

IRONHORSE Golf Club



GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE February 27, 2003 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee members in attendance were Dick Fuller (chairman), Jim Dickson, Bob Reid, Dave Fearis, Charles Lewis, III, Councilman Lou Rasmussen, Councilman Scott Gullledge and John Campbell. Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director, Laurie McCauley, as well as Matt Roberts, Pete Spratlin, and Shane Gardner of IRONHORSE.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Lou Rasmussen to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2003 meeting. Bob Reid seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

General Operations Report

Matt reported that they had a good month in February. They budgeted \$10,000 in revenues and are currently at \$25,000 in revenues. They had 537 paid rounds for the month and budgeted 164 rounds. Tournament bookings are doing very well, they have booked another 11 events for a total of 33 events. They had the open house last month and had a 120 plus people and also acquired 52 new names for their database. During the open house, they signed up 47 Triple Crown, 11 Conductor's Club and 50 Men's Club memberships. The Kansas City Golf Show starts Friday, 2/28/03, and Ironhorse has a booth.

Course and Project Update

Pete said that the moisture we have gotten has helped a lot and that there should be no winterkill on the zoysia. The pre-emergent and herbicides are down for the winter. Everything is right on schedule.

Pete said that they would start moving dirt on the Mission Reserve project (#9). Regarding the Nall project, they have enclosed the fence, but no one has been able to tell Pete when they will come back and replace the trees and grass. Lou asked about information on the SMAC project. Pete said that he had not heard anything. Lou asked about coordinating with the City Administrator regarding the capital equipment. Chris said that their budget directives require a decision package for each piece of equipment.

Dick Fuller acknowledged how appreciative this committee is with all the efforts that Scott, Mike and Lou have contributed.

Discussion of Potential Course Re-Route

Matt passed out a sheet listing the pros and cons of rerouting the course by making hole #18 the number one hole and vise-versa. The pros would be that the golfers would not be hitting into the sun in the morning; golfers making the turn will have to go past the clubhouse (increasing f/b sales); and the pace of play should improve due to easier starting holes. The cons would be that #10 tee is not visible from the clubhouse; homes on the right side of #10 may see more balls; the costs associated with changing scorecards, hole markers, and rewiring the p.a. system; continuation of rounds from #18 to #1 without the clubhouse awareness; more difficult to monitor frost, frost burn-offs are slower on the back nine; and early mowing schedules will be difficult due to greater travel time for mowers. They are looking at doing this for a week or so in May and then will report back at the May committee meeting.

2003 Capital Equipment Request

Lou said that the City Council has postponed the decision making on the capital improvements. There is confusion now as we change our accounting system as to what items will be on the capital improvements schedule and those items that will be on the operations and maintenance schedule. Lou said that some of the items on the improvement list need more work. Lou suggested that they justify the perimeter irrigation and do a cost benefit analysis. Then we should be prepared in April for the discussion of the need for the perimeter irrigation.

There was discussion regarding the point of sale software and Scott said that it is not an IT budgeted item and that it should be a part of capital improvements for the golf course.

Chris said that everything on the improvement list is a capital improvement. She said that we should next check that the priority list is still current.

Shane said that our #1 complaint is the bunkers. Pete handed out a sheet on the bunkers, costs, and what has been done to the bunkers to help educate and provide information on the perimeter irrigation.

Lou asked that at the next meeting he would like to have two things: (1) a clear definition of what is operations and maintenance and (2) a capital improvements program and prioritization of what we really want to push for in 2003 and (3) where is the software supposed to be.

Chris and Scott will talk to Mark Andrasik regarding the software program.

Misc.

Chris said that we got bids back from both Club Car and EZ GO on the golf carts. Orion recommended that they go with Club Car. Chris said that they took the option of the annual

service agreement on the cars. Our lease would be for 3 years and the warranty is for 3 years. We are going to try to take delivery on the cars by May 1st.

Scott Gullidge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Lewis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 27, 2003.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director
Parks & Recreation