeff Galgocy, and Don Gould. Not present were Steve Heyn, and Craig Perkins.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes of December 10, 2009 were acknowledged by Richard Dial. Two corrections were noted – inclusion of the \$100 donation in memoriam of the passing of Kenny Lind's mother, and the correct amount of the seed bottles John Gates had been working on. No further issues or objections were raised.

President's Report

Richard mentioned that in the best interests of the Club, all Board members' opinions will be heard. However, in an effort to hold efficient and effective meetings, Richard will continue to utilize 'Robert's Rule of Order' to run the meetings and would like to, when possible, limit comments to two per person in an attempt to stay organized and on topic.

Richard recognized the recent efforts of Steve Grantowitz and thanked him for jumping in to organize the database and digital files.

Secretary's Report

Steve Grantowitz first discussed the progress of the 2010 renewals. At the time of the meeting the Club had 148 confirmed and paid renewals with approximately 78 outstanding members whose status remained unconfirmed. Of the 148 renewals, only 5 members did not list their email addresses. This means that emailing Club members is the cheapest and most efficient way to send announcements to the group and the 5 unlisted members could be contacted by phone or post when necessary.

As we approach the upcoming season, Steve will be sure to forward to Chris Nicholl any applications received for New Members and Red Shirts. Brad Bryant will be forwarded any Associate applications and will coordinate with Steve on a process to enable both to check the TMGC lobby dropbox and hand off information in a timely manner.

Treasurer's Report

George Turtle confirmed the 148 paid renewals and mentioned that of the 78 outstanding members, at least 25 have been with the Club for a long time and should be expected to return.

George went on to read the financial reports. \$8,600 has been carried over from previous years. With another 20 members we would generate another \$2,100. This would bring the 2010 deficit to \$4,500.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the Club subsidizing the entry fees for the 2010 Scrambler. Once the numbers were fully vetted, Pete Coffaro motioned for the Club to pay the entry fees for the 2010 Scrambler. The motion was seconded by Mike Hickey and passed unanimously.

George continued his details of the financial report. We currently have a little over \$23,000 in checking and savings accounts – which includes a contingency fund of \$2,400 as well as \$4,100 in the Course Recognition Fund.

Richard brought up the possible liability of the Board in extreme circumstances. Dave Wade mentioned that Colorado state law stipulates that the Board can be liable for the cost of defense but not personally liable. The group decided that future discussion may be necessary.

Mike Hickey made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Dave Wade seconded. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Chris Nicholl opened with the introduction of (2) Red Shirt applications from Steve Spillar and Bill Satriano, and (2) New Member applications for James Hauber and John French. Bill Barbour motioned to approve the Red Shirt applications contingent upon payment. Jon Hanson seconded and the motion passed. Mike Hickey motioned to approve the reinstatement of James Hauber. Dave Wade seconded and the motion passed. Jon Hanson motioned to approve the membership of John French. Dave Wade seconded and motion passed. Chris introduced a third Red Shirt application from John Ortiz. Bill Barbour motioned to approve the application. Mike Hickey seconded and motion passed.

Richard asked the group what we should do about members with tournament credit issues from 2009. Ideas were proposed from added fees to mandatory volunteering. In the end, Richard suggested tabling the discussion until next month when we will have more concrete numbers of outstanding renewals of short-credit members.

Chris suggested a new-member referral contest to increase membership. Richard added that an ad should be placed in the Columbine Courier as that method worked well in the past. Richard asked Chris to write up a proposal for the Board to review at the next meeting.

Regarding the Championship Declare Only issue, Richard had spoken to Steve Heyn since the last meeting. Steve contacted the additional 5 or 6 members and documented his conversations. He only needed 1 of the 5 to agree. Therefore, the motion to have a Championship Declare Only Flight for those members with handicaps of 10 and under passed. Following a continuation discussion pertaining to the implementation of the new flight, Jon Hanson motioned that the Club allows any member who does not wish to play in the Championship Flight with the mandatory gross entry dollars and payouts the option to opt out of the flight. Barry Ehlers seconded and the motion passed.

Jon Hanson noted a new outline for the CGA Interclub series. Richard suggested informing the members via email.

Richard had spoken to Brad Bryant regarding the Most Improved Golfer. Brad will handle.

Richard noted that the Tournament Management Functions Policy will be finished soon and will be placed on the website for reference – hopefully by next meeting.

Richard mentioned that the Board went above and beyond to contact members with remaining Pro Shop Credits. The total outstanding dropped from over \$900 down to \$493. Mike Hickey confirmed that the money had been used to purchase items for gifts for the Spring Banquet.

Richard read a letter to the Board from Kenny Lind regarding the new Withdrawal Deadline Policy. Richard had responded to Kenny independently and informed him that it was the Board's decision due to the amount of time it takes to make changes to line ups and other related arrangements. Dave Wade clarified that tournament setup is done the Thursday prior to a tournament rather than Tuesday which Kenny mentioned in his letter. Pete Coffaro went on to express that Richard's response accurately reflected the sentiment of the Board and that Richard should feel free to apprise Kenny of that if necessary.

New Business

Richard brought up the new entry forms submitted by the tournament chairs. Specific changes were discussed and given to the respective Chairs. The Member Guest entry fee has been increased to offset the need for extra funds for that tournament. The Sundowner will have one application, combining it with the Couples, and incorporated into a single entry fee.

Richard presented the concept of a marketing proposal suggested by Steve Grantowitz and asked Steve to discuss the details. Steve stated that the club may be inherently attractive to advertisers due to the numbers and demographics of its members and subsequently introduced the idea of offering ad placements in either or both the Membership Handbook and Newsletters. First option, at a reduced rate, could be offered to members with businesses they would like to promote. A second package could be offered to the community. Jon Hanson mentioned that this concept was talked about a while back and was eventually quelled due to the Board not wanting to 'push' anything on the members. Brad Bryant commented that the Club did it once in the past to pay for the cost of the membership book but wasn't sure why it was stopped. Mike Hickey added that he likes the idea and would like to be able to give his spending money to the other members and support their businesses when possible. Barry Ehlers added the possibility of hole sponsorship too. The only major downside, as noted by Steve, is that some members may expect deep discounts or freebies from other members and that should not be the case. John Gates volunteered to research the possibilities and will report back to the Board with the details. Pete Coffaro also agreed to help.

Don Gould mentioned that he has an old computer which was donated to the Club in 2002 and was used for tournament setup years ago and wants to know what he should do with it. Richard added that Steve Spillar has a projector too. Richard suggested that Don just do away with the computer since it is too old to handle the current software and wireless network requirements. As Brad is interested in the projector, Richard suggested he speak directly with Steve Spillar about that.

Brad brought up Steve Grantowitz's idea of handling all of New and Associate Membership applications through one PO Box with Steve as the coordinator of the information. Brad expressed that he would like to keep it the way it is due to his current process and speed of entering Associate's data into the GHIN system. Richard asked that he and Steve work out the process.

Committee Reports

Membership: The Membership Book will be uploaded to Dropbox for editing.

Newsletter: Richard mentioned the need for contributions to the Newsletter. Ideas should be sent to John Gates. Advertising and other info will be discussed at the next meeting in time to meet the deadline for the first newsletter.

Pot Games: Discussion was started regarding the potential of emailing members the results of each Pot Game. Ultimately, it was decided that the effort and responsibility was unnecessary and that having a list at the next tourney may be an option.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Peter Coffaro at 11:15AM.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Grantowitz – TMGC Recording Secretary