

Golf Committee Minutes
January 8th, 2009
Heatherhurst Golf Club

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by the 2009 Chairman Pat Gruet. The Golf Committee normally meets on the second Thursday of the month to address Golf related business.

In Attendance:

Steve Kraft	Golf Director
Bob Henderson	Board Liaison
Pat Gruet	Meeting Chairman
Chet Weeks	Handicap Committee Chairman
Penny Symington	Ladies 18-Hole League - Pres
Dan Richardson	Men's 18-Hole A Div - Pres
EJ Bueche	Men's 9-Hole League – Pres
John Kinnunen	Member at Large/Handicap Flags Official
Terry Allard	Member at Large
Fred Boyer	Member at Large
Sam Hall	Member at Large

Absent:

Nelle Norris	Ladies 9-Hole League – Pres
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2. Approval of December 2008 Minutes

The minutes were approved by the committee as written.

3. Golf Directors Report – Steve Kraft

Steve reported that the number of actual paid rounds (18 hole equivalents) and the number of players serviced for December continued to show the negative impact of bad winter weather this year. Compared to 2007 the December 2008 play was down by 1,095 equivalent rounds, the worst months being March, November and December.

However, the financials for the year are expected to be favorable. Steve said that much of the credit for this is due to the job his Golf Directors did managing to their individual budgets.

<u>December 2008 Rounds</u>		<u>2008 YTD Totals</u>
Budget	2,525	168,239
Actual Paid	1,890	166,910
+/- to Bud	(635)	(1,329)
Players Serviced	2,921	204,124

Steve handed out a copy of the recent 2008 Golf Survey to the attendee's. He and his staff are still in the process of evaluating the data. Later he will report on a list of changes that can be implemented as part of a services improvement plan.

Steve also reported that the Stonehenge Golf Director, Shane Newton had resigned.

4. Handicap Flags Update – John Kinnunen:

John reported that he had requests for two new flags. He will have an updated report for the next meeting.

5. Handicap Committee Update – Chet Weeks:

-The Handicap Committee will continue to meet the second Tuesday of the month or as scheduled by the Chairman. All members of last year's committee have signed on for 2009.

-New handicaps were issued as of January 2. Next update is scheduled for January 30.

-Members who have not renewed their membership have been placed on "inactive" status in the system. Currently we have 400 players who have renewed for 2009.

264 Men, 117 Ladies (18 hole), 23 Ladies (9 hole)

-Chet also asked the committee attendees to remind their membership how important it is to post all scores played away, in the GHIN system.

6. Old Business

a. Central Tee Times Online

Steve reported that he is **still** in the process of evaluating software that may be useful for this purpose. But cost and performance are currently issues. He will report back to the committee when his evaluation is complete.

b. Pride of Ownership in our Golf Courses Outstanding Action Items

1. Include statements on score cards, **would be the same for Druid, Dorchester and Stonehenge.**

2. Discussion at Spring Group Leaders Meetings

3. Steve to present information with the Spring/Summer schedules for next year.

c. Placement of ice scoops in the Snack Bars

Steve is looking into the feasibility of installing ice machines. Used ice machines might be a cost effective solution. Will report back to the Committee.

d. Lost Golf Revenue Discussion

Pat Gruet has been compiling survey information received from FFG Groups that play off site, to determine the extent of the revenue that is being lost and what actions the Golf Committee might be able to recommend to reduce this practice.

He shared some of the preliminary results with the committee which prompted a lively discussion about the cause and effects of off site play by large groups. There has been some increase in new-comers play at our courses but far and away organized group play is the primary driving force for residents and visitors.

Pat urged the group to come back to the committee with ideas on how to motivate Groups playing off site groups to play on FFG courses. He would like to see these ideas take the form of a "business case" that can be taken to the FFG Board.

Steve promised to compile information on categories of players for the next meeting breaking out: Residents, Time-share, Packages etc.

7. New Business

- a. Installing painted lines on cart paths to have carts pull up to
Discussion on this subject lead to a conclusion that having designated "Cart Parking" areas on our greens, could help speed up play, but may not be feasible for all holes. Steve said he would consult with the Golf Directors; evaluate and report back to the committee.

- b. Hole Handicapping - Chet Weeks
Chet reported that work on this project has begun.
 - Data gathering and analysis has commenced to secure valid hole by hole scores correlated to course handicaps for all five (5) FFG Golf Courses.
 - Will be conducting hole data analysis using Section 17-2b (regression method) of the USGA Handicap Manual
 - Will be sharing results and re-ranking of major changes identified with other stakeholders, welcoming staff involvement.

- c. Discussion - "Incentives for Playing Winter Golf in the Glade"
The group discussed possible monetary incentives to induce more players to play during in climate weather conditions. Steve said that this approach could create administrative and control issues. The discussion ended with no plausible follow up action.

8. Adjourn

Pat Gruet closed the meeting on or about 4:30 p.m.