

**Nampa Golf Commission
Meeting Minutes 4/16/24**

Attending: Steve Wilson, Todd Durbin, Jim Kile, Scott Nicholes, Hadley Haskell, Cody Swander, Bob Nash, Neal Murphy, Darrin Johnson, June York, Victor Rodriguez, Josh Davidson

Absent: Fred Sutton, Brandon Crim

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM by Commission Chairman Todd Durbin.

Minutes: A motion was made and approved by all the members present to approve the minutes of 3/19/24 with one amendment.

Financial Reports: Hadley Haskell reported for Centennial that March revenue was good and the course has been busy. Scott Nicholes reported for Ridgecrest the same, despite a week of bad weather in March. Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool reported that there are large capital expenses for Centennial in March for the parking lot reconstruction, clubhouse remodel and new equipment purchased. She pointed out that she moved wages of temporary workers to "Salary & Wages" on the spreadsheet from "Operating Expenses" where that have been reported for years. This change more accurately reflects actual expenses in both categories. Victor Rodriguez asked about planned large capital spending for next year (FY25). Darrin Johnson indicated that the well project for Ridgecrest will be an expense. Half the carts at Ridgecrest are scheduled for replacement, as well as normal equipment replacement. A motion was made by June York, seconded by Neal Murphy and approved by all the members present to accept the financial reports.

Operations/Course Conditions: Tony Blasius reported for Brandon Crim at Centennial that they are having trouble with satellite communications with irrigation boxes and are running conduit as part of the parking lot project. Aerification is scheduled for April 22nd and 23rd. Neal Murphy reported for Centennial that the course is busy in good weather, in great shape, and he's heard many positive comments on how good the course and fairways look. A tree on #9 has been removed and the parking lot reconstruction is moving along well and looking great. The seasonal hires he's met have been very friendly. He suggested an idea for perhaps emailing out a list of upcoming events every month. Josh Davidson reported for Ridgecrest that mowing is in full swing. They've put out summer flags and flagsticks, tee markers and driving range tee markers. They are fertilizing greens and tees and working on flower beds to remove weeds. They repaired bunkers after the heavy rain damaged some of them and repaired sprinkler heads. The driving range concrete pads are completed, and mats are out and being used. Aerification is scheduled for May 6th, 7th, and 8th. Bob Nash reported for Ridgecrest that the course looks great and he's getting many positive comments from players. Greens are outstanding and fairways and rough have greened-up. Big shout-out to Josh and his crew for so quickly getting the bunkers repaired from rain damage, and he's heard comments from players that the bunkers are better than they have been in years. They have also put out additional rakes for the bunkers that Bob suggested last month. Comments he's heard are mixed on taking out the 150 Yard pole markers this year. Scott Nicholes says he's heard much the same but nobody has really complained about not having them.

Public Relations Reports: Jim Kile reported for Centennial that the course has been busy with tournaments or events pretty much every week. The Senior Men's Association has more than 150 members. June York added that the Ladies Association has over 50 members this year. The

CMGA opener 2-Man Scramble was held on 3/16 with 90 players. The CMGA Individual was held on 3/30 with 48 players, and Titleist Fitting Day was held on 4/12. The CLGA Opener 2-Lady Scramble was held on 4/13 with 52 players. A CWI Law Enforcement event was held on 4/15 with 50 players, and a Nampa Christian golf team boys and girls 9-hole event was held on 4/16 with 80 players. June York reported for Ridgecrest that a ladies Sip-N-Chip clinic was held on 3/22 with 25 ladies. The RLGA Spring Kickoff meeting was held on 3/26. A Mizuno club fitting was held on 4/7. An Amateur Players Tournament was held on 4/8. A US Kids Tournament was held on 4/14 with 90 players. Ridgecrest hosted a Ladies Travel Team event on 4/15 with 56 players.

