

Nampa Golf Commission Meeting Minutes 04/14/20

Note: This meeting was held via teleconference.

Attending: Rick Hogaboam, Steve Wilson, June York, Craig Stensgaard, Jennifer Vanderpool, Charlie Denham, Scott Jacobsen, Scott Nicholes, Todd Durbin, Dave Clausen, Brandon Crim, Linda Estes, John Lewis, Victor Rodriguez

Absent: Darrin Johnson

Meeting called to order at 9:04 AM by Commission Chairman Scott Jacobsen.

Minutes: Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of 2/18/20.

Revenue and Expense Reports: John Lewis reported that Centennial was doing well until shutdown for COVID-19 on 3/27. Scott Nicholes indicated that Ridgecrest was busy until the shutdown. The primary impact on revenue will be in April and reflected in the budget reports next month. In Darrin Johnson's absence, there was no report on expenses. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the revenue and expense reports.

Operations Reports: Brandon Crim reported for Centennial that greens have been punched, rolled and fertilized, and tee boxes were also fertilized. They have pressurized the sprinkler system, done trouble-shooting on it, and leveled sod around sprinkler heads. Routine mowing continues and the entire course has been sprayed for weeds. One new sprinkler head each was added around 1, 11, 13, and 16 greens to improve coverage. Work has been done to try to reduce the population of gophers and rock chucks. Over the next couple weeks work will begin to level tee boxes and over-seed thin areas on fairways and tee boxes. Manure compost will be spread around trees and eventually the entire course. Charlie Denham reported for Ridgecrest that they have charged the irrigation system and addressed problems with it. Routine mowing continues. Growth regulator has been sprayed on tees, fairways and greens for seed-head control. They have added sand to bunkers and are working to improve the edges. They decided to forgo aerification for now due to lack of material and staffing issues.

Public Relations Reports: June York reported for Ridgecrest that the course was busy before closure. Ridgecrest, Columbia, Nampa Christian and Ridgevue high schools' boys and girls teams were practicing prior to closure, as were NNU men's and women's teams. An IGA Handicapping Seminar was held on 3/10 with 15 participants. The RMGA Spring Kickoff was held on 3/21 with 47 players. RMGA Men's League start has been delayed until April 29th, with 54 teams signed up. This is the highest number of teams ever. During the closure many areas of the clubhouse have been cleaned, as have the on-course bathrooms. Carts have been power-washed and vinyl sprayed with protectant. Supplies have been organized and restocked. Linda Estes reported for Centennial that they hosted a boy's high school invitational on 3/3. The CMGA Opener was held on 3/7. A high school boy's tournament was held on 3/10 with 25 teams. A high school girls tournament scheduled for 3/17 was canceled. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the operations and public relations reports.

Old Business:

- **Additional range targets for Ridgecrest:** Discussion deferred to next month.
- **Property Update:** Steve Wilson reported that the subcommittee interviewed a potential appraiser by telephone. The conversation, along with his written resume of

qualifications and experience appraising many courses in the Northwest convinced the subcommittee that he would be a good choice to appraise our golf courses as golf courses, not potential commercial property. Based on that conversation the appraiser sent a scope of work that was reviewed by the subcommittee and approved. Jennifer Vanderpool indicated that Darrin Johnson is working with the appraiser to finalize his fee, and that should be soon. The appraiser indicated that he is ready to come to Idaho (he is located in Washington) to appraise the courses as soon as travel restrictions permit. Department of Health and Welfare is extending the lease agreement on the courses until the end of 2020 to permit time for the appraisal and subsequent negotiations.

New Business:

- Youth Golf Scholarships: None were submitted.
- Mayor's Tournament: The tournament has been rescheduled for June 26th. Only three scholarship applications were received by the original deadline of 4/10/20. Craig Stensgaard indicated he spoke with a high school coach and believes the shutdown of the schools in the middle of this process contributed to the lack of applications. Since the reschedule of the tournament now allows more time, after discussion, motion was made, seconded and passed to extend the deadline for scholarship applications to May 8th. Scott Jacobsen will send an email to the high school coaches advising them of the new deadline, and asking them to encourage their eligible seniors to apply. Motion was made, seconded and passed to defer discussion on the three applications already received until after the new May 8th deadline. Jennifer Vanderpool indicated that Kari Riley has contacted all tournament sponsors and all she's heard back from (approximately half) indicated they are still willing to sponsor. She will continue to work to with sponsors to maximize their participation.
- **Election of Officers:** This is normally done at the March meeting, but that meeting was canceled. After discussion, motion was made, seconded and passed to reelect Scott Jacobsen to another term as Golf Commission Chairman. Motion was made, seconded and passed to reelect Steve Wilson for another term as Golf Commission Secretary. Motion was made, seconded and passed to elect Dave Clausen as Golf Commission Vice Chairman.
- **Reopening Centennial and Ridgecrest:** Victor Rodriguez indicated that the Nampa City Council would be considering the question of reopening the golf courses at its meeting on 4/15, and requested discussion and expression of opinion by the Golf Commission. Craig Stensgaard indicated he'd recently played at Red Hawk and observed the actions they were taking to stay within the guidelines issued by the state and city. Scott Nicholes indicated they were already beginning mitigation processes prior to the shutdown on 3/27, and have used the time since to further plan and prepare for reopening. He believes they have an excellent plan in place to reopen safely, protecting both golf patrons and golf course staff. John Lewis agreed for Centennial. After discussion, the unanimous opinion of the Golf Commission was to recommend to the mayor, city council and Darrin Johnson that the courses be reopened as soon as they deem it appropriate. Steve Wilson will draft a memo

to that effect that will be reviewed by Scott Jacobsen, and forwarded to Chief of Staff Rick Hogaboam prior to the council meeting on 4/15. Craig Stensgaard will send Steve a list of precautions he observed at Red Hawk to be included in the memo.

Adjournment: Being no further business, motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for May 19th at 9:00 AM in the Mayor's conference Room.

(Note: Location and/or method of meeting may be subject to change as directed by the city at that time)

Respectfully submitted by Steve Wilson, Commission Secretary