

Nampa Golf Commission Meeting Minutes 3/16/21

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

Attending: Scott Jacobsen, Steve Wilson, Brandon Crim, Scott Nicholes, Darrin Johnson, Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool, John Lewis, Linda Estes, June York, Rick Hogaboam, John Nielsen.

Absent: Craig Stensgaard

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM by Commission Chairman Scott Jacobsen.

Minutes: Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of 2/16/21 as written.

Financial Reports: John Lewis reported that Centennial revenue for February was down due to both weather and payment for many renewed passes deferred to March. Scott Nicholes indicated the same for Ridgecrest but also said that revenue for the first two weeks of March was up \$40K from last year. The reason many pass renewals are not coming in until March rather than by the end of February which is the traditional deadline was because of a decision last year to extend passes already purchased for 2020 for an additional month due to the three-week shutdown of the courses due to COVID. However, all 2021 passes, new or renewed will expire at the end of February, 2022, meaning that players that renew in March are essentially only getting an 11-month pass. Commission Chairman Scott Jacobsen expressed serious concern about this decision, first that it was not shared with the Golf Commission, and second that it is perceived by some players Scott has heard from to be unfair to pass holders that renew in March. Both Scott Nicholes and Darrin Johnson said that there was no intent to be unfair but to simply compensate 2020 pass holders for lost time due to the COVID shutdown. Scott Nicholes also indicated that they have been upfront with all 2021 pass purchasers that it will expire on the traditional date at the end of February, 2022. Darrin Johnson indicated expenses were typical for February. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the financial reports.

Operations/Course Conditions Reports: Brandon Crim reported for Centennial that they have made numerous irrigation repairs in preparation to pressure up this week, added a new sprinkler around #12 green to increase coverage and redid the packing on pumps. They have prepared the course for 6 tournaments in 9 days. New tee markers have been put out and they are waiting for new flagsticks. Josh Davidson has been hired as the new Assistant Superintendent and started on 3/15. They are cleaning up limbs down due to snow and wind, have filled all the winter plugs on the greens and cut in all new cups on greens, putting green and chipping area. Todd Durbin indicated his high school team has been practicing at Centennial for two weeks and found both practice greens and driving range good for this time of year. He played in the Pro-Am on 3/15 and found the course in good shape for this time of year. He also indicated that John Lewis got several comments from other players that the condition of the course was good. New power poles are being installed behind 16 green and 17 tee and the area should look good when they are done.

Charlie Denham reported for Ridgecrest that they are mowing greens twice a week or as needed, charging the irrigation system and addressing irrigation problems, working on bunkers as well as the vole problem. The large hole in the parking lot has been patched. Scott Jacobsen

indicated that the course appeared to be in typical shape for this time of year and heard from a few players about greens being a little bumpy. Scott Nicholes said he played the front nine on 3/15 and the only issue he noticed was dryness due to not having irrigation water yet.

Public Relations Reports: Linda Estes reported for Centennial that the Centennial Men's Senior meeting was held on 3/3. Nampa High boys held an invitational tournament on 3/9. Senior Men's League play started on 3/10 with 100+players. The CMGA opener was held on 3/13. Nampa High girls held an invitational tournament on 3/16. June York reported for Ridgecrest that there were foot golf outings on 3/6 and 3/14. Scott Nicholes reported that they have been "wonderfully, insanely busy." Scott also reported that they are short on outside cart staff due to not as much interest so far this year from younger people wanting to work. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Operations and Public Relations reports.

Old Business

- **Property Update:** Darrin Johnson reported that Department of Health & Welfare Director Jeppesen has had a conversation with the governor concerning the city's offer to purchase the courses, and intends to also discuss it with several legislators before responding.

New Business

- **Youth golf Scholarships:** One application was received for a reduced green fee youth scholarship to play at Centennial. After discussion motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the application.
- **Mayor's Tournament:** Scott Jacobsen reported that he will be sending the letter announcing the tournament and available scholarships to local high school golf coaches within the next few days. Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool reported 10 hole sponsors and 13 teams have signed up so far. The tournament will be held on June 11th at Ridgecrest.
- **Election of Golf Commission Officers:** After discussion nomination was made, seconded and passed to reelect Scott Jacobsen for another term as Golf Commission chairman. Nomination was made, seconded and passed to reelect Steve Wilson for another term as Golf Commission Secretary. Nomination was made, seconded and passed to elect Todd Durbin as Golf Commission Vice-Chairman. Linda Estes will continue to do the monthly public relations report for Centennial, and June York will continue to do so for Ridgecrest. Todd Durbin will continue to the course conditions report for Centennial, and Craig Stensgaard will do so for Ridgecrest.

Adjournment: Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 AM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for April 20th at 9:00 AM in the Mayor's Conference Room. Attendance may be in person or remote.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Wilson, Commission Secretary.