

Val Halla Board of Trustees

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Val Halla Golf & Banquet Center

Meeting Minutes

Present: Bill Putnam, Norene Ward, Frank Sola, John Zappia, Roger Brooks and Tim Moody

Absent: Steve Sloan

Others Present: Brian Bickford, Golf Pro, Toby Young, Golf Course Superintendent, Alex Kimball, Finance Director, Bill Stiles, Council Liaison, Lloyd Doughty, Greens Committee, Rick Doane, Greens Committee, Connie Hay, Greens Committee and Cynthia Stennett.

I. Site Visit – Cart Paths – The meeting began at 6:00 with the Board, Greens Committee Members, Council Liaison and staff going on a site visit of the proposed new cart paths.

II. Welcome & Introduction of Guests –Bill Putnam called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

II. Public Comment – None

III. Val Halla Golf Association – Bill Putnam stated that Mark Sundermann had let him know that he had a scheduling conflict and would be unable to attend the meeting.

IV. Green’s Committee Report – Rick reported that Bill Shane had attended the August meeting and stated that it was great to see the Course in its current condition. He did express some concern, however, about the condition of the tee boxes and the area in front of #18. Rick stated that Bill Shane had discussed the proposed new cart paths at their last meeting. The Greens Committee members stated that they were very pleased with the proposal and indicated that they were most concerned about the 13th (4th hole) and the impact of cart usage and playability.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Frank Sola to approve the proposed cart paths as outlined in the Preliminary Plan while taking into consideration the concerns expressed by Board Members and the Greens Committee regarding the 13th (4th) hole and the impact of cart usage and playability. The motion was seconded by Roger Brooks.

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. Approval of August 12, 2009 Minutes – Bill Putnam asked if everyone had an

opportunity to review the August 12, 2009 minutes in their packets. Seeing that there were no corrections, additions or deletions, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Norene Ward and seconded by John Zappia.

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. Review of Revenue Reports – Alex stated that the August figures were a major improvement over those of the same period a year ago and stated that he felt this was a strong indicator that Val Halla was starting to run the “way we want it to run”. He stated that the course income was up over the prior year and overall expenses are way down. Alex brought the Board’s attention to the figures that indicate expenses are down by \$50,000 from the same period of last year and revenues are stable. He stated that based on these figures, Val Halla is showing a \$60,000 profit over last year.

Alex reported that the four year totals for July and August indicate expenses and revenues are half of what they were a couple of years ago and stated that he felt the October 31st data will be a good indicator of how the year is going.

VII. New Business:

a. **Business Reports:**

I. Department Reports:

1. Brian Bickford – Pro Shop

Brian reported that 19 new members have recently been picked up and that includes three couples as well as some Wine ‘n Nine graduates.

Frank stated that he had heard nothing but very positive remarks from folks playing at the Member/Guest event. Brian stated that in looking at the numbers it appeared that things were going fine, including the first couple of weeks in September.

2. Toby Young - Course

Toby told the Board that his recent trip was very worthwhile and also reported that they would be aerating the greens next week.

b. Other New Business –

- i. The issue of Amendment of the Bylaws was brought up and it was decided to table it until the next meeting

Old Business – None

**VII. Adjournment, next meeting, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the
Town Hall in the Council Chambers.**

There was a motion made by Tim Moody and seconded by Frank Sola to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Stennett
Recording Secretary