

**BOARD APPROVED**

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**MINUTES**  
**TAHOE DONNER ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING**  
**Northwoods Clubhouse**  
**September 11, 2012**  
**4:30 p.m.**

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A special emergency meeting of the Board of Directors of Tahoe Donner Association was held at the Northwoods Clubhouse, 11509 Northwoods Blvd. Truckee, California on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. President Tom Johns called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The following Board and Staff members were present:

Directors present: Tom Johns, Steve Miller, Jay Lempinen, and Ron Wulff

Via Conference: Suzy Knisley

Staff present: Robb Etnyre, General Manager  
Miguel Sloane, Director of Operations  
Forrest Huisman, Director of Capital Projects  
Bonnie Watkins, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

The Board held a moment of silence in memory of victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

**GOLF COURSE DRIVING RANGE & SNOWPLAY AREA**

Director Johns explained that the reason for today’s special emergency meeting is to further discuss the Golf Course Driving Range & Snowplay Area project that was approved at the August 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. He stated that one Board member wished to reconsider his vote of approval of this project and requested that this item be placed on the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting agenda. Since the project is already underway and is planned to be completed by September 21<sup>st</sup>, it was necessary to call today’s meeting to address any changes to the project.

Director Johns stated that he and Director Miller had toured the Driving Range area with Staff to view where the berm will be placed and to assess what impacts there may be to the range.

During the tour, it was suggested that the proposed berm be moved from the original location at the 175 marker closer to the 200 yard marker.

He pointed out that the designer of Tahoe Donner's Golf Course, Cary Bickler, has been engaged to design and shape the proposed berm. He said, from the top of the range looking down to where the berm will be placed, it appears that it will not negatively impact the range. In fact, he continued, the berm will enhance the attractiveness of the range. The main impetus behind this proposed project is to improve the Snowplay operation that is extremely popular and generates a considerable amount of revenue for the Association. In 2010, the operation made \$54,000 and \$41,000 last year, in spite of the lack of snow. Director Johns pointed out that, with the addition of the berm, Snowplay could be opened with only a foot of snow on the ground. He noted that he had also met with a couple of Golf Course Board members regarding the project and, from their perspective, rather than detracting from the range, they believe it will actually make it more interesting. In conclusion, Director Johns said, this reconfirms his thoughts that Tahoe Donner should move forward with this project.

Discussion took place regarding the details of the proposed project plan, with each Director weighing in on their thoughts and opinions.

When questioned about his thoughts of the plan, Golf Course Maintenance Supervisor, Kevin Kuehne, expressed his approval of the project. He stated that he believes the plan will enhance both operations. He noted that he was especially pleased that Cary Bickler and his professional Golf Course shaper are designing the berm, which should result in a driving range that is more interesting with better functionality as well.

Directors Miller and Knisley indicated that, having received further clarification on the project, they would now be in favor of it. The Board then discussed the pros and cons of taking a new vote on the project.

Following further discussion, the Board indicated that they were in agreement that the vote of approval of this project At the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting should stand.

### **ADJOURNMENT**


Director Johns made a motion and Director Miller seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
Bonnie Watkins, Recording Secretary

**SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

I, Jay Lempinen, Secretary of Tahoe Donner Association, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Tahoe Donner Association Board of Directors meeting held on September 11, 2012, as approved by the Board members in attendance and constituting a quorum at a duly convened subsequent meeting of the Board.

  
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Jay Lempinen, Secretary

11-6-12  
Date