

# IRONHORSE Golf Club



## **GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE JULY 24, 2003 – 5:30 p.m.**

Committee members in attendance were Dick Fuller (chairman), Councilman Lou Rasmussen, Dave Ferris, Bobby Davidson, Bob Reid, and John Campbell. Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director, Pete Spratlin and Matt Roberts of IRONHORSE.

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Dave Ferris to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2003 meeting. John Campbell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **General Operations Report**

Matt reported that June was a good month and is the biggest budgeted revenue month for the course. Memberships came in \$33,000 under budgeted amount for the month of June. One reason being a lot of people paid for full membership amount up front. Second, they were short four Triple Crown memberships from last year. Matt said that they had 5,262 rounds. Food and beverage is doing very well. Their department came in \$13,000 over in revenue and \$2,500 under in expenses. Matt said that they are within \$30,000 of budget for the year. The month of July is doing well. He said that Price Chopper night was very successful. The Missouri Golf Association is hosting their tournament in August. John Campbell asked if anything was worked out with Hallbrook. Matt said that they have given them some options, but at this point nothing has been decided.

### **Course and Project Update**

Pete said that they have cut back on mowing because of the drought. He said that they are going around trying to catch up on detail work. Overall the course is doing very well. On August 12<sup>th</sup> the USGA will be visiting. On #9 at Mission Reserve, the sewers have all been connected, but they have not done any silt protection. It is also the same with #11, there is no silt protection. Chris said that she had contacted codes enforcement. Did they come out? Pete said that they did but was told nothing could be done. Chris thought they were going to do a courtesy call to Overland Park on the matter. Dick Fuller asked that Chris follow up on this problem. Pete said that they have plenty of water and they are averaging around 400,000 gallons a night.

### **Update on PES – Hole #13**

Chris said that they had two meetings, one with Public Works at the golf course on 7/10 where the public was invited and Continental went over their proposed plan. The second meeting was with the Stormwater Committee to present Continental's recommendation and to go over the plan. Chris said that the recommendation was to come in to the area with a series of berms and walls, which was \$900,000 for the project, with minimal impact to the golf course. Continental has set up individual meetings with the homeowners. Lou Rasmussen felt that what Continental proposed was a reasonable approach to solve the problem. Lou Rasmussen said that the expenditure of public funds is not for private endearments.

### **Perimeter Fencing**

Chris said that we have to prioritize areas because we do not have the funds for all areas. Chris said that what brought this up was the homeowners association wanting to know about closing in the area on the south of the cart path south of #11 green. Chris said that we should look at a long - term plan, what are the priorities, how many areas are out there, what the total costs will be and which ones should be done first. Dick Fuller asked if the priorities were aesthetics or protection. Pete said that his priorities are protection. The #1 items are the biggest access right now to kids on bikes. Lou Rasmussen asked how much we had to spend. Chris said that \$40,000 was approved. Dick Fuller said that one of his concerns was the practice area. Pete said that the iron fence is \$30/ft. and the panel fencing is \$10/ft. Dick Fuller said that #11 is a big concern. Pete will take some digital pictures of the fences that surround the property to bring to the next meeting, along with bids and pricing.

### **Orion Contract Extension**

Chris reported that there is some confusion as to this being a renegotiation of the contract. Because of the sales tax issue, it was determined that we would have to pay sales tax on the range and on the carts. During this time it became the responsibility of Orion to buy the alcohol and sell the alcohol. So in the contract they were trying to address language that would satisfy the sales tax issue. During that time Orion came back and said that they were almost at the end of the 3-year contract with an option to renew for 1 year, could the committee go ahead and recommend 3 years. The Committee recommended another 3 years at the last meeting in response to Orion's request. Chris said that the one thing that has not changed is the City Administrator's recommendation for the 1-year extension as indicated in the current contract. Dave Ferris wanted to know what incentive they have with a 1-year contract. Dick Fuller said that the committee's recommendation would be on the agenda for the August 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Lou Rasmussen said he was going to ask for a continuance. Matt said that their attorney has not had a chance to look at it yet due to the short time frame. Lou Rasmussen asked if anyone else on the committee had seen the contract. Chris said that she did not think anyone else had seen the contract as she and the City Attorney had been meeting Orion as late as yesterday on the specifics. Lou Rasmussen said that he would ask the City Administrator to take it off the agenda for the 4<sup>th</sup> and ask that it be brought back to the committee for review. Bobby Davidson asked if there were any other changes in the contract that were inconsistent

with the agreement that they are under right now. Lou Rasmussen said that he wanted to sit down with everyone and discuss all the changes. Dick Fuller said that the golf course's only input was that if there was going to be significant changes in the contract, that while the contract was being renegotiated, that the committee recommended that the contract be extended for a 3 year period. Lou Rasmussen wanted to know what would be realistic for when to put it on the agenda. Chris said September 2nd. Dick Fuller said that the committee wants to be involved if the contract is going to affect their (Orion's) willingness to accept something. Matt said that he feels that this can be worked out, that it takes time and that they want the time to do it. Chris said that they were closer than they were a few weeks ago, but there were still some things to work on.

**Misc.**

Dave Ferris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Campbell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director  
Parks & Recreation