

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
of the  
SaddleBrooke Ranch Greens Committee  
Friday, November 5, 2021**

A regular meeting of the SaddleBrook Ranch Greens Committee (“the Greens Committee”) was held in the Board Room of the Ranch Grill House on Friday, November 5, 2021.

Committee Members present: Jean Cheszek, Chairperson; Ken DeLeo, Toni Graves, Garry Knowling, Kevin McCarthy, Jeanne Osterlund, Jeff Pharr, George Price. Randy Friedman was absent.

Robson Staff present: Mike Jahaske, Mark Gionnanatti. Ken Steinke, Aaron Thomas were absent.

The meeting was commenced at 8:02am by Jean Cheszek.

Minutes of the October 6, 2021 Meeting were approved.

**Course Maintenance.**

While cart sharing mandates won't return before January 2022, golfers should be aware of the toll carts take on dormant turf. Share a cart when possible, always use 90 degree rule. Currently, Aaron is erring on the wet side; he is in the process of purchasing a “trencher” so that he won't have to outsource so many drainage issues. Crews and golfers should avoid driving through wet/muddy areas.

Range mats may be used for two weeks in December and January, but just one week per month thereafter. The search for better mats continues; the ideal product would allow use of tees. Cart paths have been repaired.

All new sand is in the bunkers. Pre-emergent spraying of the entire course will take place after 2pm on November 8. 70-80% of poa annua is eradicated and the course looks amazing.

A new mower is being used in desert areas; while Aaron prefers longer growth he is working behind homes, in arroyos and washes. Clearing heavy growth on the left side of Fairway 13 is a winter project. Aaron will address greens ballmark issues in his upcoming Forecaddie article.

Wide collars around Greens have been heavily overseeded and continue to be watered; collars are attractive, slow oncoming balls and protect the greens from heavy machinery; their condition will be monitored; seed is ordered in March. Greens have been lightly aerified and will remain firm for another year.

The tree on left side of Fairway No. 6 near plum tees may be trimmed or removed.

## **Mark Gionnatti**

**Pricing/bookings.** Thorough study of course income/expenses, rounds by residents and outsiders, has determined that the 2022 annual price will be \$3200 per resident golfer (second in family to be discounted) with a 25 bucket range ball punch card included. Play punch passes will be provided, details forthcoming.

Important restrictions to outside bookings in 2022: Golf Now golfers may not book until four days out and no tee times are hard coded (held without access to resident golfers). This restriction also applies to Preferred Guests. No morning outside tournaments are allowed.

**Three Year Planning, Committees.** Mark suggests a Committee be formed to meet quarterly to discuss long-term plans, water issues, development of the **Third Nine Holes**; details are yet to be determined, but the project is underway.

## **Mike Jahaske**

The culling of damaged balls from the range ball supply is working well; better to add some new as needed rather than replace all at one time; he's sticking with Callaway.

Outstanding Credit book totals may be redeemed during the December sale. A Demo Days will be held on November 15; reservations required.

Mike will order new score cards in January; certain mens groups may have a new preferred long combo, but it must be more widely accepted before adding it to score cards and Chelsea.

Mike's proposed course closure calendar has all Wednesdays closed in June, July, August and September, with one full week in June and August, and two weeks at the end of September. It was suggested that some kind of meeting/fundraiser be held during the closings, perhaps a Maintenance Day with a guided tour/safari.

## **Jean Cheszek**

Garry, Kevin and Jean will interview the twelve applicants for three open spaces on the Greens Committee and make a recommendation in December.

AGA will decide by the end of March whether they will subscribe to Golf Genius again, or perhaps try a new system like Blue Golf.

Thanks to Mike and Ken for their participation in the SBRWGA Solheim Cup in October.

## **Matters of particular interest to golfers (should be included in all upcoming communications).**

1. In observing cart path only holes ("CPO"), take several clubs and sand as you walk to your ball.
2. Observe 90 degree signs; understand their meaning.
3. Existing wet areas are being attended to; please avoid driving through them.
4. Credit book balances should be redeemed before the end of the year; Mike can best describe what products are eligible.

5. Golfers should close sand box covers; dampness and rain affect the weight and quality of the sand.

The meeting concluded at 10:49am. The next meeting will be held at 8:00am on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 8:00am in LaVista Room, La Hacienda Club.

Respectfully submitted by  
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Acting Secretary