

IRONHORSE  
Golf Club



**GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE**  
**August 26 – 5:30 p. m.**

Committee members in attendance were Dick Fuller (chairman), Councilman Lou Rasmussen, Councilman Gary Bussing, Councilman Scott Gullede, Bobby Davidson, John Campbell, Jim Dickson, Mike O'Connell, and Bob Reid. Chris Claxton, Parks and Recreation Director, Shane Gardner and Matt Roberts of IRONHORSE were also in attendance.

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

A motion was made by Lou Rasmussen to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2004 meeting. Mike O'Connell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Lou Rasmussen made a motion for approval of "recognition" of the July 22, 2004 minutes. John Campbell seconded the motion. The recognition of the minutes for July 22, 2004 was approved.

**General Operations Report**

Matt reported that they are \$12,000 under budget in revenues for the month of August and approximately \$60,000 under budget in revenues year to date. They had a tournament this morning, one Sunday and one Monday. They have good tournament bookings for September and their last one in October is the 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are working to cut expenses to try and meet budget. Scott Gullede asked about the rounds of golf being down for this year. Shane feels that everyone is shopping around to find the best "deals".

Bobby Davidson felt that considering the downward movement of the nationwide economy, IRONHORSE was doing very well.

Dick Fuller feels that the golf course is an amenity for all the citizens and it is there for their use.

**Course and Project Update**

Pete was absent and submitted a report (see attached). Shane said that on the 24<sup>th</sup> there was some flooding and the cleanup has gone well. The hillside on #13 continues to slide. There will be a meeting with Continental Engineering on August 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss options. They are continuing to work on the aerators in the lake on #6. The iron fencing (our project) is almost done; a few more gates need to be installed. The 2004 equipment purchase is behind schedule. They are waiting on Turf Technology (the local Jacobsen dealer) to let them know when the rest of the trucksters will be delivered.

The USGA report was handed out, which outlines Paul Vermeulen's visit and list of recommendations. His report was very favorable.

### **Discuss Fence Installation**

Pete mentioned in his report that it was 90% complete. There are some gates to be installed.

Lou Rasmussen asked if the City Administrator had made a decision on the potential need if any for fencing west of Linden along the cart path, between Leawood and Overland Park. Chris said that she had received a phone call from the HOA president, saying they had not had their board meeting as of yet, so it has not been established if they will consider contributing to the cost of the fence.

Lou Rasmussen asked what had been resolved with the Simpson issue. Chris said that he has agreed to add the finials along with erecting the 49 lineal feet of additional fencing in the three locations specified. It should be completed no later than the end of September.

### **Discuss Fee Recommendations for 2005**

Shane and Matt have gone over the financials and the rounds of golf and looked at the competition. They may be considering an extra rate starting at 4 p.m. and capitalize on the gap between 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. There might be the opportunity to go up \$1.00 on the weekends for prime time only. They have talked about cancellation fees for people that don't show at all or show with less than booked on the tee sheet. Shane talked about possibly limiting tee times to annual pass holders on weekend mornings.

Matt would like any ideas from the committee on ways to bring in more revenue and more rounds of golf as we look to address fees for 2005.

Gary Bussing asked if they have considered making the fee structure lower rather than raising it. Matt said that all things are up for consideration at this time.

### **Discuss Upcoming Fall Work Session**

Lou Rasmussen asked that if there are any preliminary questions or comments, that the committee sends them to Pete, Matt and Shane to be addressed.

### **Misc.**

Lou Rasmussen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike O'Connell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director  
Parks & Recreation