

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the SaddleBrooke Ranch Greens Committee Wednesday, March 1, 2023

A regular meeting of the SaddleBrooke Ranch Greens Committee (the “Committee”) was held in the Private Dining Room, Ranch House Building, on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

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

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

Chairman John Whitehead called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. John called for acceptance of the Minutes of the February 2023 and the Committee approved.

Items for Discussion:

1. Grounds/Course Condition Update.

- a. Overall course conditions are excellent. The anticipated warmer spring weather will also improve the conditions.
- b. As the greens soften, more attention to note ball marks and their need to be fixed. Also a reminder that players dragging their feet on the greens will still cause damage; even with soft spikes. Notes to address these topics has been included in the March edition of the *Forecaddie*.
- c. A request was made to the Greens Committee by a resident to explore rotating the start of play each week between the first and tenth holes. After a committee discussion that included Mike Jahaske, Professional and Aaron Thomas, Superintendent, it has been determined that the ongoing special maintenance projects and course improvements will take precedence. After the course has fully recovered from the planting of the new greens and the abnormally cold winter the Committee will revisit this request. Expectations are that this discussion of rotating the first and tenth holes on a weekly basis will be sometime mid-year in 2024.
- d. The marking of the penalty area on Hole #9 has been completed.
- e. Aaron briefly discussed the new technology that will be used in mid-March for deep aerifying the greens. The March edition of the *Forecaddie* has a very detailed explanation of the process with a link to a video.

2. Golf Operations and General Update. Golf Professional Mike Jahaske provided a rundown on the golf course operations.

- a. Sales of the Annual passes have remained steady with a current total of 267. The addition of the 75 round play card has encroached on the purchase of annual passes, but seems to be successful. Overall golf rounds are increasing, with 50% of the rounds being played by annual pass holders.

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- b. With the calendar rolling to March, the 9:00 A.M. shotgun starting times for Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday have been stopped. Those days the shotgun start will begin at 8:00 A.M. through November.
- c. A Shotgun Start Task Force to discuss the policy for 2024 is being formed. The Task Force will include representatives from the men's, women's, 9 hole groups and social groups. With the increasing play traffic on the course, the Task Force focus will be on issues relating to how to accommodate the most golfers. This may require the implementation of morning and afternoon shotgun starts in months with enough daylight.
- d. The Pro Shop announced there will be a PING fitting day at the driving range on Monday March 6th from 10 AM to 2 PM at the driving range. On Monday March 13th, Callaway, Cobra and Cleveland/Srixon will also conduct club fittings from 10 AM to 2 PM at the driving range that day. The pro shop will take reservations for the fittings.

3. On Going Business.

- a. The Pro Shop is planning the first quarterly social event called "Golf and Grub" in 2023 for Wednesday, March 29th. The format will be a scramble and handicaps will be required to play. The festivities will start at 3:30 PM and the entry deadline is Thursday March 23rd.
- b. Steve Schuster provided an update of the status of the Adopt a Hole Program. Approximately 100 volunteers have signed up to participate in the program. Each hole will have a captain coordinate the effort for the hole. Hole #17 has the fewest volunteers.

- 4. Golf Committee Member Comments.** Golf Committee member, Randy Friedman, who has done a great job of handling the Grounds Committee and the Adopt a Hole Program, has announced he will be leaving SaddleBrooke Ranch near the end of March. Randy will be missed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 AM.

The next Greens Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Hal Peabody, Secretary.

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Grounds Committee Report

Aaron, John, Rod and Randy did a ride around of all 18 holes on Tuesday Feb. 28, 2023

1. Red stakes installed around the lake to the right and back of Hole 9 green.
2. I would like to discuss safer tees on the mats after a golfer was hit in the chest by someone hitting a driver off the mats. He was going after a tee in the grass in front of another golfer and didn't hear he was walking out in front of him. This is a very dangerous situation and needs to be addressed ASAP.
3. Stump grinding continues in the desert areas.
4. Hole 11 Black tee box, tree to the right was trimmed for better use of the whole tee box.
5. Hole 1 when its cart path only will be an A-B from now on to speed play on this par 5. Same as Hole 4, probably half and half.
6. A new John Deere Utility tractor was purchased and delivered for use with our heavy equipment.
7. As of March 1st Aaron will be in charge of all the mowing and tree trimming from the main entrance and all Robson property. He will or has hired 2 new employees to do this work.
8. A new list of potential tee boxes to enlarge or overseed was looked at today, but we will still ask Alex for her input at a later date. As for now we would like to enlarge the Rust tee box on Hole 10 to the right side or overseed. Rust tee box on Hole 3 enlarge it to the front and the rear. Rust tee box on Hole 4 enlarge it to the right side. Plum tee box on Hole 6 maybe overseed it. Possible enlarge, maybe by mowing the Plum tee box on Hole 1.
9. Overall course is looking good looked at some wet places where some in house drainage work could be done later. Need some warmer days for the Bermuda grass to keep growing.