

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
SaddleBrooke Ranch Greens Committee
Wednesday, October 6, 2021**

A regular meeting of the SaddleBrook Ranch Greens Committee (“the Greens Committee”) was held in the LaVista Room of LaHacienda Club on Wednesday, October 6, 2021.

Committee Members present: Jean Cheszek, Chairperson; Toni Graves, Garry Knowling, Kevin McCarthy, Jeanne Osterlund, Jeff Pharr, George Price and Randy Friedman. Ken DeLeo was absent.

Robson Staff present: Mike Jahaske, Ken Steinke, Aaron Thomas; Mark Gionnanatti was absent.

The meeting was commenced at 8:02am by Jean Cheszek.

Minutes of the September 1, 2021 Meeting were approved.

Mike Jahaske/Aaron Thomas, Reopening.

The reopening event on Saturday, October 2, 2021, was a huge success, enjoyed by so many golfers and residents. The care taken in reconstructing the course is apparent. The numerous upgrades, including all 18 greens have transformed SBR GC. Many thanks Robson and our golf pros, Aaron Thomas and his crews, and those on the Greens Committee who played a part in this project.

Superintendent Aaron Thomas.

Cartpath work will begin next week; Hole #9 will require drainage attention; other cement work will be addressed. Hole #9 temporary path closure will require traffic rerouting, perhaps between the construction trailer and Arts building.

100 tons of sand has been added to bunkers and Aaron expects another 50 tons today to get to proper depths; 1-2” on faces (vertical edges) is required though it may trap balls.

The back nine fairways have been painted and the front nine will be done soon.

During dormancy, the cup locations will be carefully changed approximately four times per week, with the old seams repaired with green sand. The rotation will be position 1, 2, 3 (front, middle, back) on each hole, in succession. Parr 5s will not share the same flag position/color when possible.

Cart-path-only holes will be rotated each week (especially 13).

Aaron’s focus is to educate golfers regarding the importance of using the 90 degree cart rule without gates when accessing and leaving fairways, dispersing throughout the fairway, avoiding sparse grass areas. Check for further information in Mike’s October Forecaddie.

Several very wet, spongy spots will self-repair within the next two weeks.

Gold tee boxes are getting a lot of maintenance attention, so that they will be exceedingly playable throughout the winter; intermittent hand watering and use of wetting agent tablets will keep them soft.

Tee boxes and driving range will be overseeded, and the closure of nine or 18 holes during the summer all day on Wednesdays will continue next year. The grass on tee boxes will be gradually shortened to 1/2”.

Mark Gionnanotti/Mike Jahaske.

8:00am Saturday shotgun starts will begin on October 16 and will continue for the next year, per Mark.

During SBRWGA Tuesdays, the tee times blocked could be reduced.

Mike’s first seminar on Chelsea was well-attended and appreciated.

No news on 2022 pricing for passes, range balls, or our third nine.

The range balls are being culled; Callaway balls will be used in 2022.

Before the next meeting, Jean will develop a draft recruitment note for prospective Greens Committee board replacements. Trish Kelly and Jim Heywood will remain on the Rules Subcommittee for another year and are working on public Rules Seminars, the first covering “where to drop your ball.”

The meeting concluded at 10:11am. The next meeting will be held at 8:00am on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 8:00am in LaVista Room, La Hacienda Club.

Respectfully submitted by
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Acting Secretary