

Nampa Golf Commission Meeting Minutes 10/19/21

Note: Meeting was held with several people attending in the Mayor's Conference Room and others attending online.

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

Absent: Craig Stensgaard, Scott Nicholes

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 9/21/21.

Financial Reports: Scott Nicholes reported via email that revenue at Ridgecrest was the best year ever, and he is very proud of the staff that was short-handed much of the year but worked hard to make it such a successful year. Darrin Johnson reported the revenue for both courses was the highest ever. The reported revenue for the fiscal year (October through September) will be increased slightly by interest earnings, and expenses will be higher as invoices for September come in to be paid in October or November. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the financial reports.

Operations/Course Conditions Reports: Brandon Crim reported for Centennial that they lost the employee that was mowing the rough, so they are slightly behind on that. They are starting to do some weed burning, repairing some irrigation leaks and doing all they can to keep up with a small crew. Todd Durbin reported that he played in the Nampa Amateur and the greens were a bit slow but otherwise the course was in good shape. He did have reported to him by another player that there seemed to be a few "dead spots" in the fairways, specifically on #17, and those possibly should be marked "ground under repair." Brandon Crim indicated he thought the problem on #17 was more wear from cart traffic, and he will check it for possible designation as ground under repair. Steve Wilson read Charlie Denham's Ridgecrest operations report. The mowing schedule is being reduced as grass growing slows. Final applications to the greens for winter disease will be made over the next 3 weeks, and they are blowing and mulching leaves. Todd Durbin and Scott Jacobsen both reported that the greens were very good for the Nampa Amateur.

Public Relations Reports: Steve Wilson read the Centennial report by Linda Estes. An Angels Anonymous tournament was held on 9/24 with 88 players. The Centennial/Ridgecrest 2-man Best Ball was held 9/25-26. The Just Because CLGA/CMGA Scramble was held on 10/2, and the Nampa Amateur was held 10/9-10. June York reported for Ridgecrest that the Golf Commission held its annual golf outing on 9/21. A corporate outing shotgun with a full field was held on 9/24. The Centennial/Ridgecrest 2-man Best Ball was held 9/26. RMGA fall League ended on 9/29. The Nampa Amateur was held on 10/10, and a Pro Am was held on 10/18. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Operations/Course Conditions and Public Relations reports.

Old Business

- **Property Update:** Darrin Johnson reported that attorneys for the city have drafted a purchase agreement for the courses that has been submitted to the Department of Health & Welfare (DHW). The agreement proposes to buy the property for the

appraised value and contains a “right of first refusal” clause that gives DHW the right buy back the property if the city ever decides to not use the property for golf or recreation. Mayor Kling had a conversation with DHW Director Jeppesen yesterday (10/18) expressing the desire to move forward as quickly as we can. Director Jeppesen indicated that he needs to consult with a few other people before moving ahead. Darrin Johnson indicated that Mayor Kling felt good about the conversation.

New Business

- **Youth Golf Scholarships:** No applications were received for discounted Pepsi youth golf scholarships. Steve Wilson indicated there was some discussion at the last meeting about possibly using some of the Pepsi funds to support youth golf activities at the courses besides just the discounted green fee scholarships, since we don’t seem to get many of those requests. Darrin Johnson indicated he felt the contract would give us some flexibility to do that. Scott Nicholes indicated last month that he would develop some ideas on what kinds of youth golf activities the Commission might consider for additional use of those funds.

Adjournment: Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 AM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for November 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.