Golf Manager Report: Rounds played are up 8% over last year so far for April and 25% for the year. A Titleist club fitting was held last Friday and resulted in over \$6K in club sales. They are working on some new tee complexes for Centennial (numbers 7, 9, 12, 18). Paving for the upper part of the Centennial parking lot is scheduled for 4/18 and will hopefully be completed by the end of the week. Darrin Johnson added that light poles and lights that were ordered two months ago are still not here, so that part of the project remains to be completed. Also, Centennial staff will be doing the landscaping, so that will get done as time permits after maintaining the course. The clubhouse remodel at Centennial is progressing well, with drywalling to hopefully start soon. The concrete pad for the driving range mats is scheduled to be poured next week so that project could be completed in a couple weeks. Tony indicated that players have been very patient with these projects, knowing that it's inconvenient now, but will be much improved when it's all completed. Jim Kile asked about the dirt mound being built on #8 at Centennial. Tony indicated that is extra dirt from the parking lot project and that will be planted with grass and perhaps a marker of some kind can be placed on top to give players a line to the green. A motion was made by Steve Wilson, seconded by Jim Kile and approved by all the members present to accept the Operations/Course Conditions and Public Relations reports.

Old Business

- **Review Golf Commission Policy:** Todd Durbin indicated that the draft has been completed and he will send it out to the commissioners for review and discussion at the May meeting.
- **Driving Range:** Discussed above.
- **Drinking Water on the Course:** The bottle fillers could be installed at Centennial fairly soon, but we have an issue getting power to the restrooms at Ridgecrest that will delay that installation.
- **Mayor's Golf Tournament:** Tony Blasius will send the commissioners a list of things they will need help with the morning of the tournament. Jennifer Ayala Vanderpool gave a financial report. The tournament has a full field of teams and corporate sponsorships are as expected. Nine applications for a scholarship were received by the deadline (4/15). After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to the following outlays from tournament proceeds:
 - \$2000.00 for each scholarship approved.
 - \$5000.00 to reimburse the host course (Ridgecrest this year) for lost revenue due to the tournament.
 - \$2000.00 to the Mayor's Teen Council.

- \$500.00 to each of the five associations at the courses. (Centennial Men's Assoc, Centennial Ladies Assoc., Centennial Men's Senior Assoc., Ridgecrest Men's Assoc., Ridgecrest Ladies Assoc.

New Business:

- **Youth Golf Scholarships:** No applications were received for discounted youth golf scholarships paid for by the Pepsi fund.
- **Mayor's Golf Scholarships:** After reviewing the 9 applications, the Commission took the following action.
 - **Student 1-**Todd Durbin abstained because he knew the applicant. A motion was made by Steve Wilson, seconded by June York and approved by all remaining members present to approve the application.
 - **Student 2-**A motion was made by June York, seconded by Neal Murphy and approved by all the members present to approve the application.
 - **Student 3-**A motion was made by Jim Kile, seconded by Steve Wilson and approved by all the members present to approve the application.
 - **Student 4-**Todd Durbin abstained because he knew the applicant. A motion was made by Bob Nash, seconded by Neal Murphy and approved by all remaining members present to approve the application.
 - **Student 5-**A motion was made by Steve Wilson, seconded by June York and approved by all the members present to approve the application.
 - **Student 6-**A motion was made by June York, seconded by Bob Nash and approved by all the members present to approve the application.
 - **Student 7-**A motion was made by Steve Wilson, seconded by Neal Murphy and approved by all the members present to approve the application.
 - **Student 8-**This application was incomplete, but there was an indication that not all of the documents received by the Mayor's Office made it to the Commissioners to review. A motion was made by June York and seconded by Bob Neal to approve the application contingent upon receiving all required documentation and the applicant meeting all qualifications. Five members voted to approve the motion, one member voted against. Todd Durbin will work with the city and the applicant and forward the missing documents to the commissioners for review.
 - **Student 9-**A motion was made by Jim Kile, seconded by Todd Durbin and approved by all the members present to approve the application.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Steve Wilson, seconded by Neal Murphy and approved by all the members present to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Nampa Golf Commission is scheduled for 9:00 AM, May 21st at the Harward Recreation Center. Attendance may be in person or remote.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Wilson, Golf Commission Secretary.