

**Golf Advisory Board  
Kearney, Nebraska  
May 13, 2013  
6:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Golf Advisory Board of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, was convened in an open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on January 15, 2013, at Meadowlark Hills Golf Course Clubhouse, 3300 30th Avenue, Kearney NE 68845. Present were: Board Members Tim Hughbanks, Ken Nikels, Kim Smith, Don Johnson and Pam Pearson. Absent: Alex Straatman. City Staff present was Scott Hayden, Park & Recreation Director; Dave James, Golf Services Manager; Dan Knipping, Golf Superintendent; and Robyn Bowman, Recording Secretary.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Kearney Hub, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Chairman and Board Members of the Golf Advisory Board. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Golf Advisory Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chairman Hughbanks announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted towards the back of the room.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Smith, seconded by Nikels, that the minutes of the Golf Advisory Board meeting held on January 15, 2013 be approved. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Straatman. Motion carried.

Dan Knipping was introduced as the new Golf Superintendent.

**GOLF SERVICES REPORT**

The Board reviewed the actual and projected rounds for the past five years. The report showed that rounds have declined over the past 5 years. Staff feels that weather is a large reason for the decline, as well as competition. At this time Meadowlark Hills is 600 rounds down from the projected rounds for 2013.

It was reported that the Tuesday night Business League was full with 144 players (36 Teams), Wednesday night ladies league has 50 players with registration still going on, and Thursday night men's league is full with 120 players (60 teams). The Couples League will be held on Friday nights, beginning on May 17, with Sunday night Family nights to start the week of June 2. The front nine is used on Family golf Nights with a special tee boxes for the kids to play. These were donated by the PGA of America for the Play Golf America promotion to help gain more rounds as well as future rounds.

Scorecard review: Staff showed the board an example of what a potential new scorecard would look like. It would be a black and white, 4 x 6 card with just the logo on the front. Changes discussed were taking the address off the front and moving it to the back along with the e-mail and website addresses. This would leave the brand logo on front of card. Changed yardage on #5 tee box stating that red and gold tees are the same distance. The board approved the card design with these changes.

**GOLF MAINTENANCE REPORT**

The weather has put the maintenance staff behind on several things that needed to be completed. Staff is currently preparing the course of the Boys State Golf Tournament. New cart path was replaced on #1 and #10 due to wash outs. Staff mulched trees around clubhouse and beautified the flagpole with flowers. Staff is planning to plant 4 trees on #18 fairway.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Director Hayden reviewed the Capital Improvements with the board. Budget items requested include purchasing mowers, replace carpets in Clubhouse, replace tables and chairs in Clubhouse. The golf maintenance shop is a major project that has to be done. Plans are still in the design phase and it is still uncertain where funds will come from for this project. Everyone is in agreement that it has to be done due to safety reasons. Staff is meeting with City Manager and Finance Director to finalize budget and capital improvements at the end of the month and will know more about the building at that time.

The Board discussed the possibility of holding a 20 year Celebration for Meadowlark Hills in the spring of 2014. It was suggested to tie it in with Demo Day. Staff will investigate.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Johnson, seconded by Pearson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Alex Straatman. Motion carried.

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**ROBYN BOWMAN**  
**RECORDING SECRETARY**