

SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club Green Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2018

The regular meeting of the SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club Green Committee was called to order at 10:00 am on Wednesday, October 3, 2018. The meeting was held in the La Vista room at the SBR Hacienda.

Committee Members present: Jack Gressingh, Jeanne Osterlund, Gaye Ohanian, Kathy Brennan, Mike Mycka and Jim Cook

Invited Guest present – Ken DeLeo (attending for the Golf Course Maintenance Subcommittee)

Robson Staff present: Mike Jahaske and Chris Blake

1. Opening comments by Chairman:

- Jack welcomed everyone – Jean Cheszek, Sam Rossi, Paul Lapotosky, Mark Giannonatti and Ken Steinke were absent.
- Announced that the Secretary position of taking notes for the monthly meetings would be rotated amongst the committee members.
- The Committee minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Discussion about the distribution of minutes of monthly meetings – decided that a summary of the monthly meeting notes would be prepared and distributed via the Pro Shop, Chelsea, etc.. Monthly meeting notes would be taken, approved, put on file and made available upon request.
- Discussion about the Community Golf Event – the format was great, as were the many door prizes. Thanks to Sam Rossi for putting it all together. Thanks to Robson management and staff for putting it on.

2. Mike Jahaske's Report:

- Announced that he has hired two new staff members to work in the Pro Shop.
- Staff has put in new staking and color coordinated signs to replace rusty signs.
- Looking for new clock to put in by driving range and new ice machine.
- Discussed golf course out-of-bounds and hazard staking as they relate to the changes in the rules of golf effective January 1, 2018. Mike committed to provide Jack Gressingh a copy of AGA's rule change summary when available.
- We are potentially a little bit behind on the reseed process following the rainy weather we had the first week of reseed. Will know more as we progress through the process.

- Working on monthly newsletter to community requested by Mark Giannonatti. 1st edition to be distributed in late October. Expect to give to Alex Baker around October 12 – expect distribution October 15.

3. Chris Blake's report:

- Overseeding process:
 - Germination of rye seed on all fairways now – good shape.
 - Did #10 fairway last – big job with all crews tired.
 - Sod prep on #6 in rough
 - Other small drainage projects being done.
 - As seeding gets completed, other small projects will begin.
 - Drop seeding was used for reseeding entire golf course instead of cast seeding. Improves coverage and speeds germination process.
- Javelina damage on #'s 4, 5, 6 and 8 tees, and #9 fairway due to digging for grubs. European white grubs are an entire course issue that will be treated with insecticide next June and July during their two flights per year to mate.
 - Putting green and driving range are also concern areas for grubs and Javelinas.
 - Grub problem will take 2 to 3 years to control.
- Discussed mosquito problem:
 - Some standing water areas
 - Golf course designed to take water from housing areas and doesn't percolate fast enough on the course during big rain storms.
 - Problem will not last much longer as expected cooler weather will eliminate problem.

4. Old Business

- **Golf Course Maintenance Committee – HOA #1 Meeting:**
 - Jack Gressingh introduced Ken De Leo from the Golf Course Maintenance Sub-Committee.
 - Ken De Leo discussed meeting he attended at SaddleBrooke HOA 1 with Sam Rossi, Paul Lapotosky and the HOA 1 pro.
 - HOA 1 Pro stated that the gating process is intended to minimize compaction away from wet areas of the rough. HOA 1 likes using the process.
 - Mike Jahaske stated that the HOA 1 superintendent said they moved the gates daily.
 - General discussion of the gating system and how it works with the overall committee.
 - The question of using the gating system will be to leave the gates in place or move regularly to manage the traffic control areas.

- Gates will have some advantages and disadvantages with a goal to increase the quality of the fairways.
 - Chris Blake added that he does not like the gate system and would rather naturally move traffic around problem areas as needed.
 - Mike Jahaske supported Chris' recommendation and suggested we review Chris' approach at the end of the year.
 - The entire Green Committee agreed to table the Gate discussion at this time.
- **Adopt-A-Hole Subcommittee:** Jack reported that Paul Lapotosky is continuing the Adopt-A-Hole program and will be assisted by Jeff Pharr.
- **Golf Operations/2019 Pricing/Chelsea:**
 - Jeanne Osterlund presented and discussed comparison of 7 local courses with SBR Golf conducted by her subcommittee. Highlights include:
 - Many other courses have trail fees and we do not.
 - Our course is relatively inexpensive compared to all others.
 - A summary of the pricing comparison is attached.
 - Mike Jahaske added:
 - We use general public to support our golf course.
 - Golf Now supplements our income – explained how Golf Now works.
 - We have more tee times than golfers.
 - Golf operations income has never broken even with expenses.
 - Our #1 goal is to keep golf affordable to our residents, maintain a quality product and have consistent rates that are affordable.
 - Robson community courses have never imposed trail fees since the communities began in the 1970's.
 - We need to look at golf fees for 2019. Playcard is possibly too inexpensive.
 - We need to put together the right package and present to the Green Committee. Mark Giannonatti will want a recommendation from the Green Committee.
- **Communications Subcommittee:**
 - Mike Mycka and Jim Cook will prepare a summary of monthly Green Committee minutes that will be communicated to the general community.
 - Monthly Green committee minutes will be available upon request.
- **Golf Experience, Pace of Play, Etc. Subcommittee:**
 - Pace of Play

- Researched factors that affect pace of play, including course management practices, course set up and player behavior.
- Requested a “Pace Rating” from the AWGA.
- Went over pace of play tips with the SBRWGA.
- Recorded actual “unimpeded” foursome times, hole-by-hole. Times ranged from 3:21 to 3:40 hours.
- Next steps:
 - Compare actual ties, Pace Rating, and current SBR “Time Par”
 - Identify bottlenecks and formulate possible solutions.
- New Forward Tees:
 - Researched appropriate tee lengths for shorter hitters. Trying to encourage new golfers.
 - Sub Committee and Mike Jahaske went through all 18 holes to identify appropriate locations for new tees totaling about 4100 yards.
 - Next steps:
 - Mike Jahaske to figure out how to properly identify the new, temporary tees so that players can use them after overseeding.
 - SBRWGA to use the new tees for the first two rounds after overseeding.
 - Communicate the new tees to women who regularly play SBR.
 - Get feedback on tee locations and hole lengths and make changes as needed.
 - Identify “blended tees” between the current Plum tees and the proposed new tees.
 - New tees will be ready when course reopens.
 - Other: Paul Knott has been recruited to serve on this committee.
- **Other Subcommittees:** No other subcommittees were recommended at this time.

5. New Business:

- Next meeting will be November 7, 2018 at 11:30 am. Will try to hold meeting to 1 hour due to room scheduling restrictions.

6. Meeting Adjourned

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