

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

A regular meeting of the SaddleBrook Ranch Greens Committee (the "Committee") was held in the Board Room of the Ranch Grill House on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

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

Robson Staff present: Mark Gionnatti, Mike Jahaske, Ken Steinke, Aaron Thomas

Committee-Elect Members present: Judy Callahan, Harold Peabody, John Whitehead. Dave Maisch was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 8:07am by Jean Cheszek.

Introductions were made to the members-elect (Judy, Hal and John) who will be joining the Committee officially in January.

Minutes of the November 5, 2021 Meeting were approved.

**Course Maintenance.**

As mentioned in Jeff Pharr's Grounds Subcommittee Report, drainage remains an issue. Aaron's crew is hand watering collars, using wetting agents, maintaining 16 year old watering heads. He needs a trencher because drainage work is nonstop.

Aaron will ask cup cutters/setters to check ease of flag removal at the time of pin cutting on each green in case sand is interfering. Rotation will likely remain red, white, blue (front, mid, back).

Bumpers will replace some of the existing cups on the practice chipping and putting greens in order to avoid cutting so many pin placements.

Rubber crumb/sand mixture is being considered for summer application on each side of bridges on #10 and #11, where grass is worn and becomes muddy.

The poa annua that is cropping up on greens is being treated; several carefully applied treatments on Monday afternoons should take care of 70 to 80% of the poa.

**Mark Gionnatti**

Mark presented preliminary maps of the third nine; the current pro shop and putting green will remain. The new practice complex will be north of the pickle ball

courts and the new nine holes will be primarily north of the power lines that run along the current 4th and 5th holes.

### **Jean Cheszek, 2022 SubCommittees**

**Grounds** (continues) - Randy Friedman, Chair and perhaps Jeff Pharr and Sam Rossi.

**Rules and Handicap** (continues) - George Price and Toni Graves.  
Since both are currently acting as Rules chairs for their respective SBRMGA and SBRWGA associations, both will assume duties as,  
**Greens Committee Liaisons for MGA and WGA** (new)

**Adopt-A-Hole** (continues) - Randy Friedman is continuing and will add Steve Schuster to assist.

**Golf Experience** (continues with new subcommittees coordinating with Mike and Ken): Several social committees, events (wine and dine, horserace, etc.), pro shop, check-in are open for planning by the Committee and other golfers.

**3 Year Plan** (new). Most of the Greens Committee will participate in developing a business plan/purpose statement. Golf membership increases and diversification require oversight and forethought of development.

**Course Closures Summer 2022.** Discussion showed that Wednesday remains the full-day closure choice for Aaron; the work of fertilizing, soil treatment applications, watering, sodding, etc., do require a full day. Summer 8am shotguns on Tuesday and Thursday should accommodate leagues and social groups nicely. The Committee voted and approved the Wednesday closure policy. Summer range hours on Wednesday remain an open issue.

**Winter Saturday Shotgun Starts.** Mark offered to try 9am Saturday shotgun starts from January 8 through January 29, 2022. After the four week trial, satisfaction with the later start time will be revisited.

**2022 Pricing, Mike Jahaske.** Mike reviewed the 2022 pricing, which will be available to all in the pro shop on Friday, December 3.

### **Matters of particular interest to golfers (should be included in upcoming communications).**

1. Treatment/relief of balls landing in soggy areas is covered in published local rules: free relief (drop ball within one club length from nearest spot wherein relief is afforded for stance, etc.) is allowed if ball lies within ten paces of a drain or blue stake, or within two club lengths of a sprinkler head. Please report soggy areas that are unmarked by a blue stake, and Mike will have it marked. In the meantime, players should agree among themselves to allow relief in areas that are obviously unplayable.

2. Observe 90 degree signs; understand their meaning.
3. Existing wet areas are being attended to; please avoid driving through them.
4. Credit book balances should be redeemed before the end of the year; Mike can best describe what products are eligible. A holiday pro shop sale will be held December 9 through December 15; SBRWGA and SBRMGA members will receive bonus discounts on 12/9/21.
6. Expect a requirement of two persons per cart beginning January 1, 2022.
7. Golfers should close sand box covers; dampness and rain affect the weight and quality of the sand. Mike will order "Please close cover" signs.

Jean thanked Jeanne Osterlund, Ken DeLeo, and Jeff Pharr for their very productive two-year commitment to the Committee, and wished all a very happy and healthy holiday season.

The meeting was concluded at 10:49am. The next meeting will be held at 8:00am on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 8:00am in the Board Room, Ranch Grill House.

Respectfully submitted,  
Toni Graves, Secretary