

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the
SaddleBrooke Ranch Green Committee**

November 4, 2020

A regular meeting of the SaddleBrook Ranch Green Committee was held in the LaVista Room of La Hacienda Club on November 4, 2020.

Committee Members present in person: Jean Cheszek, Acting Chair, Jim Cook, Ken DeLeo, Toni Graves, Mike Mycka, Jeanne Osterlund, Jeff Pharr, Sam Rossi.

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

The meeting was commenced by Jean Cheszek at 9:01am
Minutes of the October 7, 2020 Meeting were approved.

Chris Blake

Chris is content with results of the overseed process; there have been huge improvements around the course, the practice putting green, fairways and some of the greens. The variations in success will be resolved as the later sowed back nine seed catches up with germinating front nine. Fairways have been cut to 3/4" and will remain at that length during the winter dormancy.

Arroyos are being cleared. Ten is complete and others will follow. One employee has been dedicated to clean-up, clearing, clipping removal, etc., as time permits. The clippings are not good for mulch.

Chris is using a much better paint this year; color is about perfect. Two minutes of watering each night is enough during dormancy, keeps the ground soft. Pre-emergence fertilizer is being placed. Mike will check into purchasing markers for the gold tees to match the other markers. Aiming poles will be re-installed on seven and eleven.

Half of Chris' new crew have no experience, but senior staff are exceptional. Some greens are beyond repair; perhaps the all-greens replacement will happen in 2021 rather than 2022; the 3-4 month associated closure remains a consideration.

Mark Gionnonatti

Mark shared that the 2021 Annual Passholders will receive a 25-punch range ball card and a 10% discount for their guest's play; the second Annual Pass in a household will be discounted by \$200. Range ball 15-punch cards will cost \$200. Play punch cards will be sold in 25 and 50 denominations for either 9 or 18 holes (purchaser must choose 9 or 18), with dual household fee of \$3/round. Cart rental punch cards will also be available.

Four cart play will remain optional; other cart transportation options include Finn Individual cart; most options are acceptable.

Ed's Dogs opened unannounced. The food is reported to be wonderful, but wait lines and inconvenient parking limits the facility. Golfers are asked to avoid the food shack and restrooms at Dogs at the turn, but rather stop in before or after rounds in order to not delay the pace of play. Parking will be permitted on the road to ease traffic jams.

New Business

The Green Committee.

There are twelve applicants for four Green Committee membership places, with interviews planned. We are seeking diverse representation on the Green Committee from across the community. Other Subcommittees like Grounds, Communications, Operations, Rules and Handicap will soon be established and become functional immediately.

Adopt-A-Hole Subcommittee. Chair Jeff Pharr encourages Committee members and other players to take sand for repairing fairway divots. *Straight Sand* is found at the black tees of holes 1 and 10; additional containers will be added near porta-johns between 5 and 6, 14 and 15. Use *Straight Sand* on 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 17. *Seed Mix* is found in cans on 4, 9, 15 and 18; use *Seed Mix* on 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, 16 and 18 and the rough on hole 10.

Mike Jahaske

Mike will publish the information regarding the passes and punch cards available for 2021 once the pricing has been approved. Chelsea will be updated so that *active card holders* will not be penalized as an outsider if they choose to pay cash for a round.

A Pro Shop staff person is re-staking and repainting all the stakes on every hole; once complete, he'll maintain the stakes once per week.

The local rule on ubiquitous animal scat is to take relief wherever required.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 9am in LaVista Room, La Hacienda Club. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52am.

Respectfully submitted by
Toni Graves
Acting Secretary