

Nampa Golf Commission Meeting Minutes 6/15/21

Attending: June York, Linda Estes, Scott Jacobsen, Charlie Denham, John Lewis, Scott Nicholes, Kari Riley, Steve Wilson, Darrin Johnson, Jennifer Ayala-Vanderpool, Brandon Crim:

Absent: John Nielsen, Craig Stensgaard, Todd Durbin

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

Minutes: Scott Nicholes pointed out a typo on page 2 of the May minutes. With that correction motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of 5/18/21.

Financial Reports: Both John Lewis and Scott Nicholes reported that the courses remain busy and revenue is up from the same period last year. Darrin Johnson reported that expenses were typical for the period. Both Charlie Denham and Brandon Crim pointed out that equipment they have ordered could be delivered at any time. Darrin Johnson indicated those capital purchases will result in higher-than-normal expense totals on the reports. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the financial reports.

Operations/Course Conditions Reports: Brandon Crim reported for Centennial that the paving contractor is working today on the cart path below #12 and will work tomorrow on the bridge over the canal there. The rain last Thursday helped and they are continuing to use a wetting agent where needed. Other than that, they are doing normal mowing, maintenance and weed control. They continue to be short-staffed, having difficulty hiring and retaining temporary workers. Charlie Denham reported the same for Ridgecrest on normal mowing and maintenance, as well as the same problem hiring and retaining staff. Scott Nicholes reported the same short-staffing issues in the clubhouse. Darrin Johnson indicated that virtually all departments in Park and Rec are experiencing staffing shortages, despite raising pay. Darrin also indicated that Nels Axelsen is retiring from the pro-shop at Centennial. They have reclassified the position as an assistant professional, and hired Hadley Hersh. Hadley played on the Idaho State University women's golf team and has been an assistant professional at Timberstone for the last seven months. June York and Linda Estes indicated that course conditions at Centennial are very good. Scott Jacobsen indicated the same for Ridgecrest. He has noticed what looks like crabgrass on #14. Charlie Denham indicated that it's bermuda grass that comes in from the canal banks and is nearly impossible to control.

Public Relations Reports: Linda Estes reported for Centennial that a Kiwanis tournament was held on 5/21. Get Ready Golf was held on 5/25 and 6/1, and U.S. Kids Golf was held on 5/27. An Idaho Seniors two-day tournament was held on 6/3-4, Mizuno Demo Day was held on 6/4, a Couples Chapman was held on 6/5, Links Players Group on 6/7, and a girl's clinic was held on 6/14.

June York reported for Ridgecrest that a Ladies Sip n' Chip Clinic was held on 5/21. A U.S. Kids tournament was held on 5/22, an LPGA Women's event was held on 5/25, and ACS Systems held a reverse shotgun with 45 players on 5/28. The RMGA Two Man Scramble was held on 5/29-30. A Get Ready Golf graduation tournament was held on 6/1. The annual NNU Legends Golf Scramble was held on 6/4 with a full field. An LPGA Girls Clinic was held on 6/7 and the second session of Get Ready Golf started on 6/8. Franklin Building Supply had an outing scheduled for 6/10 that was rained out and rescheduled near the end of July. The annual Mayor's Tournament was held on 6/11 with a full complement of teams, followed by an Elam

and Burke outing on the Wee Nine. The first match for PGA Junior League took place on 6/12, and on 6/13 annual junior instruction camps started in 3 divisions, 4–7 year-olds, 8-11 year-olds and 12-17 year-olds. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Operations/Course Conditions and Public Relations reports.

Old Business

- **Property Update:** Darrin Johnson reported that the current lease with Idaho Department of Health & Welfare (IDHW) expires June 30th, and they have sent the city a 1-year lease extension to allow for property sale negotiations to continue. Darrin has been appointed by the mayor as the point person for those negotiations, and IDHW has appointed Brad McDonald. Mr. McDonald will visit both courses on June 30th and talk with Darrin and possibly John Lewis and Scott Nicholes to begin that process. Darrin is hopeful negotiations and paperwork for a sale of the courses to the city can be wrapped up by the end of the year.

New Business

- **Pepsi Youth Scholarship:** One application was received for a reduced fee Pepsi Youth Scholarship for Centennial. After discussion motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the application.
- **Mayor's Tournament:** Kari Riley gave a financial report. The money raised for high school college scholarships this year was the highest she can remember. Business sponsorship was strong and several of the key sponsors have already indicated they will participate again next year. There was brief discussion about possibly moving the date of the tournament permanently to early June, as it has been the last two years due to the pandemic. Traditionally the tournament has been held in early to mid-May. Darrin Johnson will ask the mayor if she has a preference and the Commission will discuss it again at a future meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 AM.

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

Respectfully submitted by Steve Wilson, Commission Secretary.