

IRONHORSE

Golf Club



GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE

March 23, 2000 Meeting –5:30 p.m.

Committee members in attendance were Dick Fuller (chairman), Jim Dickson, John Campbell, Lou Rasmussen, Dave Fearis, and Bob Reid. Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director, as well as Pete Spratlin, and Matt Roberts of IRONHORSE were in attendance as was Keith Hanley from E.A.G.L.

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

A motion was made by Jim Dickson to approve the minutes of the February 15th meeting. Bob Reid seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

I. General Operations Report

Matt reported that the golf course has had a good year thus far. A copy of the year to date financial report was passed out. Rounds are on budget although March is behind a little bit due to rain and some snow. Additional revenue is due to the increase in various membership packages. Conductors club is at 70 members with a \$100.00 increase. It is anticipated that this number could easily go to 125. The max is 150. The engineers club is up to 15 so far. Range revenue has been very good also. The men's association is up to 70 members with a \$250.00 fee. Can take up to 100 men. Leagues are full again. The hole sponsors have one paid and six more ready to pay for a total of seven sold. Projecting \$90,000 for hole sponsors. Jim asked about the mailing list. Matt indicated that Mark Andrasik is working on finalizing the program, which will be installed next week. This will give us a complete data base. Dick asked if there had been any concerns on the new fees to date. Matt said there has been no negative feedback at the golf course but Lou indicated that he had heard some concerns from the 2nd Ward, but they appreciate the fact that the money is going back into the course. The practice tee is on the bluegrass in front of the zoysia. A seasonal assistant, Brian Wilson, has been hired. He will be a class "A" PGA member when he finishes at IRONHORSE.

Keith stated that the greens are in excellent condition.

II. Course Update

Pete passed out a handout on the status of several existing course issues. Both pumps are ready and sitting on a truck. Can't get them in until some sort of road base is there. Working with Overland Park to lower the specs. Dick indicated that the road would be built to spec according to statements made by Saul Ellis at a meeting attended by Pete, Chris, Saul, Mark Simpson and Dick himself last fall. They agreed to give us the money to get the road built. The road is going totally through Overland Park. Pete will lay temporary gravel next week to get the pumps in. Dick

indicated the importance of the pumps, i.e. the greens versus the penalties from OP? Thursday is D-day according to Pete. Continental needs to write the legal description on the road. Dick will call Phil Gibbs to see if he can expedite it. Chris said there might be some confusion on this issue. Continental may be waiting to hear about the exact location of the road. Dick asked Pete to further explain the tee situation. Pete discussed the continued erosion problems, especially on number 13 tee, which is close to being lost due to silt. Lou explained the new clean water standards that include silting control. Moving dirt in Leawood will require a permit. If you violate silting requirements, you are responsible. This is all part of the new storm water ordinance. Pete said he feels it is a real possibility that we are going to have to replace the tee boxes on #'s 13 and 16. Chris inquired as to whether or not we can enforce penalties for replacement. Lou assured the group that the ordinance is enforceable. Dick indicated that we need to be more pro-active about contacting planning on these issues. Pete pointed out the additional problem with pools draining into our irrigation lake. Lou said the ordinance indicates that you have to take it to the street. Pete said this could be more of a problem. He is working with the Kansas Department of Wildlife to provide plant life and fish for a healthier lake but it is unlikely they will provide these things if the lake has pool water going into it. Lou asked about "cease and desist" orders. Check with Patty to look at stormwater ordinance and standards for clean water act. Lou wanted to know if the City Manager had been advised of the problems. Chris indicated that IRONHORSE staff and Chris have been trying to work this out with planning.

Jim and Pete are going to get together soon on some irrigation education. Everyone is invited to attend. The system needs to be looped for increased efficiency.

April 17th is the start date on the bunkers as well as aerification. Jim asked if we will ever be at a point where we will not aerify. Pete said he hopes to get to that point. Fans are up already. They can keep greens dry, even in cool season to prevent disease. Mrs. Boomer on #17 called to tell him they don't need the fans. Pete moved them around to make it more aesthetic but it is temporary. Chris recommended we write a general letter to make a consistent statement about why and when fans will run. This can be provided to all homeowners affected both present and future. Pete also received a complaint from Mr. Kincaid about the trash blowing from the developers onto his property. Chris told Mr. Kincaid he should direct his concerns to planning.

Pete met with the developers of the 151st and Nall project. He thought others were invited but apparently not. They showed him their improved plans, according to the City Engineer. He did not increase the size of the pipes but had them add one more. Still not adequate for 100 year flood requirements. Pete told them that then the storm drain leaves their property, the golf course has absolute say about the plans. Another thing that bothered Pete was the plan for a 16' wall going down the #14 fairway. The developer is going to give us the revised plan when it is done. The wall may create a lack of air to the green necessitating the need for another fan. The developer will have to place the electrical service. Lou told us to be sure to stipulate this to the planning department on the zoning (through property, through wall). They also changed the density of the plan that would include a bar. This could increase vandalism to the golf course.

III. Budget 2001

Chris discussed the timeline for the 2001 budget. It is due to the City Finance Director by April 28. Need to get it finalized by mid-April in order to have time for revisions, etc. Lou asked, "What is the thrust of the opinion of this committee on the creek bank stabilization money". There is a CIP meeting on Monday and he wants to know what to present. Chris indicated that there is \$400,000 total for the project, estimated to date, over four years. \$100,000 for 2002 and 2003 and \$200,000 for 2004. Lou-Do we want to say we shouldn't do anything on the banks? Dick Fuller stated that

from those who play the course regularly, there is a widening problem on erosion. Until the study with Continental is complete, a hard figure cannot be determined. Dave indicated that if #6 green? Had to be replaced it could cost \$80,000 to replace it. This is an example of the detriment the creek can cause if we don't try to stabilize it. The minutes need to reflect that the \$400,000 currently in the CIP is the best estimate at this time. John indicated that this is a city problem and should not necessarily be at the cost of the golf course. This is why it's in the CIP.

John made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Lou seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Claxton, C.L.P.
Director, Parks and Recreation