

# IRONHORSE Golf Club



## **GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE September 25, – 5:30 p.m.**

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

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

A motion was made by Lou Rasmussen to approve the minutes from the August 28th, 2003 meeting. John Campbell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **General Operations Report**

Matt Roberts reported that they are \$25,000 under budget in revenues for September and are even in expenses with the budget. He said that YTD they are under budget by \$48,000 for total net. Labor Day weekend was a big hit on revenues because of the rain that weekend and the rain the following weekend. Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, the course will be closed for aerifying the greens. They have six shotguns scheduled in October and Night golf. Matt talked about the special deals that other courses are offering and the fact that they can't be moneymaking projects. Shane said they called several courses regarding how they were doing this year compared to last year. The end result is that their income is down. People are becoming more value conscious. Shane said they have talked about shifting a couple of the league's play days in order to bring in more groups. Matt said people who want to have leagues in the evening are approaching them. Shane felt that they were going to cut back on coupons. He feels that they are drawing traffic to the website and that it will be the best way to advertise any kind of deals.

### **Perimeter Fencing**

Chris said that they had been working on the Mark Simpson fencing issue. She said that the stipulation says that it be a continuous wrought iron fence similar to the already existing one on the golf course. In doing the research, it was determined that the fencing company did not get a permit. Chris said that they notified Neighborhood Services to send out a letter saying that they will have to comply within four weeks. They are asking them to replace the fence. Jim Dickson

felt that we should enforce the rules. Pete said that it has been recommended to match the original ornamental fencing. Pete said that Scott Lambers has approved the installation of the fencing by the course maintenance building rather than hiring it out in order to save money. Pete also said that he could buy the materials direct. Pete thought they could get a panel fence that looks exactly like the wrought iron. Dick Fuller asked if there was ever a specification of the type of fence that they had to put in. He felt that if there was a specification that we are going to require that Mr. Simpson comply with, that we had better use the same specifications. Chris asked how much savings it would be to Pete do the installation. Pete said that having his crew install the fence would be a 30% savings.

### **Course and Project Update**

Pete said that they will be aerifying on Monday and the course will be closed. They will be aerifying all 6 practice greens, chippers and greens. The practice greens will be closed for about 2 weeks. Dick Fuller asked about the nursery. Pete said that it would be one of this fall's projects. John Campbell asked if there was any damage from the flooding. Pete said that was quite a bit of damage to the bunkers and there was a lot of debris.

### **Update on #11 Vandalism**

The City deferred the case to the County. The County has asked for a detailed report of costs. John Campbell said that they would probably send it back to the City for prosecution. Lou Rasmussen said he felt Pete should list all of the costs, including the loss of turf, time of getting the turf to where it was at the time of the vandalism and the loss of golfers while being repaired.

### **Update on Lake Hole #6**

Pete passed out some information regarding the research he has done on the duck weed problem. Lou Rasmussen asked the committee to submit their suggestions within 10 days to Pete and himself and that they will come back with a recommended draft. Pete said that this report is a justification for an aerification system in the lake. Pete said that due to all the rain and having the pump at the river on 24 hours a day, a lot of the duck weed was washed away but in 2 days the lake was covered again. Pete said that they are still watering the golf course. Lou Rasmussen asked if the aerification system was a part of the original plans. Pete said that the aerification system was not in the original plans but had been recommended. Jim Dickson asked if Pete felt that we should be growing anything on the shelf around the lake. Pete said that there are things that can be planted to help eliminate algae. Pete said that aeration in the lake would help eliminate the algae. Pete said that Mike O'Connell suggested that he do a survey of other courses and lake areas that have the same problem.

### **Misc.**

Dick Fuller had a request from a homeowner, Mr. Harmerick, requesting to put a basketball court on the lot that he has purchased next to his home. The area in question is behind #10. He has filled in the flood plain. Dick Fuller said that he would have to comply with all the setbacks. Mr. Harmerick is asking from the golf course committee is authorization that we will not object

if he meets all the specifications. Pete wants a fence around the court. How noisy would it be and would there be lights. Chris said that Pete might ask for a copy of their landscaping plans. Lou Rasmussen is concerned about the noise and that we should see more of the plan. Dick Fuller said that we would table this issue until we had more of definitive plan.

Shane said that they would be having the first Hallbrook event this Sunday.

Jim Dickson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Reid seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director  
Parks & Recreation