

## **Nampa Golf Commission Meeting Minutes 4/20/21**

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

**Attending:** Scott Jacobsen, John Nielsen, Rick Hogaboam, Steve Wilson, Darrin Johnson, Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool, Charlie Denham, Todd Durbin, June York, Linda Estes, Victor Rodriguez, John Lewis

**Absent:** Scott Nicholes, Craig Stensgaard, Brandon Crim

**Minutes:** Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of 3/16/21.

**Financial Reports:** John Lewis noted for Centennial that revenue for March was much higher than last year. Scott Nicholes reported via email for Ridgecrest by first noting the course shutdowns from 3/26-4/15 last year. This year revenue was up \$70K comparing 3/1 to 3/25 last year, the course is extremely busy and they are doing the best they can to keep up with the staff they have. Darrin Johnson noted that expenses for March were similar to historical numbers. He also indicated that we are holding off on more expensive items like parking lot and irrigation improvements at Centennial pending lease/purchase negotiations with Department of Health & Welfare (DHW). DHW Director Jeppesen is consulting with legislators on the city's offer to purchase the courses. The current lease expires June 30, 2021 but Darrin indicated there will likely be a lease extension while negotiations to purchase the courses continue. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the financial reports.

**Operations/Course Condition Reports:** Steve Wilson read a written report from Brandon Crim on Centennial. Aerifying greens will be 4/19-4/20. First fertilizer of the year was applied on 4/13 and fungicide applied on 4/2. Tees have been fertilized and top dressed. They are doing some blacktop patching in the parking lot and near bridges on the course. A trencher was rented on 4/7 to run a power line to a satellite box and run some new sprinkler lines. Trenching work on the left side of #3 was halted due to lava rock. The plan is to build up some soil to grow grass and mound up near the freeway fence to reduce lost balls. They are also mounding up soil on the left side of #8 to make it less likely that balls will go into the canal. New driving range flags are being installed, weed spraying and verti-seeding in some areas has begun, a regular mowing schedule is in place and gopher trapping and vole control is ongoing. The new assistant Superintendent is Josh Davidson. Todd Durbin reported that the course appears in good shape as the grass is beginning to grow. The only negative he's heard is that the practice green seems to be running faster than the greens on the course, and a section of #14 had standing water on the fairway. The plexiglass has been taken down in the clubhouse making communicating with staff easier. Charlie Denham reported for Ridgecrest that greens were top-dressed on 4/12. Mowing is now on the summer schedule, irrigation repairs are working well, seed-head applications were done to tees and greens the week of 4/5. He hired 2 more summer staff with a 3<sup>rd</sup> scheduled to start next week. All else is doing well. In Craig Stensgaard's absence, Todd Durbin reported that he played a 2-man best-ball at Ridgecrest and that the greens were the best he's seen them in a long time. He also talked with Scott Nicholes about the condition of the range balls, and Scott indicated that the shipment of new range balls they ordered was lost (a sunken ship) but that a replacement shipment should be arriving soon. Parking lots at both

courses could use to be restriped. Overall, Todd indicated he feels both courses are in great shape. Scott Jacobsen also indicated that he felt Ridgecrest was looking good.

**Public Relations Reports:** Steve Wilson read the Centennial PR report for Linda Estes. Idaho Plumbers held an outing on 3/27. A CMGA tournament was held on 4/3 with 76 players. Get Golf Ready took place on 4/7 and 4/13. The CLGA Opener Tournament was held on 4/17 with 28 teams. Greens were aeriaded on 4/19-20. June York reported for Ridgecrest that Men's Spring League held a kickoff tournament on 3/20, and the Ladies Spring League held a kickoff meeting on 3/25. The first "Ladies Sip & Chip" of the year was held on 3/26. Columbia High School hosted a tournament on 4/1. Veterans Golf Association held a tournament on 4/3. Ridgevue High School hosted a tournament on 4/5 and Nampa Christian hosted a tournament on 4/6. Men's spring league started on 4/7, a Ridgecrest Two-Man Best-Ball was held on 4/17, and on 4/20 the Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association reserved the entire course for the day with 124 players participating. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Operations/Course Conditions and Public Relations reports.

#### **Old Business**

- **Property Update:** See Darrin Johnson's comments above under "Financial Reports."

#### **New Business**

- **Youth Golf Scholarship:** One application was received for a reduced-fee, youth Golf Scholarship at Centennial. After discussion motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the application.

#### **Mayor's Tournament:**

- **Deferral Request:** A winner of a Mayor's Tournament college scholarship from last year has requested a deferral of 2 years to serve an LDS mission. After discussion, motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the deferral request.
- **Tournament Preparation:** Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool reported that 14 hole sponsors and 24 teams are now signed up for the Mayor's Tournament on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Scott Jacobsen reported that scholarship applications have gone out to high school golf coaches and one application may have already been received. Applications will be reviewed and scholarship decisions made at the May Golf Commission meeting on 5/18.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 AM.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Mayor's Conference Room. Attendance may be in person or online.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Wilson, Commission Secretary.