

SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club Greens Committee

Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club Green Committee was called to order at 10:00 am on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. The meeting was held in the La Vista room at the SBR Hacienda.

Jean Cheszek, Jeanne Osterlund, Gaye Ohanian, Jim Cook and Mike Mycka

Guest: Ken De Leo

Robson Staff present:

Mike Jahaske, Ken Steinke and Chris Blake

Jean Cheszek presided in the absence of Jack Gressingh. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

1. Mike Jahaske report:

- Course closures for maintenance for next summer are being planned. Aerifying the fairways are the primary goal to enhance the health of the turf. They have located a machine that will be effective in achieving those goals. They are in the process of getting quotes on the cost and timeline. They are proposing two 7-day closures of the entire course—one week in early June and the other in mid-July—to accomplish this. It is thought that this plan will result in the least disruption and the most effective result.
- Year to date, the number of rounds played is up 1864. Revenue is up \$118,000.
- Mike will be working on the budget over the next two months.

2. Chris Blake report:

- Chris provided more information on the Dryject machine and aeration process being considered for next summer. His plan is to use an 8-inch tine machine to make deep cuts, followed by the Dryject which has 4-inch tines. The Dryject spreads sand at the same time. Chris will follow with additional sand dressing. They are estimating the cost to be around \$30,000 for the two processes.
- Hole assessments:
 - Holes 6 and 7 are doing well. Holes 15 and 18 are weak.
 - Holes 1 and 10 will remain par 3s until after overseed.
 - Hole 1 is doing very well. The decision on whether to overseed or leave it dormant will be made closer to overseed time.
 - Hole 10 will be completely overseeded. Next summer it will return to a Par 3 to allow for resodding of the first two sections of the fairway.
 - Current overseed plan is to leave holes 3, 8, 11, and 13 dormant—and possibly 1.
 - NOTE: Sunscreen will remove the green dye from golf balls! Good to know.

- Bunker raking has been skipped a few times due to delivery of sod. The last sod will be delivered this Friday.
- Weeds on the perimeter of the course are flourishing. Maintenance is in process. The front nine is almost completed. They will begin on the back nine. Weeds in the bunkers have been sprayed.
- Driving Range:
 - Stations will be moved twice a week--once on Monday morning and again after Men's League on Thursday. The turf strip is covered in algae from the sprinkler system. The sprinklers will be reconfigured during overseed. The turf will be scrubbed and redone.
- Bunkers:
 - The white edges are to support new sod. All should be gone except #17 & #18 by Friday.
 - The crew to add new light sand to the bunkers was diverted for 1-2 weeks. Bunkers will remain in play until further notice. Scores should be posted. Clubs will notify members of the change. Golf Genius can be set up for email only for communicating to all golfers. The challenge is keeping it updated.
- Chris is hiring a new assistant superintendent. Candidate has been identified.

Old Business:

Gold tees:

- During overseed the tee boxes for #2 and #13 will be completed. Five tee boxes will be done then. #1 and #4 need slight changes in shaping. #7 is in a bad place. #11 is too far back now. #18 has not yet been decided. The goal is to complete five more next summer.
- Course rating: Erin from AGA says the women's tees should be done before the end of the year. It is likely the men's will be updated at the same time.

New Business:

- Shotgun starts:
 - Committed to shotguns on Saturdays June-August. March-May possibly twice per month. The groups are moving well. On average, a 45-minute loss is planned for shotguns. Mike to do a study to determine turn time.
- Max number of tee times that can be linked in Chelsea is 7.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2019.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Submitted by Jeanne Osterlund

Approved on 10/2/2019