

Nampa Golf Commission
Meeting Minutes 03/19/24

Attending: Hadley Haskel, Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool, Todd Durbin, Tony Blasius, Jim Kile, Cody Swander, Bob Nash, Neal Murphy, Josh Davidson, Darrin Johnson, Fred Sutton, June York, Steve Wilson, Scott Nicholes

Absent: Brandon Crim

Meeting Called to order at 9:01 AM by Commission Chairman Todd Durbin.

New Commission Member: Todd Durbin welcomed the newest member of the Golf Commission, Jim Kile. Jim replaces long-time member Craig Stensgaard.

Minutes: A motion was made by Fred Sutton, seconded by Neal Murphy, and approved by all the members present to accept the minutes of 2/20/24.

Financial Reports: Hadley Haskel reported for Centennial that revenue was impacted by some snow days, but otherwise has been good. Scott Jacobsen reported for Ridgecrest that revenue for last month was up despite the snow days. Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool reported that the large capital expenses on the report for Centennial were for parking lot reconstruction already underway, and design work for the clubhouse remodel. Todd Durbin asked about equipment on order. Jennifer indicated some new mowers have been ordered for both courses. Jim Kile asked about the negative numbers shown on the financial reports for gift cards. Jennifer indicated that is an "in and out" line item. When gift cards are sold, they show as income (positive) and when redeemed show an expense (negative). So a negative number reflects that more money in gift cards was redeemed in the month than income from cards sold. A motion was made by June York, seconded by Jim Kile and approved by all the members present to accept the financial reports.

Operations/Course Conditions: Tony Blasius reported for Centennial that lots of clean-up is happening around the course, the crew is starting to mow regularly, and they are working on a couple tee boxes. A few trees had to be moved due to the parking lot reconstruction. Neal Murphy reported for Centennial that the course is in good winter condition and there were a great number of golfers on St Patrick's Day. Parking lot reconstruction is moving along and looks great. Neal asked why a Ridgevue High School scramble was not being held on one of our courses. Hadley Haskey reported that they called way too late so the date they wanted was already booked. She advised them of how early in the year dates get booked so they could call earlier next year. Neal also indicated that he gets questions on why trail fees are so high, Tony Blasius indicated that we are trying to encourage golfers to use our carts, and that some private carts create more wear and tear on the course. He indicated that our trail fees are in line with what other courses charge. Neal also suggested that the Golf Commission could consider what might be called a meet & greet at the courses to introduce commission members to more golfers. Josh Davidson reported for Ridgecrest that he is starting to bring back seasonal staff. They are mowing all areas of the course and cleaning up from winter. Summer tees are out and they are more often changing pin locations. They are pressuring up the irrigation system and fixing issues. They powered up irrigation electrical boxes and repaired some issues. Work has begun on the concrete driving range pads and could be done by the middle of next week. Bob Nash reported for Ridgecrest that the course wintered very well and he's gotten many positive comments from players. Greens are rolling smooth and fast and sand traps are in good

condition. He suggested more rakes around the larger traps to make it easier and to encourage players to rake after their shots. Fairways are playing well. The rough hasn't grown too much yet, and there are definite signs of voles and gophers, although not as bad as past years. Cart paths have been edged and look good, and ball-washers, trash cans and the like are being re-installed on the tees. Bob asked if the 150-yard poles are coming back. Josh Davidson indicated they have concrete circle markers at 150 and would like to not use the poles as it slows up mowing. Josh also indicated that the ponds will be filled when irrigation water comes back on next month. A question was asked about the well that will be drilled at Ridgecrest. Cody Swander indicated that design work is getting close to the point of being given back to the city to review. Darrin Johnson indicated that once the design is complete and accepted, the drilling will go out to bid. It's too early in the process to estimate when the drilling might actually begin.

Public Relations Reports: Hadley Haskel reported for Centennial that the CMGA opener was held with 80 plus players. June York reported for Ridgecrest that the RMGA opener was held last Saturday. Scott Nicholes reported that a new TV menu board has been installed in the cafeteria and it looks great.

Golf Manager Report: Tony Blasius reported that a TV menu board will also be installed at Centennial sometime during the course of the clubhouse remodel. Revenue and rounds are up from previous years and season pass sales are good. Parking lot reconstruction is going well, and the lower half may be paved as early as tomorrow. Demolition is under way in the clubhouse to start the remodel and portable restrooms have been placed. Tony was asked about the simulator that is part of the long-term plan for the Centennial remodel. He indicated that will occur after the clubhouse remodel is finished, and likely not occur until next fiscal year. (October or later) The Mayor's Tournament is full. We've gotten a good response from sponsors and one more email will go out to encourage additional sponsors. A motion was made by Steve Wilson, seconded by Jim Kile and approved by all the members present to accept the Operations/Course Conditions, Public Relations and Golf Manager reports.

Old Business

- **Golf Commission Policy:** Todd Durbin asked all the commissioners to review the draft policy and send feedback to him and Tony Blasius, with the goal of approving a final draft at next month's meeting.
- **Driving Range:** Discussed and reported on earlier.
- **Group Golf Contract:** This is complete and in use at both courses.
- **Drinking Water on the Course:** Tony Blasius is meeting with City Facilities to plan for getting water and power at the right location on the restrooms at both courses to be able to install the bottle fillers.
- **Mayor's Golf Tournament:** Also discussed earlier. The email to high school golf coaches with information for their players to apply for a scholarship is going out today.
- **Ridgecrest 17th Green Renovation:** This is still in the planning stages. It likely will not occur until after the fiscal year (October).

New Business:

- **Youth Golf Scholarships:** No applications were received for discounted Pepsi golf scholarships.

- **Election of Officers:**

- A nomination was made by Fred Sutton, seconded by Todd Durbin, and approved by all the members present to reelect Steve Wilson as Commission Secretary.
- A nomination was made by Neal Murphy, seconded by Bob Nash, and approved by all the members present to reelect Fred Sutton as Commission Vice-Chairman.
- A nomination was made by June York, seconded by Bob Nash and approved by all the members present to reelect Todd Durbin as Commission Chairman.

Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded and approved by all the members present to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 AM.

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

Respectfully submitted by Steve Wilson, Golf Commission Secretary.