

SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club Greens Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2019

The regular meeting of the SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club Green Committee was called to order at 10:00 am on Wednesday, October 2, 2019. The meeting was held in the La Vista room at the SBR Hacienda Club.

Green Committees Members in attendance: Jean Cheszek, Jack Gressingh, Gaye Ohanian, Jim Cook, Mike Mycka and Paul Lapotosky. Sam Rossi and Jeanne Osterlund were absent.

Guest: Rob Nemecek

Robson Staff present: Mark Giannonatti, Mike Jahaske, Ken Steinke and Chris Blake.

The minutes from the September 4, 2019 meeting were approved after a couple of typos were corrected.

The discussion during the meeting primarily had to do with the over seed project which begins on 10/7/19, and the planned activities for next summer aimed at de-thatching the fairways which will require each nine to be shut down for a week. It has been decided that hole numbers 1, 3, 8, 11 and 13 will not be over seeded this year in the interest of helping the Bermuda grass recover and become stronger. There was discussion between Paul Lapotosky, speaking on the behalf of adopt-a-hole, and Chris Blake as to how they will maintain the non-over seeded holes (i.e., the use of seeded & non-seeded sand). The two of them will put a procedure in place with the adopt-a-hole folks.

Chris indicated that there will be more time for his crew to work on course maintenance by not having to mow the non-over seeded holes. Mark indicated that the long term goal is to try to get to not having to over seed. We are the highest elevation course in AZ, if not the US, that over seeds. Chris is going to look into trying another cool season grass into next summer. He also plans to look into other options for grass on greens. A Green Valley golf course tried not over seeding with very poor results after several years. Mountain View is not over seeding this year and using a different grass on greens that doesn't require over seeding.

Mark indicated that the plan for golf course de-thatching next summer is close the front 9 and the back 9 for two different weeks to aerate the fairways using dry-jacking. Dry-jacking is a process which uses a specialized machine that simultaneously punches holes in the fairway (several inches deep) and injects sand into the holes. They are also looking at rotating closing the front and back nines every Wednesday for maintenance.

The Robson staff members strongly emphasized the need for the Green Committee to provide a strong role in communicating what is being done to the

golf course and its importance, and to provide feedback to Robson staff on what the SBR golfing community is saying about these activities.

The Committee was advised that Robson had harvested approximately 75 mesquite trees and that some of these trees may be planted on the SBR golf course. If that happens the Green Committee will be invited to participate in deciding where to plant those trees.

The opening date of Ed's Dogs restaurant is still not definite. They are still hoping for a December opening. It was also announced that Robson is starting a Community Garden off of the road that goes down to the sewage plant. Mike Jahaske announced that the rounds of golf are up 3,700 rounds over this time last year; and revenue is up about \$100K! And Chris Blake said he hopes to tackle some of the drainage issues on the golf course this winter.

The Green Committee resolved the term limits situation with its present members such that starting on Jan 1, 2020, four new members will come on board for 2-year terms. This way we will have four new members coming onboard every year, and four existing members going off of the Committee after 2-year terms.

The USGA member that Mark Giannonatti invited to attend our November 6th Green Committee meeting cannot make it. He will try to schedule him sometime in December. The goal is to give him a chance to take a look at our golf course and review Chris Blake's initiatives before a Greens Committee meeting. That way he can provide the Committee feedback as to what he thinks about our golf course and our improvement endeavors

The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at about 12:00 noon.

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