

SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club Green Committee

Meeting Minutes - September 5, 2018

The regular meeting of the SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club Green Committee was called to order at 10:00 am on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. The meeting was held in the La Mesa room at the SBR Hacienda.

Committee Members present:

Jack Gressingh, Jean Cheszek, Sam Rossi, Jeanne Osterlund, Gaye Ohanian, Paul Lapotosky and Mike Mycka.

Robson Staff present:

Mark Giannonatti, Mike Jahaske, Ken Steinke and Chris Blake

1. Opening comments by Chairman:

- Jack welcomed everyone—Jim Cook and Kathy Brennan were absent due to medical issues.
- We still need to recruit for a secretary. Choices are to look outside this group for a volunteer or rotate taking minutes amongst the committee members. It was agreed that we would rotate this task in the interim. Jeanne Osterlund volunteered to take minutes for today's meeting.
- The minutes were reviewed, Paul motioned they be accepted, Jean seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Jack will send the approved minutes to both the men's and women's golf club for distribution. In addition, Ken will establish a link on Chelsea that will lead to these documents and Mike will post in the pro shop. Chelsea does not have email capability.

2. Mark Giannonatti's report:

- Chris is doing a great job! The course has improved in the little time he has been here.
- The Community Golf event luncheon will be in the La Montana room—not in the new facility.
- Plans are in place for over seeding.
- The right side of hole 9 boundaries are in question currently due to the landscaping of the new buildings.
- The restroom on 15 is progressing. Exterior concrete is being poured now. The ice machine is being ordered. Two questions regarding the restrooms. First, a decision on if/how the doors should be locked needs to be made. Suggestion was to have it keyed

the same as the pool locks so residents could use their pool keys for the door. Keys would be attached to rental cars keys as well. Mark to discuss with Tim Fudge. Second, there is space for a vending machine. There was discussion regarding difficulty in getting vendors to service it due to our remote location. No final decision was made.

- Future golf was mentioned briefly but details couldn't be shared at this time. He just wanted us to know that a re-planning project is in place.
- The Shack should begin construction soon and shouldn't take very long to complete. No dates were estimated.
- We should begin discussing pricing at our next meeting. Gaye and Jeanne will shop neighboring golf courses to determine their rate structure. Mike will help by providing us with some resources and suggestions to get us started. Rates for 2019 should be determined and approved by the 1st or 2nd week of December.

3. Mike Jahaske's report:

- We are still down one staff member.
- The course is closing September 24 for over seeding and will plan to re-open October 16. It will then be cart path only for approximately 3 weeks depending on the weather and condition of the course. It usually takes rye grass 6 weeks to be strong enough. Cart directional signs and stakes will also be refreshed.
- Green surrounds—looking at options. They will possibly go out to the first sprinkler head for the pitching apron—especially on par 3 holes. That means there will be live grass in those areas.
- The gate system was discussed. The purpose is to keep carts off of the dormant Bermuda grass. Options to be evaluated include: Try nine holes this year; 90 Degree rule; drive in the fairways. Sam, Paul and Ken De Leo to meet with HOA1 to discuss how it worked for them.
- Handicap access was discussed. Current process is a golfer must present their Handicap placard obtained from the DMV to the pro shop. The pro shop then alerts the ranger. ADA rules say that they must have access within 25 feet of the tees and greens. The cart path signs are typically further back than that. The Golf Experience committee will address this topic.
- The newsletter will begin in October.

4. Ken Steinke report:

- Nothing additional at this time.

5. Chris Blake report:

- The course is improving. The bare areas near cart paths will be re-sodded soon. High Ph water is continuing to be dealt with by injecting acid into it to lower the Ph. This will be done about every four months. Watering begins at 8pm on the course. Chris provided

Jack with an introductory letter explaining his analysis of the course and plan of action. This will be reviewed by Jack and distributed with the next round of communication to the community.

Old Business:

- Sub-Committees:
 - Golf Course Maintenance—Paul and Sam will continue to drive the course to identify opportunities for improvement. They are also going to meet with HOA1 as stated above. Adopt a Hole is run by Paul and Jeff Pharr. They currently have around 50 volunteers.
 - Communications—Minutes and Chris’s letter will be distributed as described above.
 - Golf Operations—Gaye and Jeanne will develop a list and price shop other courses in the area.
 - Golf Experience—Jean and Kathy put together an excellent outline of their committee’s purpose and focus. See attached.

New Business:

- The next meeting will be held October 3, 2018 at 10:00 am in the La Montana room.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am.

Attachment:

Golf Experience Sub Committee

Purpose: to ensure a championship golf experience at SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club, from check-in through the 19th hole. This will make annual memberships more appealing, raise the profile of the golf club with resident non-golfers, and make SBR Golf Club a premium choice of Tucson-area daily-fee golfers.

Coordination with other Sub Committees: to achieve the Golf Experience goals, there will necessarily need to be close coordination with the Golf Course Maintenance and Golf Operations sub committees, as well as working with the long-range capital plans for the course.

Areas of Focus:

- Check-in—streamline the process for annuals and residents; welcome non-residents and provide information on course, pace of play, dining, etc.; consider providing ball markers, divot tools, tees
- Driving Range/Practice Facilities—look at options for range memberships or including range balls in golf fee; maintenance practices to keep range looking good; longer term options for improved range/short game practice facilities
- Pace of play
 - Assess course management practices, such as starting intervals, time par, marshalling, recommended tees, course signage, incentives for good pace from outside players
 - Assess golf course set-up, including tee variety options, rough height, bunkers and rakes, arroyos, desert areas, hazard markings (especially with the 2019 rules), distance information and signage
 - Assess player behaviors, including playing proper tees, playing ready golf, playing provisional balls, properly accommodating players with physical limitations
- Course Aesthetics
 - Shorter term—make sure we have enough trash bins, ball washers, water stations, etc.; educate/encourage people to fill divots and repair ball marks and rake bunkers; get people to take pride in the golf course
 - Longer term—should have one or more signature holes (maybe #9); find a way to differentiate some of the holes and make them memorable
- After-golf experience—look for ways to make the after-golf experience memorable and welcoming to golfers; provide after-golf lunch/drink specials; make sure visitors are aware of the dining options; provide a half-way house with a good selection of food and drinks

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