

**GOLF ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – November 9, 2023**

1. ROLL CALL

The Golf Advisory Board met on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. Board members present: Pat Gilliam, Bill Grady, Philip Taylor, Kimberly Spencer and Richard Furlong. Board members absent: Adam Klett and Chris Lomas. Staff present: Wayne Leighton (Golf Manager), Dwight Staats (Superintendent – Highland Hills), John Lambrecht (Superintendent - Boomerang Links) and Benjamin Alexander (CPRD Business Manager). Public present: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Change was made to the wording regarding the discussion of the golf pro's contract: "2 year extension" to "through December 2025." Correction was also made to the chairman listed. Bill Grady made the motion to approve the minutes for September 14. The motion was seconded by Kimberly Spencer and passed 5-0.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

None

4. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fee's Committee – Mr. Taylor brought up his concern that the golf's budget would be progressively harder to sustain over the next 20-25 years without an increase in green fees now. He also expressed an unbalance of community benefit from the golf courses, siting that the courses are largely funded by the Greeley food tax; however, only a small portion of the city's population actually takes advantage of the golf amenities. Mr. Gilliam echoed Mr. Taylor with a recommendation to charge more for non-residents.

Mr. Leighton stated that he is creating a fee worksheet that he intends to complete by December 31 and will meet with the Fee Committee in January to prepare for presenting fee increase recommendations to Finance in March .

6. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Taylor retracted his recommendation to cut the concessions contract by 8%.

5. NEW BUSINESS

New Board member, Richard Furlong, was introduced and welcomed.

Benjamin Alexander, CPRD Business Manager, was introduced to the board as a resource for budget and fee inquiries.

Ms. Spencer brought to our attention that the meeting minutes and agendas listed with the city clerk were not current. Action will be taken by admin to correct the issue by the next meeting.

Mr. Grady made mention that the tee markers at Highland Hills were a challenge to locate and requested that they consider replacing or giving them a fresh coat of paint.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Wayne Leighton – Off peak rates are starting from November 15 and running through March 15. Winter cart regulations are also in effect starting December 1. Information regarding these seasonal changes can be found online at golfingreeley.com.

The courses are scheduled to purchase an additional 68 golf carts in 2024. Proposals have been submitted from multiple vendors with the goal to have them ordered and received by April 2024.

Capital Improvements for 2024:

Boomerang Links – Extending the deck to 30ft, adding a roof, and fixing the current stairway. Aiming to have it completed by April-May. Should that timeline be determined not feasible, construction will be pushed back to the fall.

Highland Hills – Parking lot repairs.

ARPA (“SNAG”) small course is moving forward with design for 9 holes. They have currently received a proposal from Phelps. Aiming for completion in 2025.

Birdie Alliance will continue this next year in partnership with Boulder, Estes Park, and Fort Collins.

Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th – Veterans play free.

John Lambrecht & Dwight Staats - Mr. Lambrecht & Mr. Staats reported seasonals have been released and the courses are being winterized, including blowing out the irrigation systems, applying fungicide, spraying, putting out winter cups, and closing up course bathrooms and adding portalets.

8. UPCOMING AGENDAS

2025 Fee Schedule Committee Update

9. NEXT MEETING – Scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024 – 4:30 p.m. – Family Funplex

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Pat Gilliam, Board Chair


Wayne Leighton, Golf Manager