

# IRONHORSE

## Golf Club



### **GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES** **July 27, 2000 Meeting –5:30 p.m.**

Committee members in attendance were Dick Fuller, Lou Rasmussen, John Campbell, Mike O'Connell, Bobby Davidson, Bob Reid and Dave Fearis. Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director, as well as Pete Spratlin and Matt Roberts of IRONHORSE . Keith Hanley of Evergreen Alliance Golf Limited (EAGL) was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Lou Rasmussen to approve the minutes from the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mike O'Connell seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Bobby Davidson questioned what fund the settlement monies on the lawsuit on #10 came out of. City or Golf Course. Chris said she would have to check the exact fund but it did come out of a city fund.

#### **I. General Operations Report**

Matt Roberts reported that the course is operating 4-5 points above budget. We are averaging 220 rounds per day, with 300 rounds last Sunday. Revenues are where they need to be. Tournaments are coming on in late August, September and October. The junior program is finishing up. There were 185 kids that went through the program. This included Hook A Kid on Golf, Junior, and Eagle Golf. This Monday, July 31, the LPGA exhibition returns to IRONHORSE for the second annual Celebration of Women's Golf event. The event will feature Marissa Bennaie, Jill McGill, Cindy Flom, and Julie Roberts. The clinic is at 11:00 am and the skins game starts at Noon. Let Matt know if you want to come out. To date 2000 tickets have been handed out.

The range is going great guns too. Evenings are very full and you must often wait for a space. Weather being milder has taken some stress off the course. We lost a few trees during the storm last night.

The Metro Sports Tee Time television show featured IRONHORSE on the May 18 telecast. Matt passed out some copies of the tape for all that wanted one. Dick Fuller asked whether the twilight play has made an impact on revenues. Matt said it has somewhat but mostly on food and beverage sales in the evening. There have no tee times available for the last three days from 2:00-7:00 p.m. One other item-There were some reporters from the Olathe Daily News playing our course on the twenty-first and they were heckled by the crew working on the house on #13, lot 46. Chris told the group about her conversation with Mr. Jim Riffe of Riffe homes about this same sort of issue several weeks ago. Chris has told golf staff to call the Police Department if this continues.

## II. Course Update

Pete reported that it is now the end of July and the course is doing really well. Crews are mowing more than usual with the cooler weather and rainfall. Lou asked where we were in using our budget money for new equipment. Pete said we are right on target for budget expenses for this. We are slating the irrigation down Bell Drive for the fall of this year. Dick Fuller asked if the golf car issues had been straightened out? Matt said they had and that the problem was with the chargers. Should all be working by tomorrow.

Dick commented that for the first time since the course opened we finally have some zoysia collars. Pete said that there had been a lot of play that has resulted in some ball mark issues. Dick asked how it was compared to other courses. Pete said the same.

Pete continued by saying that the tee boxes look good and are holding. Chris asked Pete to bring the group up to speed on the code violation list, per Mr. Rasmussen's request. On the silt fence issues Pete said that most of the homes that were under construction are complete and most fences have been removed. The issue now is the drains. None of the drain tile issues have been changed in anyway. Dick Fuller asked how the buyers are getting occupancy permits then? Lou asked who is supposed to be following this for the City. Pete said that he reports most of this to Jeff Cantrell because most issues now relate to areas he supervises. Jeff has the phone number to the landscaper and the homeowner on the house on the left. Pete said that he has had some plans from the homeowner on the left but has been waiting for Nicki (the inspector), to come out to pass them on to her. Chris told him not to approve any plans but to certainly pass them on. The issue surrounds a proposed retaining wall and more water drainage onto the golf course.

Pete commented that there are also issues on a home on #6. Dick asked if he knew who the homeowner was and what the specific problem was. Pete said the home belongs to Mark Simpson and the issue is that there is some sort of drainage coming from his lot onto the golf course and into the lake. It has killed the grass leading to the lake and to the perimeter around the lake in this area. Lou asked if he had contacted the EPA and Pete said he was having some soil testing done. Lou asked if the city attorney had been advised and Chris said no. Lou said to make sure we get the city attorney in the loop on this.

