

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the SaddleBrooke Ranch Greens Committee Wednesday, March 6, 2024

A regular meeting of the SaddleBrooke Ranch Greens Committee (the “Committee”) was held in the Private Dining Room, Ranch House Building, on Wednesday March 6, 2024.

Committee Members present: John Whitehead, Chairman, Alex Anna, Rod Linville, Lynn Mulhall, Hal Peabody, Sam Rossi, and BJ Schultz. Grounds Committee: Jack Dyck. Absent: David Maisch and Steve Schuster.

Robson Staff present: Mike Jahaske, Aaron Thomas and Ken Steinke. Absent: Mark Giannonatti

Call to Order at 8:00 AM by John Whitehead, Chairman. Minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting were approved.

Grounds Update: Rod Linville and Jack Dyck provided a summary of the ride around on March 1, 2024. The highlights are as follows:

- Aaron provided a print out of the upcoming Spring 2024 projects concerning Greens, Tees, Fairways, Collars, Roughs, Irrigation, and Spraying applications;
- There will be ongoing burn days for maintenance refuse in the areas north and west of the 4th tee;
- The reconfiguration of the curb fronting the plum tee on Hole 14 was discussed;
- The painting of the fairways is essentially over for the season.

Golf Operations Update (Mike/Ken):

- Mike Jahaske stated that from March 1st through April 15th is traditionally the busiest time of the year for golf at SaddleBrooke Ranch;
- Beginning March 15th and continuing through September, the earliest tee times will be 7:00 A.M. ;
- The Pro Shop announced the following events that would take place in March:
 - March 13th Golf and Grub Tournament,
 - March 14-17 Annual St. Patrick’s Day Sale,
 - March 25th Club Demonstration Day with representatives from Cleveland, Callaway and Ping,
 - March 29th Donations of golf equipment for the First Tee Junior Program
- The Pro Shop is looking for a better bid for a contractor to install new driving range mats;
- The marking of penalty areas around the bridges on holes 10 and 11 will be done to simplify penalty questions.

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General Update

- A Handicap access plan has been presented by Robson to the insurance company that includes implementation of the potential new rules for carts.
- The Pro Shop provided guidance on the implementation of Lift, Clean and Replace will be done;
- The Greens Committee revisited alternating starting nines as was agreed to do during the March 1, 2024 meeting. This was a suggestion made by a resident in early 2023. The Greens Committee unanimously recommended to Robson Management that the course not go to rotating starting nines weekly for the following reasons:
 - Because hole #10 is the number one handicap hole, it is difficult for the Staters to keep foursomes on time as there is a significant amount of time waiting for golfers to clear the first and second arroyos,
 - Also, because hole #10 is the number one handicap hole, Annual golfers have expressed a preference not to start their round on the number one handicap hole,
 - Starting on #10 also creates inefficiencies for the Maintenance Staff. Having two weeks per month of inefficiency is significant to the maintenance staff productivity.

Robson Management agreed with the Greens Committee recommendation. It is recommended that the group who is interested in rotating nines consider establishing a Men's Niners Group. That group would be accommodated with rotating nines on Thursday afternoon following the SaddleBrooke Ranch Men's Golf Association (SBRMGA) morning shotgun.

The next Greens Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 3, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Hal Peabody