

Nampa Golf Commission Meeting Minutes 2/20/18

Attending: Scott Jacobsen, Scott Nicholes, Steve Wilson, Linda Estes, Craig Stensgaard, John Lewis, Charlie Denham, Todd Loveland-joined in progress Mayor Kling, Darrin Johnson

Absent & Excused: June York, Bob Kincaid, Jennifer Vanderpool

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM by Commission Chairman Scott Jacobsen

Announcement: Scott Jacobsen announced that he had received the written resignation of Steve McKinney as a Golf Commission member. The replacement process will be discussed with Mayor Kling.

Minutes: Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of 12/19/17.

Revenue & Expense Reports: January revenue was good due to playable weather, and both Scott Nicholes and John Lewis indicated they are seeing pass sales to new passholders this year, not just renewals. Charlie Denham, John Lewis and Scott Nicholes all indicated that December and January expenses were normal for those months. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the revenue and expense reports.

Operations Reports: Charlie Denham reported for Centennial that limited mowing of greens that was started last week has now stopped due to the colder weather this week. As soon as weather permits, #4 tee will be leveled, and new sod laid down. All other maintenance operations are as normal for this time of year. Scott Jacobsen received information from Clayton Dye at Ridgecrest that the creek on #4 was widened and cattails removed, and sand is being added to some traps. They are working on equipment, making general preparations for spring and are somewhat ahead of schedule due to the mild winter. One maintenance employee has been hired and starts March 1st. Clayton is hoping for a full crew this year. Regular seasonal employees will be starting Mid-March through early April. Scott Nicholes indicated he's been receiving positive comments from players on the condition of the course. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the operations reports.

Public Relations Reports: Linda Estes reported for Centennial that there were no events, but the course has been busy when the weather has been good. Scott Nicholes reported for Ridgecrest that a couple of holiday parties were held in the clubhouse, he attended the Boise Golf show and the course has been busy in good weather. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the public relations reports.

New Business: Todd Loveland of TGA (Teach, Grow & Achieve) introduced himself to the Commission. He explained that TGA tries to introduce golf to school-age kids emphasizing not just golf skills, but also rules, etiquette, attitude, etc. He has an existing program in some public schools that uses the smaller course at Falcon Crest. They play weekly scramble format games after school in the spring. He's starting a program for middle school kids in the valley's Catholic schools and would like to use the Wee Nine at Ridgecrest. He's spoken with Scott Nicholes who sees no conflicts with existing youth programs at Ridgecrest. Todd is inquiring about the possibility of scholarships for at least some of these kids. The Commission discussed the fact that the existing Pepsi Scholarship Program is understood to be limited to Nampa resident youth, and that kids from Nampa schools could certainly be eligible and apply. There is uncertainty about what might be done, if anything for kids from schools outside Nampa. Todd will try to get some approximate numbers of kids from outside and inside Nampa and get back

to the Commission. The Commission will continue to discuss the proposal at next month's meeting.

Pepsi Scholarships: Two applications for youth Pepsi scholarships were received. After review and discussion, motion was made, seconded and passed to approve both applications.

Commission Leadership Elections: Annual election of Commission officers will take place at the March Commission meeting.

Mayor Kling: The mayor joined the meeting and after introductions thanked the Commission members for their dedication to golf in Nampa and encouraged the Commission to continue its work. She indicated that she is asking city departments, boards and commissions to undertake some strategic planning, including formulating a mission statement and goals, if they do not already exist, as well as undertake a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis. She indicated that she is "fully committed" to try to retain both our public golf courses in upcoming negotiations with Department of Health & Welfare on the expiration of our lease in December of 2019. In preparation for those negotiations, she wants to have a solid plan for what we will propose that is not only supported by golfers, but the entire community. She indicated she'd like to have that plan formulated and ready to go by sometime in May. Work will begin on this soon, and the Commission and/or some of its members will certainly be involved in that effort, as well as the wider community.

Adjournment: Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for 9:00AM, March 20th in the Mayor's Conference Room

Respectfully submitted by Steve Wilson, Commission Secretary