GALE KLEINKOPF	PATTY LEE	MATT NELSON	ED PRATER	GARY ROLAND	BRETT SEMPLE	RAY WIGHT
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TOM COURTNEY	**CITY MANAGER**
GREG LANTING	**CITY COUNCIL LIASION**
MIKE HAMBLIN	**PGA PROFESSIONAL**
DENNIS BOWYER	**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR**

TWIN FALLS GOLF ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

November 18, 2009* * * * * 11:00am * * * * * Twin Falls Golf Club

Members Present: **Gale Kleinkopf, Ed Prater, Gary Roland, Brett Semple, and Ray Wight**

Members Absent: **Patty Lee and Matt Nelson**

Council Present: **Greg Lanting**

Staff Present: **Dennis Bowyer and Mike Hamblin**

MINUTES

Vice-Chairperson Ed Prater called the meeting to order at 11:04am

Item # 1 Approve minutes of the October 14th, 2009 meeting

A motion was made by Gale Kleinkopf to approve the minutes of the October 14th, 2009 meeting. Ray Wight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 PGA Professional's Report
Item #4 Rates for the 2010 Season

Mike went over the PGA Professional Report. He had spoken with Ann Prince, who purchased a punch card last year and was only able to play 7 holes due to a back injury. She has 9 punches left and would like to use those punches in 2010. Mike thought she had a season pass so he told her that he would discuss it with the Commission. The Commission discussed if they should allow the punch card to be used in 2010. Brett Semple made a motion to allow 3 rounds of golf on Ann Prince's 2009 punch card to be used in 2010 due to the situation being a medical condition. Ray Wight seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion except Ed Prater. The motion passed 4 to 1.

Mike went over the current prices for season passes and green fees. Rounds are down from last year. He feels we should leave the season pass prices alone. The golf course is not getting people in to play on the weekends. Mike suggested reducing the weekend rate from $23 to $20 for 18 holes of golf.

It was discussed at the last meeting to stop allowing any more private cart storage in the cart shed so in the future there will be room to store City owned equipment. Reducing private cart storage to only one shed would reduce the City's revenue by approximately $5,300 per year, but some of the reduced revenue would be offset by increases in the storage cart fee. Also this would allow the City to store its equipment out of the weather and the equipment would have a longer life span. The City does not know when they will tear down the old maintenance shop which houses most of the equipment. Mike called around to other courses and got their pricing on private storage of carts. Everyone who allows private cart storage is more expensive than our course. Greg proposed that the waitlist for private storage should go away and we will not allow any more carts. He suggested talking with people who have carts stored in the shed and don't play that often of what the plan is in the future and see if they would be willing to move them out. He also suggested raising the storage fee to $300 and increasing the price each year until we reach $400 and use the extra money to start repairing the floor in the south cart shed.

Ed suggested sending a letter to all those that have a cart stored in the shed explaining what is planned for the future. Greg agreed and mentioned that it would be a good idea to have in the letter what the cost increases are being proposed for the future. That may make a difference on someone's decision to keep a cart stored there. Gale asked if we have money left over from the fundraiser to do some repairs in the south cart shed. Mike reported that there is money left over but we told people who donated for the fundraiser that the money would be spent on over-seeding the fairways and repairs on the cart paths.

Dennis suggested presenting to Council a recommendation with the highest price we will be proposing in the future because we will have to have a public hearing each time it is increased more than 5%. The Commission will be proposing the fee be increased the first year to $300 and $25 each year after until we reach $400, which will be in 2014.

Gale made a motion to recommend to Council that all fees will remain the same except for weekend and holiday green fees, which will be reduced from $23 to $20 and cart storage will be increased from $265 to $300 in 2010 with yearly incremental increases of $25 until 2014. The Twin Falls Golf Club will no longer accept anymore carts stored in the cart sheds. Punch cards for 2010 will be sold from December 1st-January 15th for $150 and will be sold at The Twin Falls Golf Club, Parks and Recreation, City Hall and Donnelley Sports. Gary Roland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #3 Logo Contest

Council approved of the name change of the golf course to "Twin Falls Golf Club". Now that the name has been changed, the Commission can set up the guidelines for the logo contest. Dennis showed the Commission the two options of logos that were suggested by Ed Prater at the September 9th meeting.

Mike mentioned that scorecards need to be ordered and asked if we want to wait until we have the new logo to order them. He usually orders a 3 year supply. Brett suggested not putting the new logo on and have the City's logo on them but with the new name. Mike will get prices for the scorecards. In the past, the Men's Association went out to get sponsors for the scorecards which paid the price of the new scorecards. Mike will work on getting sponsors to pay for the price of scorecards.

The Commission agreed that the logo contest will be held from December 1st-December 31st. Brett suggested advertising who won the punch card from the name contest. All the names of the people that submitted Rock Creek, Creekside or High Desert will be put in a hat and drawn for the punch card of the name contest.

Item #5 Other Items from the Commission

The Commission discussed tee box advertising. Some of the advertisements are faded and some of the sponsors are not in business anymore. The Men's Association put those signs up and obtained the sponsors to pay for the signs. The advertising was income for the Men's Association but they haven't had any revenue in 3 years. There was a local community member that had proposed to handle the advertising on the tee boxes with a signed contract and pay a yearly fee to rent the tee box signs and supply new signs and benches. This would have been revenue for the Men's Association. The City Attorney did not approve of the contract. Dennis explained he is working on a Request for Proposal (RFP) to allow companies and/or individuals to submit bids for the management and marketing of tee box signs. He is hoping to release this RFP soon. This would allow replacement of the signs to be done this spring.

Ray asked if the invoices have been paid up on the Fundraiser Tournament. He suggested sending out another invoice and if they don't get paid, a follow up phone call should be made. Dennis explained that Rex LeForgee does not check the mail box every day and he will get in touch with him to see if any more money has been received.

Mike updated the Commission on the HVAC system. They have been working on installing it but have run into some issues that increased the project by $3,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, December 9th, 2009 at the Twin Falls Golf Club, at 11:00am.

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