

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
SaddleBrooke Ranch Greens Committee  
Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

A regular meeting of the SaddleBrook Ranch Greens Committee (“the Greens Committee”) was held in the LaVista Room of LaHacienda Club on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Committee Members present: Jean Cheszek, Chairperson, Toni Graves, Rick Knapp, Garry Knowling, Kevin McCarthy, Jeanne Osterlund, Jeff Pharr, George Price

Robson Staff present: Mark Gionnanatti, Mike Jahaske, Ken Steinke

The meeting commenced at 9:04am. Minutes of the February 3, 2021 Meeting were approved.

Jean referenced the meeting’s full Agenda, and announced that Bill Albu has resigned from the Greens Committee.

**Mark Gionnanatti.**

1. Chris Blake is no longer SBR Superintendent as of Tuesday, 3/2. Roger Stein will assume his duties temporarily; search for replacement is underway.
2. Replacement of 18 SBR greens begins May 1 by contractor Oliphant Golf of Madison WI. With 4 weeks of construction time and 12 to 16 weeks growing time, the *estimated* re-opening is mid-September 2021.
  - a. The same contractor will also do drainage work on all 18 holes.
  - b. Starting April 1, the greens will be sprayed to kill the existing grass.
  - c. The Grounds Committee members will assess and advise on temporary greens locations. The temporary greens will open 5/1.
  - d. As the greens are redone, minor changes can be made to the green undulations, generally 1 to 2 inches. The Greens Committee will work with Robson and the contractor to advise on changes to undulations. The overall size and shape of the greens will not change.
  - e. Robson is planning a loyalty program discount for annual pass holders in 2022.
  - f. Mike is working on reciprocity, with other local clubs and details will follow.
  - g. The new grass consists of MiniVerde (a warm-season Bermudagrass known for its color retention).
  - h. Maximum two putt rule applies while temporary greens are in use.
  - i. Scores are not postable.
  - j. Overseeding will not be done on new greens the first year. Expect firmness in the greens playability for first year. The President’s Cup for SBRWGA will

proceed, but other tournaments have been postponed, as will be communicated by Presidents to respective clubs.

- k. Mowing of the temporary greens begins immediately after locations are selected; greens will be 65' away from and in front of existing greens.
3. There will also be work on tee boxes. The remaining five Gold tees will be built; the #3 Pine tee and #18 Rust tee will be enlarged.
4. A contract is out for repair to cart paths between 2 and 3, 4 and 5, 12. Work commencement is delayed 30-60 days.
5. The State of AZ is issuing plans effective for 2025 that could seriously impact water use for overseeding.
6. Preliminary planning for a third nine holes is underway.
7. Covid issues: we'll wait for relaxing of restrictions before resuming shot guns, but may put out signs, benches, club washers, towel buckets.
8. Mark is looking for a contractor to improve the pro shop window for sign-ins, awning, particular glass, etc.
9. Ed's Dogs Improvements (adding a window, parking, more furniture) are in process.
10. Freeze in TX was disastrous; State no longer has covid restrictions.

**Grounds SubCommittee ("GSC"), Jeff Pharr, Chair.** Members will assist in identifying new greens locations and recommend undulation changes. The Committee has identified eight tee boxes that need to be improved or enlarged; two will be done this year in conjunction with the completion of the yellow tees. The drainage project will probably begin May; errant ball issue on fairway 16 should be resolved with the relocation of the rust tee box; alternating cart path only fairways and gates (on 8, 17, 18) will be evaluated. 2/24/21 GSC Minutes attached.]

**Golf Experience SubCommittee ("GES"), Garry Knowling, Chair.** With Mark's announcement of new greens and a third nine work imminent, the survey is perhaps best left for another time.

**Rules and Handicap SubCommittee ("Rules"), George Price, Chair.** Rules regarding temporary greens are definable, and considered abnormal ground conditions.

**Adopt-A-Hole SubCommittee ("AAHS"), Rick Knapp, Chair.** Rick encourages election of a hole captain to coordinate efforts, and to stop use of seed mix on April 15, 2021.

**Communications SubCommittee ("CSC"), Ken DeLeo, Chair.** Communications has several projects underway. Club Championships will be postponed.

**Monthly Updates by Mike Jahaske.** The pro shop is always open and communication encouraged. Use of handicap flag has been defined and printed. Mike will issue communications regarding all of SBR's news.

The next regular meeting of the Greens Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 9:00am, in LaVista room, LaHacienda Club. This meeting was adjourned at 11:07am.

Respectfully submitted by  
Toni Graves  
Acting Secretary