

## **Nampa Golf Commission Meeting Minutes 2/21/23**

**Attending:** Fred Sutton, Brandon Crim, Steve Wilson, Scott Nicholes, Tony Blasius, Hadley Hersh, Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool, June York, Darrin Johnson, Victor Rodriguez, Cody Swander, Neal Murphy, Rick Hogaboam

**Absent:** Craig Stensgaard, Todd Durbin

**Property Update:** Mayor Kling joined the group prior to the start of the meeting to give the Commission an update on the purchase of the golf courses from Idaho Department of Health & Welfare. (IDHW) She reported that IDHW had signed a sales contract yesterday to sell the property on which Centennial and Ridgecrest are located to the City of Nampa. The Nampa City Council will consider the contract at its meeting tonight, 2/21/23. Mayor Kling thanked the members of the Commission and city staff who have worked for several years to get make this purchase a reality. It's a relief for golf course staff and the golfers who play these courses knowing that the courses will continue to be available and operating for many years to come.

**Meeting called to order** at 9:09 AM by Commission Vice Chairman Fred Sutton.

**New Member:** Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool introduced Neal Murphy as a new member of the Golf Commission, completing the term of Clint Beers who recently resigned from the Commission. A second new member will be joining the Commission next month.

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Neal Murphy, seconded by Fred Sutton, and passed by all the members present to accept the minutes of 1/17/23 and 1/24/23.

**Financial Reports:** Hadley Hersh reported for Centennial that January was a good month with revenue up substantially from last year despite several days of closure due to weather. Scott Nicholes reported the same for Ridgecrest, noting strong pass sales. Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool reported that expenses were normal for the month.

### **Operations Reports:**

- **Centennial Maintenance:** Brandon Crim reported that they are completing normal winter maintenance on equipment, and preparing to plant over 60 new trees next month. He will also begin hiring seasonal staff soon.
- **Centennial Course Conditions:** Fred Sutton reported that the course is in good shape for the time of year.
- **Ridgecrest Maintenance:** Scott Nicholes reported that they are cleaning up debris, putting out benches and the scorecard box, and doing whatever they can prior the grass beginning to grow. Darrin Johnson reported that the small group he has assembled continues to work on what can be done about the vole problem. Darrin also announced that Charlie Denham, Ridgecrest Superintendent for many years, has retired. The Commission thanks Charlie for his many years of dedicated service. Darrin indicated that a committee has begun interviewing for a replacement.
- **Ridgecrest Course Conditions:** Scott Nicholes reported that the temporary winter cups are being taken out today.
- **Centennial Public Relations:** Hadley Hersh reported that no events took place in January, but she has been busy booking event renewals for the coming year. They not accepting any new events, at least for the balance of this year.

- **Ridgecrest Public Relations:** June York reported that men’s spring league sign-ups are completed with the maximum number of teams. They are currently accepting entries for the men’s kick-off tournament on 3/18, and they are planning for a ladies “Sip & Chip” clinic on 3/24. Sam Jackson has been hired as the 2<sup>nd</sup> PGA professional assistant. Both courses are increasing their social media presence, especially on Facebook, to highlight noteworthy news from the courses.

Motion was made by Steve Wilson, seconded by Neal Murphy, and passed by all the members present to accept the Financial, Operations and Public Relations reports.

**Golf Manager Report:** Tony Blasius distributed a report containing more detailed financial information from the beginning of the fiscal year (10/1/22) through the end of January. It breaks down revenue into categories such as green fees, pass sales, driving range, food and beverage and more. Darrin Johnson urged the commissioners to think about any other categories they would like to see reported. Tony also reported that he continues to meet with city facilities staff on improvements to the Centennial clubhouse, and that an electrician is scheduled to evaluate several issues today. He also reported that the work being done on the two on-course restrooms at Centennial will not be completed until sometime next month, so portables are being installed today or tomorrow for use until the work is done.

**Review Golf Commission Policy:** This item was requested by Commission Chairman Todd Durbin, but in his absence today the commissioners present decided to table it until next month.

**Mayor’s Golf Tournament:** Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool distributed a report detailing teams and sponsors for the annual Mayor’s Tournament to be held at Ridgecrest on 5/5. She indicated that we are almost at capacity for teams already. She reported that Todd Durbin had sent out information to the Nampa School district high school golf coaches to encourage them to encourage their graduating seniors to apply for a scholarship, with an application due date of 4/13. The Commission will review the applications at its regular meeting on 4/18.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Property Update:** See Mayor Kling’s remarks at the beginning of these minutes.
- **Driving Range Improvements:** Tony Blasius indicated that they are still working on possible mats for Centennial, but moving forward soon with pushing back the dirt mound at Ridgecrest to lengthen the range.

#### **New Business:**

- **Youth Golf Scholarships:** Three applications were received for discounted youth golf scholarships paid from the Pepsi Fund. After review, motion was made by Steve Wilson, seconded by Fred Sutton and passed by all members present to approve all three applications.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Steve Wilson, seconded by Fred Sutton and passed by all the members present to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 AM.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Golf Commission is scheduled for 9:00 AM, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at Nampa City Hall. Attendance may be in person or remote.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Wilson, Commission Secretary.