

Nampa Golf Commission Meeting Minutes 2/16/21

Note: Golf Commission Chairman Scott Jacobsen conducted the meeting from the Mayor's Conference Room, along with John Nielsen and Joy Hall. All others attended remotely.

Attending: Steve Wilson, Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool, Victor Rodriguez, Craig Stensgaard, Charlie Denham, Darrin Johnson, Todd Durbin, John Lewis, Scott Nicholes, June York, Brandon Crim, Scott Jacobsen, Rick Hogaboam, Joy Hall, John Nielsen, Kari Riley

Absent: Dave Clausen

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM by Commission Chairman Scott Jacobsen.

Minutes: Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of 12/15/20 as written.

Financial Reports: Both John Lewis and Scott Nicholes indicated that the courses have been busy for the winter and January-February revenue for both courses is up from last year. Darrin Johnson indicated that expenses are normal, and some capital purchases of mowers for both courses will be made soon. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the revenue and expense reports.

Operations/Course Conditions Reports: Brandon Crim reported for Centennial that he is in the process of hiring a new assistant superintendent. They are cleaning and organizing the pump house and shop area and working on equipment. Prior to the snow they were cutting new cups, filling in 3rd cup holes, working on bunkers and trimming along the creek on #5 & #6. They will burn weeds when weather permits. Charlie Denham indicated much the same for Ridgecrest as far as maintenance. Prior to the snow they were working to smooth the cart paths on #15 as well as #2 and #3 on the Executive Nine. They were doing bunker work and repairing the lip of the bunker on #17. Charlie also indicated he's spoken to the sand contractor we use and have complained to about the poor quality of sand in recent years. The contractor believes the quality issues stem from the loading process and they will work to improve that to improve the quality of sand they deliver. Todd Durbin reported that Centennial appears to be in normal winter condition. Steve Wilson read a written report from Dave Clausen that overall course conditions at Ridgecrest are good for this time of year and greens are rolling well. He also mentioned that a vole infestation throughout the course is especially evident on the outer edges of fairways and on the left side of #17. They appear to be moving closer to the fairways. Scott Jacobsen also mentioned that he has seen some evidence near tees as well. Charlie Denham indicated they are aware of this and doing everything they can to reduce the vole population, but it is difficult because poisoning has to be done very carefully so as to not impact other animals. Darrin Johnson indicated they may use an outside contractor later in the spring to help get the voles under control safely.

Public Relations Reports: Linda Estes reported for Centennial that there were no scheduled events in January or February, but the course has been busy prior to the snow. June York reported for Ridgecrest that the Men's League has started sign-ups and already gotten 48 teams with 96 players. They are planning a tournament on March 1st, weather and course conditions permitting. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Operations and Public Relations reports.

Old Business:

- **Property Update:** Darrin Johnson reported that the city's offer to purchase the courses was delivered to Department of Health & Welfare (DHW) a few weeks ago but we have not heard back. Mayor Kling will be contacting DHW Director Jeppesen to discuss the status of our offer.

New Business:

- **Youth Scholarships:** No applications for youth scholarships have been received.
- **Mayor's Tournament:** Kari Riley reported that she has signed up one sponsor so far, but is just getting started. Darrin Johnson indicated that Mayor Kling has suggested a date change again this year, moving the tournament to June 11th from the traditional first Friday in May. Scott Nicholes indicated that the new date did not conflict with anything scheduled for Ridgecrest, and Scott Jacobsen indicated it did not conflict with anything on the IGA calendar. Scott Jacobsen asked if there was any concern from the commissioners on moving the date, and there was none. Darrin indicated that pandemic safety precautions like outdoor/to-go lunches will be in place again this year. Scott Jacobsen will begin working on the letter that goes out to high school golf coaches to inform their seniors of the opportunity to apply for a scholarship.
- **Commission Membership:** Dave Clausen's appointment expired and he did not seek reappointment. Scott Jacobsen expressed the Commission's appreciation to Dave for his multiple terms of service on the Golf Commission. The mayor has nominated John Nielsen to fill the two-year term vacated by Dave, and he introduced himself to the Commission. Steve Wilson applied for reappointment to another 5-year term, and the mayor has nominated him for a second term. Both John and Steve's appointments are up for consideration at the City Council meeting this evening (2/16).
- **Election of Officers:** Scott Jacobsen reminded the commissioners that the March meeting is the annual election of officers for the Commission, and to please be ready for that discussion.

Adjournment: Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 AM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for March 16th at 9:00 AM in the Mayor's Conference Room. Attendance may be in person or remote.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Wilson, Commission Secretary.