

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
SaddleBrooke Ranch Greens Committee  
Wednesday, March 31, 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 31, 2021.

Committee Members present: Jean Cheszek, Chairperson, Toni Graves, Rick Knapp, Kevin McCarthy, Jeanne Osterlund, Jeff Pharr, George Price. Grounds Committee members Sam Rossi and Randy Friedman, and new temporary Superintendent Jon Whitmyer were also present.

Robson Staff present: Mark Gionnanatti, Ken Steinke

The meeting commenced at 8:37am. Minutes of the March 3, 2021 Meeting were approved.

**Jean Cheszek** introduced Jon Whitmyer. Jon is acting as temporary SBR Superintendent until a full-time replacement is found; he has over twenty years experience in course maintenance and greens replacement.

On Friday, March 26, many from the Greens Committee played Eagles Nest GC which recently completed the same greens reconstruction that we are doing, with the same contractor, seed, sod, timing schedule, etc. The SBR group found the greens to be in excellent condition.

**Mark Gionnanatti.**

**Greens Reconstruction.** Process begins immediately under the direction of Oliphant Golf of Plover WI: current greens will not be mowed on Sunday morning, 4/4/21, and assuming appropriate wind and weather conditions, herbicide application (the approved Monsanto Round-Up is rendered harmless after drying) will commence at 12:45pm on Tuesday afternoon, 4/6/21. No tee times are currently scheduled for Wednesday, in case wind on Tuesday causes a delay to Wednesday. Greens will be stripped on approximately 5/1 and shaping will begin; recommended undulation changes have been agreed upon to soften any puddling. Residents will notice large sprinklers that produce 20’ of coverage. The greens will not be overseeded in 2021.

**Drain Lines.** Installation of associated drainage lines will begin approximately May 1.

**Fairways.** Existing Poa Annuua is controllable by using selective herbicides in the summer and then a pre-emergent in the fall. It will take 14 months to rid the fairways of Poa. The Bermuda base in the fairways is in good shape. Up to 1.5” of sand will be applied to fairways this year. Fairways will be cut wider, in accordance with the original specifications.

**Greens Fees and tee times.** Each annual passholder will be reimbursed for the five months of golf in 2021 (during which play involves use of temporary greens) based on the amount paid for those passes, but approximately \$1100. During the use of temporary greens, annual passholders will pay \$10/round, residents \$15/round, and outside players \$20/round. Chelsea point system will remain in place.

League play will continue, using games appropriate to available conditions.

**Maintenance Staff.** With approximately eighteen maintenance staff, upkeep should be noticeably improved.

**Covid.** As of 4/15 Governor Ducey is lifting most restrictions. SBR will follow suit, but will delay use of shotgun starts until the new greens re-open.

**Grounds Subcommittee (“GSC”), Jeff Pharr, Chair.** This Subcommittee will actively advise on new greens undulations, tee box and aiming post on #16. During April, temporary greens will be considered GUR and marked as such in order to maintain their integrity; we are trusting that players will take a free drop outside of the temp. green area.

**Golf Experience Subcommittee (“GES”), Garry Knowling, Chair.** A Survey will soon be sent to over 900 SBR golfers. It aims to gather relevant information that will be used to improve the golf experience by all at SBR.

**Communications Subcommittee (“CSC”), Ken DeLeo, Chair.** Communications is working on an article for publication in the “Ranch Round-Up” to enlighten those residents who haven’t yet received news on our current projects.

**Monthly Updates by Ken Steinke.** From May 1 to the end of September, approximately, Tucson Omni, the Preserve, HOA2, Robson Ranch, Oro Valley CC, The Views, El Con, Quarry will all offer some type of special rate for SBR players; we are awaiting final details.

A personal golf vehicle policy has been approved effective immediately; details will be forthcoming for the public.

The next regular meeting of the Greens Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 9:00 am, in LaVista room, LaHacienda Club. This meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Toni Graves

Acting Secretary