

Hillsview Golf Board Meeting Minutes Monday, April 6, 2009

Board Members Present: John Knox, Bill Olander, Doc Schoessler, Barb Wood
City representative: Tom Farnsworth, Dean Heymans and Todd Surdez
Members Absent: Charlie Van Gerpen, Craig Smith, Kay Tobin

Doc Schoessler presided as acting chairman in Charlie Van Gerpens absence. The meeting opened at 5:30 at the Hillsview maintenance shop. Bill Olander was introduced as the newest member of the Golf Board, replacing Teri Ellenbecker.

First item of business: Review of the Golf manager agreement which is due to be renegotiated and signed in 2009. Tom Farnsworth, Leon Schochenmaier, Todd and the City Commission will meet and negotiate the new contract.

Todd pointed out several items in the old contract that are no longer relevant and/or complete. He also pointed out that he and his employees now do many tasks that were previously done by the City, such as selling memberships and providing various reports. Since Todd hires and pays all Clubhouse workers, he feels there needs to be compensation for the additional work. He also pointed out that his income has been adversely affected by some of the changes at the golf course, most notably cart rentals, so that he needs that income compensated somehow. Tom Farnsworth requested Board member input regarding the contract. He suggested that Todd could be excused from the meeting and that all Board Members could give input in private. The Board declined that opportunity.

Second item of business: Status of the Clubhouse remodel project

In June the Board has to go back the City Commission and give a report on the revenue streams and private funding planned to fund the clubhouse remodel. If the Commission approves our progress to date it will authorize hiring the architect and allow bids to be let. To further our funding efforts the Board came to a consensus that we should seek volunteers to help with fund raising activities. Five names were suggested and Board members volunteered to talk to the five and seek a commitment from them.

A special Board meeting will be held April 20 at the maintenance shop to firm up plans for the committee. The meeting is open to the public and starts at 5:30 p.m.

Third item of business: Golf course update

Dean Heymans reported that the course will open on Friday, April 10. Todd reported that there have been tee times made by golfers as far away as North Dakota for the opening weekend.

Dean also informed us that the pond will be dredged. He doesn't have a committed date from the company doing the work but expects it to happen fairly soon. Dirt and silt removed will be used to shore up hole number 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Wood