

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
SaddleBrooke Ranch Greens Committee  
Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

A regular meeting of the SaddleBrook Ranch Greens Committee (“the Greens Committee”) was held in the LaVista Room of LaHacienda Club on Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Committee Members present: Jean Cheszek (by conference phone call), Chairperson; Toni Graves, Garry Knowling, Kevin McCarthy, Jeanne Osterlund, Jeff Pharr, and Randy Friedman. Garry Knowling presided in Jean’s absence. George Price attended at 8:45am; Ken DeLeo was absent.

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

The meeting was commenced at 8:00am by Garry Knowling.

Minutes of the August 4, 2021 Meeting were approved.

**Mike Jahaske/Mark Gionnanatti.  
SBR Course Overseed/Reopening.**

During the week of 9/13/21 the course tee boxes, practice putting green, and practice chipping green collars, and driving range tees will be prepped (mowed) for overseeding. The entire course and all practice facilities will be closed on Wednesday, September 15. Overseeding of the prepped areas will begin 9/20/21; regular play on the refurbished course and new greens will begin on Saturday October 2, 2021. The course and all practice facilities will be closed from 9/20 until the full opening.

After the full opening on October 2, Mike and club presidents will encourage everyone to use two persons per cart, but it will remain an option at least through the end of the year.

**Superintendent Aaron Thomas.**

Holes 9, 10, 13 and 15 are currently cart path only, but after 10/2 perhaps just one front and one back hole will remain cart path only.

The entry/exit fairway gates will be used intermittently as the turf needs protection; some holes may have only one set of gates and players will necessarily use judgment.

Jeanne questioned extreme water on fairway 2 over the weekend; watering adjustments have been made.

Regarding temporary greens, five have been moved and during the next three weeks, mowing height measurement will increase incrementally to near 1/2”.

The written report from Brian Malarkey, USGA agronomist, was very complimentary; the new greens are in excellent condition; aerification will help the heavy thatch around the course.

Arroyos will be cleared; cart path edges, turf lines, redetermined and maintained; crews will clear up to 15' of resident property lines twice per year beginning after the fairways become dormant. Desert grasses outside of 15 to 20' of the course will not be touched. The groomed desert appearance will protect property values.

Overnight water usage during high heat reaches as much as 900,000 gallons; 80,000 to 100,000 gallons are grey water from our own treatment plant (from resident/Robson facility usage), with the balance coming from our well. Sprinklers are turned off during rain.

Cart path bridge issues on fairways 10 and 11 will be addressed in Spring, 2022. Improving the asphalt/cement connections locations on fairways 1 and 12 could be addressed soon, depending on the contractor's availability.

### **Mark Gionnanotti/Mike Jahaske.**

An eighteen hole, shotgun resident-only complimentary Preview Event will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 9:30am. Each participant will receive two drink tickets redeemable from Mike and Ken who will drive the beverage cart; prizes include eight range cards (four for men and for for women) for closest to the pin, straightest drive, etc. The course remains closed for the balance of the day.

Mike's publications reach 2200 golfers via Email; he is communicating all Preview Event information, course updates, etc.; currently 60% of recipients open his communications. An eye-catching one piece ad for the golf course and amenities will now be included in each welcome packet for new residents; a comprehensive golf folder is available for new golfers.

On Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 10am, Mike and Ken are holding an open informational meeting regarding Chelsea Point System at the Ranch Grill Ball Room; 80 to 100 seats are available. New residents are invited, but current golfers may find this information useful.

Mike confirmed that the easiest way to avoid the three Chelsea point penalty for bringing a guest is to write Ken at [ken.steinke@robson.com](mailto:ken.steinke@robson.com), copying Mike at [mike.jahaske@robson.com](mailto:mike.jahaske@robson.com), to confirm that the guest is legitimate and not a "placeholder."

George and Randy have been pursuing an improved range ball scheme but because of the size of our range and number of patrons, it was decided to table the question until, perhaps, a third nine with another practice facility is in place. Mike has 12,000 new Callaway balls that will be used to replace existing damaged range balls this Fall; the new balls will last one year. Mark prefers purchasing another 4,000 and replacing all the current balls at one time. In 2022 token price will increase to \$5.00 due to overhead.

2022 Range card issues (number of tokens per card, price, inclusion with annual pass purchase) remain in discussion.

Saturday shotgun starts will be instituted when player numbers demand them after the 10/2 opening.

Ed's Dogs has a new sign; improvements are continuing, palm removal has changed available space, but adding a drive-up window is undeniably problematic.

**Grounds SubCommittee, Jeff Pharr.**

Because so many of the Grounds SubCommittee issues have been addressed by Aaron and his crew, meetings are now limited to one per quarter and ride arounds with Aaron are held on each of the other two months in the quarter.

Greens Committee membership and Subcommittee operational plans will be discussed at the next Greens Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 8:00am, in LaVista room, LaHacienda Club. This meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.

Respectfully submitted by  
Toni Graves  
Acting Secretary