

Willowbrook/Willowcreek Green Committee Minutes

March 4, 2021 at Talisman Hall

Present: Judy Lawrence, Chuck Manning, Brian Duthu, Gloria Stump, George Wolf, Marcia Grenier, Sue Richmond, Polly Fischette, Jim Fitzsimmons, Tim Willhite, Mary Ann Rispoli, Jean Emerson (minutes).
Absent: Laura Horvatic, Barney Alanis, Terry Chubb, Mike Conrad.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by chairperson Judy Lawrence.

Minutes of the February meeting were emailed to each member. There were no corrections or additions. Gloria Stump moved the minutes be accepted, the motion was seconded by Sue Richmond, and the motion passed,

Committee Reports:

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf, reviewed his written March 2021 report, which is attached. Brian reported the bids are back for the bunker refurbishment project at Lakes West. The project will start the end of July, first part of August.

Chuck Manning, WB/WC Course Superintendent, distributed and reviewed his written report for March 2021. The report is attached.

Chuck also reported that they are in the process of punching the greens to help with ventilation and water retention.

Answering a question on increasing the width of the fairways to the yardage markers, Chuck pointed out that would increase the cost of fertilizer, maintenance, water, and seed on all courses.

Gloria Stump, WB/WC Head Starter, reported all is going well.

George Wolf, WB/WC Ranger, reported they have another ranger back and one in training. This will allow afternoon coverage on the courses.

Marcia Grenier, WC Women's 18 Hole Club, reported the Club Championship started this week and all is going well. Marcia did a survey of the Women's 18 hole ladies asking their preference on straight sheet or crossovers. She found, in preliminary results, the overwhelming majority want straight sheets on non league days. For league days the numbers were split 3 to 2, with 3 in favor of straight sheets and 2 in favor of crossover.

Sue Richmond, WC Women's 9 Hole Club, reported that Fun Day will be March 16th. Sue thanked the committee for all their good work.

Polly Fischette, Men's Club Monitor, reported that the Yellow Tee Tournament was successful and resulted in more players using the red tees. The Club Championship will be held March 24 and 31. John Terko had a hole-in-one on number 11. The pot was \$1298.00, congratulations John.

Jim Fitzsimmons, WB Men's Club, reported all is well at the Brook.

Tim Willhite, WB Men's Club, reported that the bunkers need to be refreshed.

Mary Ann Rispoli, WB 18 Hole Beautification, thanked Chuck for the placement of the memorial plaque on 15. The 18 hole WB tournament is today.

Laura Horvatich, WC 18 Hole Beautification, was unable to attend. Judy Lawrence read her report. Laura reported that a sample memorial stone will be placed by the flagpole for people to see. There is a form to request a marker, which also shows the cost. The form can be found in the donation box in the clubhouse.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Gloria Stump and seconded by Mary Ann Rispoli. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Emerson

**GREEN COMMITTEE OF WILLOW BROOK/CREEK GOLF
COURSE
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT March 4, 2021
CHUCK MANNING**

COURSE CONDITION:

As the Bermuda grass begins to green up, we will start to water the roughs on a more consistent schedule. With that said, Bermuda is greening up, but it will be a while before it really starts growing.

Please fill your divots and repair your ball marks so that those golfers behind you can enjoy their game as well.

With the dormant roughs please be diligent in extinguishing your smoking material.

BROOK

Greens: HOC .190 / Soil temperature 48⁰

Stimp Reading 9.6' @ 5:50am

Fairways: HOC .600"

Tees, Collars and approaches: HOC .600"

Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.25"

Rough: HOC 1.5"

CREEK

Greens: HOC .140 / Soil temperature 48⁰

Stimp Reading 11.6' @ 6:05am

Fairways: HOC .600"

Tees, Collars and approaches: HOC .600"

Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.25"

Rough: HOC 1.5"

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:

1. Complete fertilizer program
2. Completed pesticide/Herbicide applications
3. Vacuum leaves
4. Repair high and low plugs
5. Raked desert area
6. Divots
7. Edge and weed bunkers
8. Street front cleanup
9. Pro shop patio cleanup
10. Checked depths in bunkers and added sand both courses
11. Vacuumed pro shop parking lot
12. Top dressed greens

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

1. Vacuum Pro Shop Parking lot
2. Divots
3. Vacuum leaves
4. Top dress greens
5. Bunker depths

STAFF:

Willow B/C 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

March 2021

Pro Shops

February weather proved favorable for strong rounds and revenue. For the month revenue was up 14.9% to budget and 9.3% to prior year. All major revenue categories exceeded budget and prior year. Rounds played for the month exceeded prior year by 3,915 rounds.

The free clinics scheduled for March have been canceled. For those seeking lessons both private lessons and Get Golf Ready classes are still available. Private lessons are arranged directly with the teaching professionals, their contact information is available in pro shops and the RCSC website (www.suncityaz.org). Get Golf Ready Classes have been reduced from 8 students to 6 students, to allow for better distancing. The Get Golf Ready Schedule can also be found on the RCSC website.

Snack Shops

As a reminder we are still operating with reduced capacity, due to Covid restrictions. Snack Shop and patio capacity is limited to the number of chairs that are provided. Please do not stand around tables or other areas of the patio.

Golf Courses

The bunker refurbishment project at Lakes West that was postponed last year, has been rescheduled for later this year. As part of the bidding process contractors were given parameters to schedule a start and end date. Once a contractor is selected and the time frame known it will be announced. This project may impact previously scheduled dates for aerification and/or verticutting. We will be closing 9 holes at a time while the renovation is in process, which may allow us to incorporate the normal yearly agronomic practices into these closures. The process for the Lakes West bunkers will be to remove existing sand, reestablish original bunker edges, install new bunker liner and add new bunker sand.