

## Saddlebrooke Ranch Golf Club Green Committee

### Meeting Minutes – January 2, 2019

The regular meeting of the Saddlebrooke Ranch Golf Club Greens Committee was called to order at 10:00 am Wednesday January 2, 2019. The meeting was held in the La Vista Room of the SBR Hacienda.

Committee members present were: Jack Gressingh; Chair, Jean Cheszek; Vice Chair, Sam Rossi, Jeanne Osterlund, Mike Mycka, Paul Lapotosky, Gaye Ohanian,

Members absent: Jim Cook, Kathy Brennan.

Robson Staff present: Mark Giannonatti, Mike Jahaske, Ken Steinke, Chris Blake

#### **Opening comments by Chairman**

1. Jack welcomed everyone to today's meeting. Mike Mycka was asked to record today's minutes. Last month's minutes were approved by the membership.

#### **Mark Giannonatti:**

Announced no golf Thursday. Mark said tree damage on course was minimal. He then gave a brief review of "The Shack" which is under construction. No completion date was given. Golfers will be able to order food on their cell phones at the 8th hole and pick up from the "Shack" upon completion of 9th hole. Mark also spoke of a Preferred Guest Lodge in the future to be located between the Arts and Crafts building and the Ranch House building. No date has been discussed, nor design. For the artificial turf installation, Mark stated a contract has been signed and construction will begin soon at the driving range.

#### **2. Mike Jahaske:**

Mike Stated the Golf shop is fully staffed. Last year 41,000 rounds were completed which is a 17% increase over 2017. Annual card holder payments are underway. A golf Rules seminar is slated for January 10<sup>th</sup> discussing the changes for 2019 at 2:30 pm after the Men's regular league play.

#### **3. Chris Blake:**

General desert cleaning is underway. Sight lines have improved. Rye grass is in excellent condition. Water usage has been dramatically reduced. Course closed this week until further notice. Pre emergence will soon begin. Some new equipment has arrived.

#### **4. Old Business / Sub Committee Reports**

##### **Maintenance:**

Sam Rossi will defer to Chris Blake

**Communication:**

Mike Mycka, Jim Cook - no new issues.

**5. Golf Experience:**

Paul Lapotosky asked that curbing could be installed on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee to prevent loose aggregate from covering the cart path. Chris says he will lower dirt around edges so the aggregate will stay in place. Paul raised a safety concern at the intersection of the cart path on hole numbers 13 and 15, to the south side of the new restroom. As drivers approach the new rest room the slanted cart path with a sharp turn may cause drivers to slide into the ditch. Mark says Chris can place some large boulders on that edge to prevent this from occurring. Paul gave us an update on the Adopt A Hole program. We currently have 59 players agreeing to maintain their respective holes. Sand and seed day is slated for January 10.

**6. New Business:**

Jean Cheszek and other players and guests toured the course and decided on Yellow Tee placements. Chris agreed on those placements and will set up those tees.

Jack welcomed our special guest Erin Groeneveld from the AGA, and director of USGA programs. Erin was invited today to give input regarding our pace of play issues. She first off recommended that a good education policy should be administered to all players. She gave examples of how the USGA conducts ruling for pace of play. Erin recommends each group stay in touch with the group in front of them. If they lose sight of that group they are behind schedule. There is a 40 second rule that is in use for tournaments and Erin recommends we educate our players to adapt this rule. When a player reaches their ball they have 40 seconds to strike the ball and move forward. New rules for 2019 will also help with pace of play issues. Erin recommended a reverse shotgun with just a single foursome on #18 might help with this issue also. Erin agreed to send us a policy manual that she uses for all tournament play in Arizona. We all agreed that pace of play assumes perfect course conditions and we do not always have those conditions..

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 on January 2, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Mike Mycka

Approved on 2/6/2019