

Golf Committee Minutes
April 9, 2009
Heatherhurst Golf Club

1. Chet Weeks filling in for Pat Gruet called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

In Attendance:

Steve Kraft	Golf Director
Bob Henderson	Board Liaison
Dan Richardson	Men's 18 Hole League
E.J. Bueche	Men's 9 Hole League
Chet Weeks	Handicap Committee Chairman
Nelle Norris	Ladies 9 Hole League
Gerry Allard	Member at Large
Sam Hall	Member at Large

Absent:

Pat Gruet
John Kinnunen
Fred Boyer
Penny Symington

2. The minutes of the February 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Golf Director's Report

- March Rounds

Actual 18 hole paid	8383
Budget	9217 (-834)
2008 Actual paid	8530.5 (-147.5)

Players serviced 10,303

February PGA PerformanceTrac

Nationwide	1289
Tennessee	758
Druid Hills	1179
Dorchester	860 (closed on Sat. and Sun. in Feb.)
Heatherhurst	1536
Stonehenge	Closed in February

- Steve reported that the Loyalty program was awaiting changes to be made in the Jonas program. Testing would follow as soon as the changes are complete. Steve could not commit to a start date for the program at this time.

4. There was no report on handicap flags since John Kinnunen was absent

5. Handicap Committee

- Chet Weeks reported that the hole handicap summary for the Stonehenge red tees was sent to Steve Kraft on 3/16 and the new ones can be now be used. The information can be obtained by contacting Steve.

- Work has started on Stonehenge White tees and is pretty well along.
- Chet questioned the status of the course rating request for the original 4 courses.
- GHIN renewal status – Men 631 active, Ladies 309 active, Ladies 9 hole - 60
- 7 players handicaps were reviewed

6. Old Business

Golf committee role in Tennessee Women's Open

- TGA is reviewing Stonehenge 4/15. They are in charge and will advise what will be needed. There are sign-up sheets at all courses and we should encourage people to volunteer.

Discussion regarding walkers

- Steve mentioned that articles and a golf e-mail have been published stating the concerns and position on walkers and that the issue is closed at this time.
- Chet Weeks suggests that a member of the golf committee represent the walking community in future issues.

Status of short course

- Steve talked to the pro at the short course that Lachrichia Hunt presented in the last committee meeting. He indicated that the short course was used primarily for junior and beginning golfers.
- A concern with establishing a short course here involves issues between groups/players playing a short course vs. others playing from regular tees.
- Establishing additional tees also creates maintenance as well as course rating and handicapping issues.

Status of golf course reviews

- Druid completed 3/31/09
- Heatherhurst Brae in progress, Crag to follow
- Stonehenge scheduled for April/early May
- Dorchester scheduled for May

7. New Business

Leagues to help with spring clean up

- Steve and his superintendents will look at ideas for use of golf groups.

Should the Golf Committee do more re publicity in the Glade Sun

- The committee was not clear on the intent of this item and needs more information.

Requests

1. Mowing of rough in front of green on #9 Crag and #18 Stonehenge.
 - Steve will discuss this with the superintendents. The issue has to do with drainage and mowing problems.
2. Safety issue on #12 on Stonehenge regarding rock drop off
 - The area in front of the forward tees has been roped off.
 - Areas of this nature on other courses should be identified during the course reviews so they can be taken care of as soon as possible.
3. Define areas to enter fairways
 - Steve would prefer to have carts enter at the 1st ball in the fairway and scatter rather than enter at a fixed location. This will cause less wear on the rough. Also, an additional post is a maintenance issue for the mowers.

The committee had additional discussion regarding the stone monuments recently placed at Stonehenge to indicate 150 yards. There is a concern that there could be a liability issue if a ball struck a golfer after hitting a monument. It was suggested that the monuments be lowered/moved farther away from the fairway. Also, possibly a local rule for additional relief/line of flight could be implemented.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.