Pete stated that most items now are small in nature, overall, at the course, which is good. John Campbell said that he has heard many positive comments about the golf course while out and about. Dick said he was at the course when a resident came up and gave kudos to Pete about the fantastic job the crew had done on the course over the last year.

Chris brought the group up to date on the encroachment issue of the cart path on #13 tee. This is the Riffe home. The same lot that the silt came on to the tee box which will now require it being replaced and; that the \$600 was collected on to clean the silt off the cart path and the tee box. Mr. Riffe wants to put a retaining wall in the 25' setback to maximize the back yard space. He has been working with Sam Maupin on this. Of course Mr. Riffe has asked us to move the cart path and threatened to move the fence down to the property line if the city does not comply. Dick said he thought there could be no permanent structure built within the setback. Lou inquired as to whether or not the city had some stipulation on the look of a wall, etc. Bobby said if you go back and search for the easements on the lot with the title company and/or look at the no build zone language it should clarify some of this. This was supposed to be stipulated on these lots due to the slope of the back yards. It should have some language about not disturbing the back yards and they could not make any improvements without the committee's approval. Lou said, "What was the easement for? Ask Patty to look this up through a title search on the lot."

Chris said the retaining wall issue is of concern because more than a few had been turned down all around the course. Pete concurred on this. Chris read the info she had receive from Sam Maupin earlier in the day stating that he had left a message with Mr. Riffe telling him that he will need to submit a plan indicating the location, height, and construction materials of the proposed wall. The plan needs to be prepared by a licensed professional engineer. He said that Mr. Riffe will need the approval of the committee on the wall. He will call Chris as soon as he hears from Mr. Riffe. Bobby said that hopefully, the easement and the no build zone is in place. Chris needs to get with Patty and Sam to get this resolved.

Lou Rasmussen brought up the stone railroad bridge. Allegedly the park and recreation board have voted to accept it at the south park. The golf committee had expressed some interest in it previously, when Pete first found the bridge and contacted the historic commission at Chris's direction. Lou said that if the committee wants it at the golf course they need to decide. Chris said Brian Anderson, Parks Supervisor estimated, that the base cost to move it would be \$5500. This does not include any landscaping or the cost to repair the land of the homeowner where it would be removed. Dick said he, being the President of the park board, had seen the model and the supporting historical report done by a volunteer. He expressed to the committee at the time that it could be used at the golf course as a footbridge, but the park board said they would like to have it at the park. Dick feels it has more ties to the golf course because it was originally on the property adjacent to the course, where it lies now. It was part of the Leaky Roof Railroad and the theme would tie in well with the name IRONHORSE. He said that it would not be seen as much at the course as in the park but; they would place a plaque on it and those that use it could enjoy it. Mike O'Connell made a motion that the golf committee would like to have the bridge at the golf course and the golf course will pay to move it, renovate it, restore it, maintain it and the historical significance associated with it. Dave Fearis seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chris gave an update on the wastewater easement by informing the group that the easement with Mr. Large had been secured. This can now be used to pursue the easement with wastewater to the golf course. Chris will write the letter to Doug Smith and include a copy of the Large easement. She will address the cost of the fence and gates at our cost versus wastewater paying for it.

Chris showed Lou the copy of the April 1993 council minutes at which time they approved the recommendation of the plan commission for the easement of Don Bell's lot #16, Leawood Mission valley. The following stipulations were outlined in the resolution #17-93: 1.Lot 16 shall establish a 12 foot minimum side yard on the west lot line. 2.No structure including but not limited to fences shall be located or built on the golf course easement established for lot 16. 3.The existing dead end of Sherwood shall be provided with a terminus as indicated on the amended final plat with concrete curb and gutter and asphalt paving. Bobby asked if the easement is recorded? Chris said she does not know as it is likely that planning recorded it. If it is recorded, we need to read the language on it or; does planning not a have a record of it, Bobby asked. Lou said to have Patty find out what has been recorded to find out what the rights are of the property owner.

Mike O'Connell made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Dave Fearis seconded the motion. The motion passed and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Claxton

Director, Parks and Recreation