

Nampa Golf Commission Meeting Minutes 9/21/21

Attending: Scott Nicholes, Scott Jacobsen, Linda Estes, June York, Steve Wilson, John Nielsen, Todd Durbin, Charlie Denham, Brandon Crim, John Lewis, Rick Hogaboam

Absent: Craig Stensgaard, Darrin Johnson, Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool

Meeting called to order at 12:45 PM in the Ridgecrest Clubhouse.

Minutes: Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of 8/17/21.

Financial Reports: John Lewis reported that Centennial has been very busy, and financial reports show August revenue was up about \$30K from August of last year. Scott Nicholes reported that Ridgecrest had its biggest revenue month ever, up over \$50K from August of last year, and they are up over 7500 rounds played from last year. Scott wanted to compliment the Ridgecrest staff for their hard work in handling this very busy time while short-handed. Scott reported for Darrin Johnson that he expects expenses to be normal for this time of year. A Ridgecrest range-picker had to be overhauled for about \$6K, less than half the cost of buying a new one. This will be an operating expense probably showing up in September expenses.

Operations/Course Conditions Reports: Brandon Crim reported for Centennial that they punched, verticut and top-dressed the greens on 9/7-8. He's working with a minimum staff but they are getting the work done. They are using well water now that irrigation water has been shut off. Todd Durbin reported that he has played Centennial a lot recently and found it to be in good condition and has been hearing positive comments from golfers. Charlie Denham reported for Ridgecrest that they will be spraying weeds, weather permitting for the next couple weeks, and their biggest issue now is irrigation. They are struggling to get enough water from the only well they have access to, now that the irrigation water has been shut off. Scott Jacobsen reported that the greens are coming in well after being top-dressed. They should be fine for the tournament coming up this weekend.

Public Relations Reports: Linda Estes reported for Centennial that the 2nd day of the Ladies Club Championship took place on 8/19. The Men's Club Championship took place on 8/21-22. Greens were punched and sanded on 9/7-8. The Centennial Ladies 6-6-6 Closer was held on 9/16, and the Men's Closer was held on 9/18. June York reported for Ridgecrest that an LPGA Ladies event was held on 8/23. A Get Golf Ready tournament and clinic was held on 8/24. An IREM tournament benefitting Camp Rainbow was held on 8/26. The annual Rotary Club tournament was held on 8/27, and a U.S. Kids tournament was held on 8/28. A Mission Aviation tournament was held on 9/2, and an SME tournament took place on 9/10. The Brian Ellis Memorial tournament was held on 9/11, and the RLGA ladies in-house closing tournament was held on 9/18. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Operations/Course Condition and Public Relations reports.

Old Business

- **Property Update:** Scott Nicholes reported that Darrin Johnson has exchanged emails with Brad, his contact at Department of Health and Welfare (DHW). Brad indicated that DHW is preoccupied dealing with the current covid emergency, so they have not had time to consider the city's offer to purchase the courses.

New Business

- **Youth Golf Scholarships:** No applications were received this month for discounted green fee youth golf scholarships using funds donated by Pepsi. Since we're not receiving that many requests for scholarships, Scott Jacobsen asked if the Commission should inquire about using some of those funds for other youth golf activities. Scott Nicholes indicated there are several things he can think of that the courses usually pay for out-of-pocket to support youth golf. He will put together a proposal and get it to Darrin Johnson who can review our agreement with the donating sponsor to see if they might qualify.

Adjournment: Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 PM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for October 19th at 9:00 AM in the Mayor's conference Room. Attendance may be in person or remote.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Wilson, Commission Secretary.