

IRONHORSE  
Golf Club



**GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE**  
**July 22, 2004 – 5:30 p. m.**

Committee members in attendance were Dick Fuller (chairman), Councilman Lou Rasmussen, , Councilman Gary Bussing, Jim Dickson, Dave Fearis and Mike O’Connell. Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director, Pete Spratlin, Shane Gardner and Matt Roberts of IRONHORSE were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. and there was not a quorum present.

Chairman Dick Fuller introduced our newest member of the committee, Councilman Gary Bussing.

**General Operations Report**

Matt reported that they hosted the Sectional U. S. Senior Open Qualifier through the USGA and it went extremely well. There were 84 players in the field and all comments were good. They also had the Ironhorse Golf Course Member Guest on the weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup> with 60 teams. There was a pairings party for all the members and their spouses on the 16<sup>th</sup>. They did close to \$35,000 in revenues on that weekend. They also provided things for the “goodie bags” at the Taste of Leawood.

They had an air conditioning unit go out at the clubhouse, which was an unexpected expense.

As of July they are under revenues about \$13,000. The months of September and October are completely booked for tournaments. Shane said that there have been 24 rain days since April 1<sup>st</sup> and 9 of those 24 days fell on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

**Course and Project Update**

Pete said that he treated the lake in June for the duckweed and so far it is doing well. Lou Rasmussen wanted it to go on record that the fountain that will be purchased for the lake is not a solution to the duckweed problem. Dick Fuller said that there were several preventive measures that could be taken and that these measures should help with the problem. Pete said that he has made it clear to the homeowners that the duckweed could still grow even after the fountain and bubblers are installed.

Dick Fuller asked how the new perimeter irrigation system is working. Pete said that the whole irrigation project was definitely worth it.

Lou Rasmussen asked if there was any further discussion on the fencing between the Overland Park development and the golf course. Pete said that they have had it surveyed regarding the boundary line and that it is 1 to 2 feet south of the tree line, which belongs to the City. The City Administrator made it very clear that the tree line will stay intact and that it is our only barrier.

Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> was the USGA annual inspection. It was recommended to begin a tree program, find some alternatives to change the mulch paths. The removal of both fairway bunkers on #11 was also recommended. The full report should be her in about 30 days.

### **Bank Erosion Along #13 Fairway**

The hillside along hole #13 is eroding due to all the rain in March. Continental Engineering has recommended a 4foot toe-sloped wall. Pete will get more information from Continental regarding cost, etc.

### **City's Proposed Budget for 2005**

Lou Rasmussen asked where we were at as far as coordinating the software with the technology committee. Chris said that they have narrowed it down to two systems, and would then go to other courses and see what the pros and cons may be for each. They will then make a recommendation. Shane said that they hoped to go live with the new software by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

### **Misc.**

Lou Rasmussen asked about the fencing issue with Mr. Simpson. Chris said that it has not been resolved.

Chris talked about the creek bank stabilization along #8. RFP's for design should go out mid-September.

Chris said that she is trying to meet next week with Finance on the USGA grant application.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director  
Parks & Recreation