

**SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club Green Committee  
Minutes of the July 1, 2020, Meeting**

A meeting of the of SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club Green Committee was held in the LaVista Room at the SBR La Hacienda Club on July 1, 2020.

Committee Members present (alphabetically):

Jean Cheszek, Jim Cook, Ken De Leo, Toni Graves, Jack Gressingh, Mike Mycka, Jeanne Osterlund, Jeff Pharr, Sam Rossi

Robson Staff present:

Mark Giannonatti

Jack Gressingh called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Minutes from the meeting of February 5, 2020** were accepted as submitted.

2. **Report and Comments by Mark Giannonatti.**

Community Garden. The garden remains highly anticipated, but construction depends on receipt of the grade boxes from China.

Trees on Fairways 7 and 18. Mark will take another run at installing trees at various locations throughout the course later this year. Locations on Fairways 5, 8 and 16 should be also considered. Ken De Leo will act as the point person for the Committee and coordinate with Chris Blake accordingly.

Volcanoed ground around pins. Normal use exacerbates what little volcanoing exists.

Plastic ball retrievers. The apparatus that runs down the pin and into the hole to retrieve golf balls are being used in Casa Grande; players there like them; the superintendent believes they're fragile and won't last a month. Mark will keep us posted.

Ed's Dogs. Facility should be open in 90 days; seating on patio will be limited because of COVID-19. Robson has hired a certain contractor to install the bocce courts, with hopes of finishing quicker than the tennis court experience.

Clubhouse. Televisions and pub tables have been installed in the Livingroom.

Golf. Rounds are up, revenue is flat. No retail sales because the pro shop was closed. Average revenue per round is \$36 for public players, \$23 for

residents, and \$14 for annuals. COVID-19 could be the source of rounds being up as people are not traveling and leaving for the summer. House sales are good which should help increase future golf revenue. The driving range/golf practice area upgrade is going well; new Gold tee boxes should encourage players to use them.

Grass Activity. Chris is redoing dead turf areas on hole #10, pulverizing a few inches of old rye grass thatch which is stunting the Bermuda. #10 will be a par 3 during this time.

Robson would prefer not to over seed. Preserve and Mountain View haven't over seeded. The goal is to have Bent grass on the longer run because it should do well at SBR's 3,500 foot cooler elevation.

The putting green practice area should be available after the July closure, on June 20.

No new golf course nine will be considered until all current course-adjacent lots are sold; think 2022/3. Current 43,000 rounds/year would have to increase to 50 to 55,000 rounds to prompt another nine independent of lot sales.

COVID-19. Nothing is changing with golf operations for the next 30 days- then another reassessment will be made. The Pro-shop window will be used for the foreseeable future for check-ins.

Chelsea. The system is fair, every system must incorporate a penalty function.

## **New Business**

Golf practice areas including the driving range, chipping area, and putting green: Jeff P requested to have all the practice facilities open anytime the course is closed for maintenance as long as they are not working on the practice facilities. This includes range, chipping area, & putting green. Mark sees no reason not to do this if Chris does not have work planned for the area. (Mike J noted after the meeting that Chris does have work planned for the week of July 13-19, so it will be closed.)

Red penalty stakes and white OB stakes will be checked by Mike Jahaske and Ken Steinke monthly, specifically that the spacing between white OB stakes (especially) and red penalty area stakes is accurate. They will also consider replacing out-of-bounds markers on 10 with red penalty stakes to speed up play.

Jeff P proposed that three areas be "red-staked" to speed up play. The right side of #7 around 50 to 100 yards from green, the right side of #10 before the first arroyo where there is a drain that the mowers can't get to, and the left side of #15 around 100 to 150 yards from green. Jeff was asked to

contact Mike Jahaske to discuss this matter.

Chelsea subcommittee: Jim, Jeanne, Jean, Sam, Mike and Dave Hansel are meeting with Ken Steinke and reviewing all of the intricacies of Chelsea including basic operations and also some of the point assessments as they apply to each type of golfer. Chelsea works well with the North Star POS program which is used by all active Robson communities so it is preferable to stay with Chelsea.

Pricing Committee. Sam Rossi, Mike Mycka and Toni Graves will reprise their committee to investigate various pricing schemes (range balls, play cards, annual memberships plus play cards) and their impact on golfers. Perhaps they'll also consider a look into cart equipment (segues, bikes, atvs, etc.) and attire policy.

The next meeting of the SBR GC Green Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 10:00am, in LaVista Room, La Hacienda Club.

The July 1st meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Approved on August 5, 2020