

Nampa Golf Commission
Meeting Minutes 6/18/24

Attending: Steve Wilson, Bob Nash, Darrin Johnson, Todd Durbin, Tony Blasius, Cody Swander, Scott Nicholes, June York, Jannifer Ayala-Vanderpool, Victor Rodriguez, Jim Kile, Hadley Haskell, Brandon Crim

Absent: Neal Murphy, Fred Sutton, Josh Davidson

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

Minutes: A motion was made by June York, seconded by Jim Kile and approved by all the members present to accept the minutes of May 21, 2024.

Financial Reports: Hadley Haskell reported for Centennial that they have been very busy. Revenue appears to be down slightly from the same period last year. Scott Nicholes reported for Ridgecrest that they are also very busy. Revenue also appears slightly down from the same period last year. He is working with Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool on what appears to be a small difference between the point-of-sale system used by the courses and the city's accounting system. Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool reported that there were no major capital expenses last month for Ridgecrest, but there are still outstanding capital expenses for Centennial for parking lot reconstruction and clubhouse remodel. A motion was made by Steve Wilson, seconded by June York and approved by all the members present to accept the financial reports.

Operations/Course Conditions: Brandon Crim reported for Centennial that they are pursuing the usual irrigation issues, keeping up a full mowing schedule, fertilizing and preparing the course for tournaments. The parking lot is almost done. Brandon was asked about being able to replace sod in areas on the greens that are damaged. Tony Blasius reported that they are working to acquire a sod cutter to be able to do that. Steve Wilson inadvertently neglected to read Neal Murphy's written course conditions report in Neal's absence. It was sent via email to the members of the Commission shortly after the meeting. Todd Durbin indicated that he had played the course last week and found it to be in excellent shape. Steve Wilson read Josh Davidson's maintenance report for Ridgecrest. They are maintaining a normal mowing schedule. They are doing trimming, edging bunkers, weeding flowerbeds and edging cart paths to improve course aesthetics. They have been busy with tournament prep for many tournaments, including the US Amateur Local Qualifier on 6/4. Greens were verticut and top-dressed the week of 6/9. Wire has been run for all the new sprinkler heads and the heads are being installed on the extended portion of the driving range. Bob Nash congratulated Josh Davidson, Scott Nicholes and their teams for being tied for second best public golf course in Idaho by Golfweek.com. The course looks and plays great, and he's gotten many positive comments. The greens are excellent. It would be nice if we could get more people to repair their ball-marks. The sand traps have recovered from last month's rain. They still get water collection from sprinklers, but overall playing fair and consistent. Fairways have greened up and rough is lush, tough but fair. Bob suggested we consider cutting the rough a shorter distance off the tee to reduce the carry distance to the fairway on some holes. (the example was #11) The carry distance over the rough is long for some high-handicap golfers and it might speed up play if they could get to the fairway with their drive more often. The driving range looks great. Broken tee baskets have been placed on all the black tees, and hopefully more golfers will use them to make the course look better. The water station on #13 restroom still needs to be installed. (Tony Blasius will report on that

later) A question was asked whether the extension of the driving range has resulted in being able to retrieve more range balls, and Scott Nicholes indicated that it has.

Public relations reports: Jim Kile reported for Centennial that a Love INC scramble was held on 5/10 with 60 players. A Kiwanis scramble was held on 5/17 with 80 players. A US Kids event was held on 5/18 with 100 juniors. A SpecTec scramble was held on 5/23 with 80 players. A CMGA/CLGA Chapman was held on 6/1 with 70 players. A U of I scramble was held on 6/7 with 116 players. A Genisus scramble was held on 6/14 with 50 players. The Centennial/Ridgecrest 2-Person was held on 6/15-16. An IGA Junior Tour event was held on 6/17 with 50 juniors. Clinics were held for Get Golf Ready, SNAG Golf and Junior Camp. The Ladies Association plays on Tuesday and Thursday with about 30 players. The Men's Association plays 9 holes on Thursdays with about 100 players. The Senior Men's Association plays on Wednesdays with about 128 players. June York reported for Ridgecrest that a Young Life shotgun was held on 5/23. The NNU Legends annual tournament was held on 5/31 with 150+ players. The RMGA 2-Man Best-ball was held on 6/1. PGA Junior League started on 6/4. A Big I Insurance shotgun was held on 6/6. An Idaho Western full-field shotgun was held on 6/7. The RLGA 2-Lady Best-ball was held on 6/8. Junior camps were held 6/10-6/13. A Western Roofing shotgun was held on 6/14. The Centennial/Ridgecrest 2-Person was held on 6/15-16. An LPGA Ladies event was held on 6/17.

Golf Manager Report: Tony Blasius reported that YTD revenue and rounds are up from last year, and annual pass sales met expectations. Food and Beverage and pro shop sales at Centennial are down, likely due to clubhouse remodel activity. The parking lot is almost done and moving the trailer parking down the hill has created many more spots and more room. Updates on the restrooms on the course should be done by the end of the week. The clubhouse remodel at Centennial is almost done, and may be finished by the end of this week. Sometimes there are not enough carts for the Wee Nine at Ridgecrest. (priority is given to the Championship Course) Keeping some of the used ones rather than trading them in when we get new ones would cost more money, so there is no easy answer at this time. They are considering using a starter on the Wee Nine or starting to use tee times to help reduce congestion on the first tee. They will be roping off parts of the course July 3rd and 4th to keep people off sensitive areas (such as greens) for the God and Country Celebration and 4th of July. On the water filler for the restroom on #13 at Ridgecrest, the problem is that there is no power to that building. Before the purchase of the courses by the city, the land was owned by the state, so power was never run to that restroom. They are working with Idaho Power to see what can be done, and exploring solar to power a light in the restroom and the bottle filler. A motion was made by Steve Wilson, seconded by June York and approved by all the members present to accept the Operations/Maintenance, Public Relations and Golf Manager reports.

Old Business:

- **Review Golf Commission Policy:** This was tabled until next month.
- **Drinking Water on the Course:** See Golf Manager Report above.
- **Mayor's Tournament Results:** Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool indicated that she is still putting together the final financials. She will report on this next month.

New Business

- **Youth Golf Scholarships:** One application was received for a discounted Pepsi fund youth golf scholarship. After discussion, a motion was made by Bob Nash, seconded by June

York and approved by all the members present to approve the application for the Wee Nine at Ridgecrest.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Steve Wilson, seconded by Bob Nash and approved by all the members present to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 AM

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Nampa Golf Commission is scheduled for 9:00 AM, July 16th at the Harward Recreation Center. Attendance may be in person or remote.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Wilson, Golf Commission Secretary.