GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Meeting minutes from May 27, 1999
6:30 p.m.

Board Members in attendance were Dick Fuller (chairman), Bobby Davidson, Jim Dickson, Bob Reid, Mike O’Connell. Staff included Chris Claxton, Pete Spratlin, Matt Roberts, and Shane Gardener of Ironhorse.

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m.

The minutes from the April 28, 1999 meeting were approved.

COURSE UPDATE
Mr. Spratlin passed out an updated course project list with costs. Fans are items that are most over budget: @$7,200.00. The Creek Bank project was over cost due to a misunderstanding about the cost of riprap.

Bobby wanted to know if there is a warranty on the work that was done. Pete responded there isn’t one “technically”. The tees are the worst things on the course. They sat in water most of the Spring in cool night weather. Have budgeted to convert Bent-grass tees to Zoysia. They will repair Zoysia tees that need it first. Tees will be graded to minimal slope so as not to hold water. Dick Fuller asked what is the time frame for this project? The project was budgeted to buy and lay the sod, but no workers are available. Dick Fuller suggested that Mr. O’Connell talk with Brian Anderson from the Parks Department or to Public Works.

Regarding the fence/gate on #12 – this subdivision is in the City of Overland Park. Mr. Fuller inquired if there was anything we can do about this. Chris Claxton will talk to Bob McKay to see if he can speak with Overland Park planning/codes to address this.

Brett from Continental Consulting Engineers came to drop off a preliminary study and four exhibits (A,B,C,D) on the sifting of #11 lake. The exhibits were reviewed in detail.

JD wants to know if it is cleaned out, how will the silt be removed? Brett H. said that it could be dredged by draining the lake and using a backhoe. This can be destructive to the course. Another option would be to set a dredging device in the center of the lake and pump it up hill, utilizing the existing silt basin. We must get permission to do this through Acuff and Rhodes. The cost is $ 8 – 15 per cubic yard ($10 per cubic yard) and will total about $12,000. This project would cause the lake to lose some water. Grounds workers would have to open irrigation system so as not to lose water. There is no permit required by state for this type of dredging project. Dick Fuller suggested we find out what Acuff and Rhodes plans are. Both Parks and Rec. staff and Continental Consulting should talk with Acuff and Rhodes. Chris will talk with
Dick Garofano about this and get advice on how to proceed. The creek is also silted in for 400 yards now. This was a flat stone bed when constructed.

PACE OF PLAY
Matt R. passed out the budget for 2000 and current pace of play implement upgrades or suggestions. This sheet detailed the information. Jim asked Matt to figure what can be done with distance markers for #9 and #11 (first to be considered). Distance markers for #8 is an issue for shorter hitters and women. Dick Fuller offered that most golfers prefer the white tees play longer than 6,200 yards. Shane suggested that the key is to mix up the tees. JD said that every so many holes (1/4) take them back. Pete said that black tee boxes have recently been taken out of play. A number of black tee markers have been stolen. M.O. asked would it be visually okay to mark sprinkler heads a color (white, yellow). Pete thought the paint might not stick to hard plastic. Shane offered that the heads could be cut around.

BUDGET
A discussion took place about 38,000 versus 40,000 rounds. Matt discussed options about how to get the 40,000 rounds number in a reasonable fashion. There is some concern about budgeting the revenue projections on 40,000. Other ways to generate more revenue – more twilight play? After 5:30 – 6:00 another fee (reduced) “supertwilight” fee.

Chris discussed the update on Simpson issues regarding silt, bank, and debris items from the meeting with Dick G, Bob M, Joe J and Jeff Cantrell.

EASEMENT
Do we still have the easement originally offered? Chris will ask Dick G to ask this question of Johnson County WasteWater personnel. Jim D. recommends that we invite WasteWater out to the property to discuss this issue over lunch or dinner. Phil G. will be asked to attend. Need to determine a point person.

MISCELLANEOUS
The new Golf Committee phone list was distributed,
The eagle contract was further discussed relating to Manager and Superintendent.
The next meeting date was set for June 24th.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton
Interim Director of Parks and Recreation