

IRONHORSE  
Golf Club



**GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of March 16, 2006**  
**5:30 – Leawood City Hall**

Members in attendance were Dick Fuller (Chair), Bob Reid, Council Member Lou Rasmussen, Council Member James Taylor, Chuck Sipple, John Campbell and Bobby Davidson. Shane Gardner, Matt Roberts, and Pete Spratlin of Orion and Parks and Recreation Director, Chris Claxton and Sara Dinkel were also in attendance. Bob Oppold and Dave Doherty of ISTRC.

Dick Fuller called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. Bobby Davidson moved to approve the minutes of the February 22 meeting. John Campbell seconded the motion for approval subject to the requested changes. Minutes were approved based on said changes.

**I. General Operations Reports**

Chuck Sipple asked the group if we could get a copy the current budget and last year's numbers? He also asked that even if the reports presented by Orion and the city don't show the same thing are they reconcilable?

Dick Fuller said we need to keep this information simplified to keep potential confusion from the council.

Bobby Davidson asked if we have resolved the \$6,000 differential from January's report. Chris said most of it was in liquor sales, which do not show up on the city reports.

Dick Fuller asked about discounts and Chris said this hasn't been resolved yet but will be discussed in a couple of weeks with Scott Lambers.

Chuck Sipple asked why can't we take sales tax and discounts and Shane answered that with the way Orion paid their vendors before the City had the best of both worlds. Chuck responded that this is causing us to not to get the best price and money is being lost.

Shane reported they have sold 88 Triple Crown memberships compared to 110 last year. John Campbell asked about next year? If we are able to adjust the program, to fit next year's construction schedule. Look at opportunity to close or fix. Shane said that he would like to visit with other courses about taking some of our leagues, etc.

Conductors club sold 9 memberships this year compared to 35 last year but more will sign on in the next month or so.

ICGA (IRONHORSE Golf Association) has sold 63 memberships compared to 87 last year. Expect to finish at around 75 memberships for this year..

Conductor's club finished at 30 memberships in 2005.

Rounds of golf to date:

	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	300	300	2600
<b>Actual</b>	900	585	750

Referring to a sheet distributed to the group:

- Memberships 88 Triple Crown sold
- 111 – 2004 Tournaments
- 55 events booked thus far for 4,000 rounds
- Conductors Club at 30 in 2005 and the number will go up close to last year's

Marketing fliers went out to certain zip codes about a month ago with another one to be distributed in 2 weeks and one more after that.

Shane reported that the new golf carts should be delivered April 1.

Dick asked about the batteries in the carts and what will the affect be if they sit idle during construction? Shane said he will check with the manufacturer about protocol on this.

Shane reported that total revenue to date is \$243,000. We had budgeted \$151,000 due to memberships.

## **II. Course Maintenance**

Pete reported the following

- Built three different bunkers
- Mowing greens now
- Finishing up tree work
- Fertilizing proceeding
- Starting to build up crew, retained four people over the winter months
- Greens have all been dug up (for testing) except for 3 greens (the 2 chipping greens and #11)

Pete reported that due to the great weather there has been excessive play, making it difficult to get to digging up the greens sooner. They are finding very similar conditions as those found on the putting clock. A black layer is prevalent on most all the greens. What's causing this is an issue. The sand at the bottom is anaerobic and sub grade (clay) is rotting due to saturation. What we found on top of that is that the gravel has mortified.

Five other greens had this extreme modification. Number's 16 and 8 were two of the worst. No crushed pipe has been found. All pipe is exposed. Three to four (3-4) greens flush like toilets but it is taking up to 5 minutes to flush on some. The entire profile of the #12 green is gray.

Dick asked if ISTRC has been out again? And Pete answered "No."

Dick asked if the presentation before the council will include what we have already seen plus the new pictures. He went on to ask about a work session versus a council meeting. It will be a public forum.

James Taylor suggested making the presentation during a council meeting and making it shorter. Then get the experts involved and do a question and answer.

James Taylor also mentioned that the questions should be directed towards the experts.

Chuck Sipple said we should propose what decision we want the council to make and then back up that proposal:

- Show them what we have
- Experts say it can't be solved with current drainage system. Harder and harder each year to grow grass.
- Ask for authorization to spend \$1 million to reconstruct

James Taylor said we are on borrowed time.

Chuck Sipple asked will you be there Dick?

Dick said yes but added that he would like all the committee members to be there to show their support for such a large project.

### **III. Update from Continental Engineers**

Chris reported on the update from Continental Engineers regarding the mitigation plan. They should have it to the Corps in about three weeks. John Campbell asked if we were to do greens would we issue bonds. James Taylor asked if we have budgeted it in the CIP? Chris said yes it has been addressed in the CIP.

Mike O'Connell asked can we refinance bonds? Dick Fuller added that we just did this about a year ago.

Chris passed out 2007 budget for revenues/expenses that reflected a closure date of July 1.

### **IV. Miscellaneous**

John Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting and Mike O'Connell seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Claxton, Director  
Parks and Recreation