

## **HOA #1 Golf Committee Minutes Friday, December 2, 2011**

The monthly meeting of the SaddleBrooke HOA #1 Golf Committee was called to order at 8:00 A. M. by Chairman Clark Hall. The minutes of the November meeting were distributed electronically and approved as submitted.

**Committee Members present** were Clark Hall, Bill Clarkin, Larry Crum, Julie Egolf, Karen Moore, John Pavlak, Dennis Reilly, Roy Stigers and Mardie Toney.

**Non-Committee members** present were Fred Pilster, BOD Liaison, Scott Devereaux, General Manager, Bernie Eaton, Director of Golf, Chris Toney, Representative of the Finance Committee, Andy Higgins, Assistant Golf Professional, Mike Roddy, Golf Course Superintendent, Mike Phillips, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Golf Maintenance, Andy Fortman, newly hired- 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Golf Maintenance and Rich Breves, resident.

### **Board Update- Fred Pilster**

Fred reported the 2012 Catalina re-grassing project budget has been approved at \$550,000. There was no money allocated for converting #19 into a par 5. This will be a decision made later after town hall meetings to gather input from the community and then for the 2012 Board to decide.

### **General Managers Comments- Scott Devereaux**

Scott said they were still waiting for approval from the insurance company for tree replacement.

The 2012 Budget has been approved and there will be an increase of \$95/ household in annual dues.

Scott reported Fred Pilster was re-elected to the Board and Paul Fuchs will be joining him on the new Board. Both will serve 3 year terms.

They are having good financial numbers for 2011.

Regarding the Irrigation Project, our consultant (Marvin Mills) has told the management team based on similar acreage projects that he has recently completed, we could “knock off” about \$600,000 from the planned \$3,600,000 budget.

Desert Reflections has agreed to hold their costs for the Catalina Re-grassing Project. There would be no overhead charges, just the differential to cover their costs. We will work with Desert Reflections again for the Catalina nine re-do!

### **Golf Operations- Bernie Eaton**

Bernie reported golf was down overall for November—two days of rain did not help! Unlimited sales were 389 to a budget of 405. A \$48,000 “shortfall” and privilege card usage was less than anticipated for November

Terry Edwards is our new ranger, replacing Paul Phillips.

A search is underway to replace Paul Fuchs, who will be joining the Board in 2012 and will be leaving his position in the golf shop.

The Red Flag Policy is posted on the website. We have sold 80 red flags.

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Bernie will be adding some new events in December. There will be fishing and putting contest for the grandkids prior to Christmas. He is asking for volunteers to help.

His "Black Friday" sale in the golf shop generated an \$11,000 day. Very successful!

Bernie said that HOA #2 announced the closing of The Preserve golf course for up to three month this summer to re-grass their greens. SaddleBrooke Ranch may be the replacement course during the closure for the Mountain View/ Preserve members. This will be an opportunity for us to get some of them to play more golf here at SaddleBrooke.

Bernie will be looking at replacing the artificial turf at our practice range. There are some new products on the market available now. He will check with his Phoenix contact regarding artificial turf to gain more insight on which product to install here.

Mike Roddy introduced his new 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant, Andy Fortman, at the beginning of our meeting.

Mike said there will be some change in "color" of the greens as the Bermuda goes dormant. Color applications to the Mini Verde greens are happening every 7-10 days based on appearance. There is a "slow down" of the rye growth now.

He pointed out the rye grass is coming onto the greens and he is addressing it with physical removal and some herbicide treatment. These activities will continue as long as we have these plants on the putting surfaces.

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The lake at #13 pump station is being lowered. They have not found where the intake is, until more water is pumped out. There will be a 6-8 week timeline for the work to be done in January/February. We will be making the switch to the SaddleBrooke station when the lake level is no longer able to feed the existing station.

Mike is pleased with the new gate system as it is spreading the cart traffic in the rough better than before. As temperatures get colder, there may be a greater need for cart path only. **He is planning on opening Tucson to red flags only on December 12<sup>th</sup>.**

After some discussion regarding hole closures on the Tucson nine, it was decided that on league days (Tuesday and Wednesday), the red flag golfers would be allowed on the course on all par 4s and par 5s. On other days, there will be some holes “closed” to all cart traffic. SaddleBrooke and Catalina policy would remain in effect for red flags.

Mike asked for input/guidance from the committee regarding **golf course yardage markings**. It was felt that having painted yardages on the cart path, as well as, having yardage designation poles in the rough opposite the cart path. The poles would be a color designated for the different yardages and could be produced in-house or purchased. There was a discussion about eliminating the striped 150 yard poles on the fairways, but this will be discussed with the leagues before a decision is made.

**Action Items****a. Stuffing tubes in HOA #2 in December**

Bernie will be developing a new flyer. It will focus on the December thru October “Unlimited” fee for individual and couples available to HOA #2 golfers. Volunteers will be needed to “stuff” the tubes.

**b. Men’s Combo Tees**

Clark asked for a sub-committee to be formed to develop a recommendation for a combo tee option covering all three courses. It will be done to increase rating and add length to the courses. The “revised” yardage information would be sent to the AGA for re-rating the different combinations available. The score cards would be printed once a decision is made and the information is complete.

The sub-committee will include: Clark Hall, John Pavlak, Bill Clarkin, Bernie Eaton and Andy Higgins.

**c. Dogs and people on courses too early in P. M.**

Rich Breves asked what can be done about people who think the golf courses are **their** parks? Examples given were dogs running off leashes (and one individual carrying a gun), walkers, runners with dogs on leashes, etc. It was felt that residents and golfers on the course should call the patrol to handle it. On major event golf days, it would help if more staff was added (with cameras) and alerting the patrol of the afternoon event, so they could help out whenever needed.

**d. Pitching to the new putting greens**

It was decided to prohibit pitching to the two main putting greens. New signage will be ordered to advise golfers of this.

**e. Proposed refunds for “career ending” injuries/ illness**

Joanne Ellison was appointed by the Board to further study and to make a recommendation covering the “career ending” injury/illness part of the proposed G-2 policy. She has asked the Golf Committee for some guidance.

It was decided the best way to handle this would be to do it on an individual basis. All wording and language pertaining to career ending injuries should be removed from the policy.

**f. Frost Delay Policy**

After some discussion, it was decided to stick with the present method of Bernie and Mike making the decision on frost delays. Several recommendations were made to help our golfers be more aware of there being a frost delay. Putting the frost delay information at the beginning of the Chelsea screen and email “blasts” would enable better for visibility and impact. It was, also, suggested that wording be added for people NOT to call before 7:15 A.M. or 11:00 A.M. to get their information about their morning and afternoon tee times.

**g. Driving carts on Tucson fairways**

This was covered previously in these minutes under golf operations.

**h. “Open criticism” of golf policies**

Regarding a recent incident, Scott Devereaux sent the individual a letter with a stern warning that that type of language will not be tolerated. It was agreed upon that a consistent warning/punishment be maintained and be equal to the “crime” in enforcement.

**i. Local Rules Updates- Drop Zones**

Dennis Reilly presented the revised wording that would be added to our local rules. It was agreed upon.

Clark reminded us that this was the last meeting of the 2011 Golf Committee and a new one will be formed for 2012. He stated that his goal in working on the Committee was “to make golf more enjoyable for our members”!

He, also, passed along to us that the Board applauded our work!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M. The next Golf Committee meeting will be January 6, 2012 at 8:00 A.M. in the Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by Roy Stigers, Secretary.