

IRONHORSE
Golf Club



GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE
September 23, 2004 – 5:30 p. m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Jim Dickson to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2004 meeting. Charles Lewis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

General Operations Report

Matt said that they are close revenue wise to the month for what is budgeted and that expenses are low for the month. August revenues were \$10,000 higher than last year. Year to date they are within \$15,000 from last year. They have a lot of tournaments scheduled for the month of October.

Matt said that they are starting to cut back on staff for the winter. He felt that they are in good shape heading into the off-season.

Course and Project Update

Pete said the course is in good shape. The aerification of the course was two weeks ago. Pete said the renovation of the practice course greens is complete and all six bubblers are in the lake. The fountain is yet to be installed, however. Pete said the fencing is complete and all gates have been installed. They have received all of the equipment that was ordered in April.

Pete reported that along portions of the property line leading to #12 hole, the developer Acuff & Rhoades, removed some of the fencing and some of the trees and bushes situated on the golf course property. A miscellaneous police report was filed. Chris said that the City Attorney is involved and that she has requested that they pay for half of the cost of erecting a wrought iron fence (identical to golf course/city requirements) along the property line. Right now the biggest concern is the open access to the golf course that was left after the fence was removed. Neighbors directly across from these lots are also very upset about the removal of trees and other ground cover in this area.

Creek Bank Stabilization

Chris explained that the design will be done this year and the funding is scheduled for 2005. The project is spread out over the entire course and the City has been working with Continental Consulting Engineers to identify the location, type, and cost of stabilization needed. Councilman Bussing suggested it might be beneficial to inquire about including the cost of the stabilization to be bonded out by the City rather than the funding mechanism discussed during budget, as the costs may exceed what has been allocated.

Lou Rasmussen made a motion that Continental be authorized to proceed with the engineering study on the stabilization project. John Campbell seconded the motion. Bobby Davidson asked if any other engineering firms had been consulted and if any of the preliminary allocation of funds had been for areas along hole #13 fairway. Chris said that Continental has been working on this project from the beginning, was most familiar with the development, and no other firms had been consulted. She also stated that hole #13 is a separate project, however we will look at ways to coordinate the work of both projects in that area to minimize the effect on the course. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Fee Recommendations for 2005

Shane passed around a schedule of recommended 2005 fee changes (see attached). Jim Dickson asked if the Triple Crown Club is one of the biggest changes. Shane said that they are requesting to raise the TC fees from \$2650 to \$2800. They are also proposing to further limit open prime-time tee times. The other big change is charging a \$25 cancellation fee from Friday through Sunday and holidays if players do not show up. Mike O'Connell asked how these changes compare with the competition. Shane said that Ironhorse is a little higher on Triple Crown but does not think it will impact the number sold. It is still a very good deal for the money.

Lou Rasmussen made a motion to approve the 2005 fee changes as presented. Jim Dickson seconded the motion. Mike Gill asked if leaving the Prime Time rate at \$70 would turn people away. Shane said that Orion does not think it will. The motion carried.

Rescheduling of Fall Work Session

Chris said that the fall work session has been rescheduled to the 15th of November, in the Maple Room at 5:30 p.m., prior to the 7:30 council meeting. All committee members are welcome to attend.

Misc.

Chris reported that the Kansas Recreation and Parks Association had their annual golf tournament at IRONHORSE on September 17th. The event went well attended and everyone had a great time and many compliments were received. The IRONHORSE staff did an excellent job as did the parks and recreation staff.

The next meeting will be October 28, 2004 at Ironhorse clubhouse.

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