

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the SaddleBrooke Ranch Greens Committee Wednesday, September 6, 2023

A regular meeting of the SaddleBrooke Ranch Greens Committee (the "Committee") was held in the Private Dining Room, Ranch House Building, on Wednesday September 6, 2023.

Committee Members present: Alex Anna, Dave Maisch, Lynn Mullhall, Hal Peabody, BJ Schultz, and Steve Schuster, Rod Linville. Absent: John Whitehead, Chairman

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

Invited Guests: Tom Graham (MGA), Mick Borm (MGA), Diane Taylor (WGA), Mary Schlachter (Women's 9 holers), Garry Knowling (Golf Social Groups), Sam Rossi (Grounds Committee)

Secretary Hal Peabody called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM in Chairman John Whitehead's absence.

Items for Discussion:

1. **The 2023-2024 Winter Tee Sheet Options** – All invited guests and committee members above were invited to participate in this discussion.
 - a. The first discussion of the Winter Tee Sheet Options was about the need to ensure that SBR annual players have the best chance of completing 18 holes during the high season, limited daylight months. It was noted that some frost delays, depending on their severity, may not allow the execution of this goal.
 - b. It was agreed in the discussion that 8:00 AM shotguns on Sunday (SBR Couples), Tuesday (WGA), Thursday (MGA), and Saturday is probably the best solution to try for the winter months but the Committee plans to have a final discussion in October.
 - c. It was discussed that with normal winter conditions on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, a 1:00 PM shotgun, limited to 64 players, could work if the morning shotgun is full to allow annuals to complete their 18 hole rounds. This plan will also allow for twilight/9 hole tee times.
 - d. The Greens Committee and the Pro Shop will continue to monitor the amount of play on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to determine if a shotgun on those days is warranted to achieve the goal of 18 hole rounds for annual players.
 - e. Tom Graham of the Men's Club asked about the hard or soft cut off for players on their Thursday tournaments. The Men's Club was assured that Thursday is their day and if they fill their shotgun, residents will get the later times.
 - f. Diane Taylor of the Women's Club requested that on their large major tournament days the shotguns would be limited to women only.
 - g. A request was made to consider moving the driving range tees to the front of the range to accommodate the amount of players warming up for the shotgun times on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

At the conclusion of Winter Tee Sheet discussions, the invited guests were excused, and the regular Greens Committee meeting commenced. At 8:54 AM, a request for the acceptance of the Minutes of the July 2023 meeting was called and the Committee approved.

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2. Grounds/Course Condition Update.

- a. Notes from the August 28th Grounds Committee Ride Around were included with the agenda and discussed during the September meeting. Aaron Thomas, Alex Anna, Steve Schuster and Sam Rossi participated in the Ride Around.
- b. Additionally, a memo from John Whitehead was included with the agenda documenting the July 26th ride along with Aaron, John, B.J. and I participating. John's memo included Aaron's plans for the course closure from July 31st through August 6th.
- c. Following is a quick summary of Aaron's notes and plans for maintenance during the late September shutdown.
 - There will be no overseed of the Black tees
 - The Chipping area on the east side (closest to driving range) will be overseeded. The west side (closest to the 1st hole) will not be overseeded.
 - The algae in the golf course irrigation lines is being monitored and the maintenance staff is using preventative measures to alleviate the issues. Sprinkler heads are being changed as necessary.
 - The material to repair the areas in front entry of the bridges on holes 10 and 11 should be delivered and the task completed during the shutdown.
 - The tree to the left of the rust tee on Hole 6 will remain as is.
 - Aaron's staff has been prepping various tees and the driving range for the fall overseed as noted in the September issue of *The Ranch Forecaddie*. The blades on the mowers have are being raised higher especially in the rough areas along the fairways to prepare for the dormant grass for the winter.
 - The ice machine between holes 14 and 15 is not working. The repair is covered under warranty but the compressor is on back order.

3. General Update.

- a. The main topic of discussion centered around the SaddleBrooke Ranch/Robson acquisition of the full Golf Genius software package that all member clubs and social groups will be able to utilize. Social groups that have utilized the Golf Genius mobile application for their games have provided positive comments.
- b. Mark Giannonatti has set the expectation with Mike Jahaske and Ken Steinke that after they are up to speed in utilizing the Golf Genius package, they will provide training sessions for everyone that may be interested.
- c. Some changes to the Chelsea system were requested by social groups, but the Greens Committee and Robson management will discuss and/or determine any changes to Chelsea after the 2024 proposed fee schedules are released.
- d. Due to time constraints, the input provided to the Greens Committee by the former chairperson, Jean Cheszek, was not fully vetted. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

The next Golf Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 4, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Hal Peabody, Secretary.