

Willowbrook/Willowcreek Green Committee Minutes

January 6, 2022

Present: Harry Emerson, Brian Duthu, Chuck Manning, Pete Fenton, Mike Conrad, Mary Ann Rispoli, Cristi Dorsch, Polly Fischette

Harry Emerson called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Harry asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of December 2, 2021. There was one correction. Louise Sartorio reported the 9th hole red tee box at Willowcreek was in the wrong location, which added 50 yards to the hole. She asked that the tee boxes be moved to the correct position. (since that meeting that has been corrected). Mary Ann Rispoli moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Mike Conrad seconded the motion to accept the minutes as amended passed.

Committee Reports:

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf, reviewed his January 2022 report. The report is attached.

Chuck Manning, WB/WC Course Superintendent, reviewed his January report, which is attached. When asked about the lack of sand in some bunkers Chuck said he would look into it. Another question dealt with pin placement and why most seemed to be on edges and mounds. Chuck explained the pin placements are on a nine quadrant rotation and he is working on training for proper pin placement. Chuck mentioned that all the holes have a plastic sleeve which pick up your ball when pulled out. Putting a hand down into the hole with the pin still in is contributing to the breakdown of the sides of the cut holes. Chuck also explained the potential need to put people on the mats on the driving range for a short while to give the range a chance to rest and grow back. No one objected. He also stated that his people fill the divots on the range daily Monday thru Friday.

Pete Fenton, WB/WC Ranger, Pete reported there are complaints on pace of play. He also said players are not fixing

their ball marks on the greens, please remind your groups and fix a few more. Players with handicap flags are not always following the rules of cart placement. The rangers have the rules and are working on compliance.

Cristi Dorsch, WC 18 Hole Women's Golf Assn., Christy asked how far ahead a golfer should cancel to avoid any penalty.

Brian said 24 hours and players are encouraged to call the pro shop when they know they will not make a tee time.

Louise Sartorio, WC 9 Hole President, was not able to attend.

Louise sent her comments to Harry and he reported her group is making an effort to ensure divots and ball marks are fixed by the members. Additionally the group put the information to fix the divots and ball marks in their yearbook procedure. After the weather warms a little she will start working on the garden.

New Business

Harry Emerson proposed Adopt A Hole, for all interested players. He is asking for two people per hole and fixing the divots and ball marks once a week. Afternoons are preferable, when there is less play. Sign up is going well but there is room for more volunteers.

There being no further business, Mary Ann Rispoli made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Polly Fischette and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Jean Emerson

**GREEN COMMITTEE OF WILLOW BROOK/CREEK GOLF
COURSE**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT January 6, 2022

CHUCK MANNING

COURSE CONDITION:

Please encourage the use of the sand and seed mixture to fill divots in tees and fairways. Delays due to temperature are always a possibility for the next few months.

The roughs are very dry, please properly dispose of smoking materials. Please repair ball marks on greens.

We received 2.0" of rain in December.

BROOK

Greens: HOC .190 / Soil temperature 34⁰

Stimp Reading 9.1'

Fairways: HOC .650"

Tees, Collars and approaches: HOC .650"

Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.5"

Rough: HOC 1.5"

CREEK

Greens: HOC .125 / Soil temperature 34⁰

Stimp Reading 10.3'

Fairways: HOC .650"

Tees, Collars and approaches: HOC .650"

Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.5"

Rough: HOC 1.5"

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:

1. Complete fertilizer program
2. Completed pesticide/Herbicide applications
3. Trim deserts
4. Divots
5. Rake deserts
6. Repair high and low plugs
7. Trim trees
8. Vacuum leaves

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

1. Weed eat lakes and creeks
2. Rake and level deserts
3. Top dress greens

STAFF:

Willow Brook Creek is fully staffed

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me. Cell: 623-332-6155 Office: (623) 233-5016 Email: cmanning@suncityaz.org

Director of Golf Report
January 2022

Pro Shops

December finished the year strong in respect to budget, with total revenue exceeding budget by 39.4%. However, the rain days did have an impact in prior year comparison, with total revenue missing prior year by 5% and rounds missing prior year by 806 rounds.

With December performance the Golf Division will exceed total revenue goals for the year. Though final financial information is not yet available, total revenue for the year is expected to exceed prior year by 15%. Merchandise sales is the only major category that will not exceed budget, due to a sharp decrease in hard goods, mostly club sales.

Snack Shops

Snack Shop revenue for December not available at this time.

Golf Courses

The preliminary aerification/overseed schedule will be presented to Golf Advisory this month. We will continue our practice of a single, more aggressive aerification. In addition to regular aerification events will be solid tine aerifying more frequently. Solid tines do not impact the green surface nearly as much and do not require course closures. Fairway verticutting will occur in May and in two day blocks. Though it does not eliminate transition related issues, it will encourage the rye grass to begin checking out sooner. We will be asking representatives on Golf Advisory to review the schedule with course committees, to resolve any schedule conflicts ahead of time.