

Willowbrook/Willowcreek Greens Committee Minutes

May 5, 2022 at Riverview Meeting Room

Present: Chris Linam, Chuck Manning, Gloria Stump, Cristi Dorsch, Polly Fischette, Barney Alanis, Mike Conrad, Harry Emerson, Louise Sartorio, Mary Ann Rispoli , Lisa Bragelemann

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by chairperson Harry Emerson.

Mary Ann Rispoli moved that the minutes from the April 7, 2022 be accepted as distributed and posted. The motion was seconded by Cristi Dorsch and the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Chris Linam, Pro Shops Manager in for Brian Duthu, reviewed his May 2022 report. The report is attached. There was quite a bit of discussion on the amount and impact of outside play, particularly outside tournaments. Brian has been tasked by the board to re look the current policies and propose recommended changes. Greens committee members offered to provide input to the process. Mike Conrad questioned the current policy around the booking of large group tee times. Harry Emerson used the Saturday Bandits as a current user/example of the process and rationale that facilitates that group. No consensus was reached.

Chuck Manning, WB/WC Course Superintendent, reviewed his May 2022 report. Chuck elaborated on the verticutting process and watering schedule currently under way. Chuck asked that golfers not ask his guys for rules interpretation or any other golf course policy questions but bring them to him. Aerification continues thru the summer then into the overseed cycle.

Gloria Stump, WB/WC Head Starter, reported that merchandise is down, in particular, gloves and golf balls. Chris stated they just received an order that included Pro V1s and FootJoy gloves. Supply chain remains an issue.

Cristi Dorsch, WC 18 Hole Women's Golf Assn, Cristi Dorsch brought up the possibility of a white line around the #14 bathroom as a basis for relief; the discussion settled upon establishing a local rule for the groups that are playing. Additionally, she highlighted her recurring concern with lack of lighting around the WCWB Clubhouse area.

Louise Sartorio, WC 9 Hole President, reported their season officially ended in March but that an agreement with the LW ladies those remaining members can join their league for the summer. Quail Run extended a similar offer. As the WC1 rose /flower garden lady, Louise will do one more weed and feed, clean it up, before heading north. Three ladies will take over for the summer. All members stated how great it looked and thanked her for her efforts. She asked if Chuck could spray for insects and he will take care of it.

Polly Fischette, WC Men's Club Monitor, reported that there are a few less players as the summer starts. The no-show numbers have been about the same. The idea of generating an email coincident with the implementation of the 'ding' system was brought up by Harry and Chris was asked to provide update to that question from Golf Advisory if available.

Barney Alanis, WC Men's Club, stated the course was playing well, greens in good shape, fairways coming up quite well as the Bermuda comes back. Had a question regarding the cost of the bunker project that will go to Brian.

Harry Emerson, WC Men's Club, reported positive comments received on the condition of the greens; there were mixed comments on the sand traps-people we pleased with the sand work done, but concerned about the rough condition of the green side lips in many traps. The plug issue seems to be almost resolved. Adopt the Hole program continues to work well given people heading out and has made a difference. All are looking for continued improvement in green conditions coming out of overseed next year.

Mike Conrad, WC Men's Club, generated a lively discussion about the painting/non painting hazard lines and impact on the actions specifically on the edges of the concrete on the creeks, and the associated bridges. This proved to be quite the animated discussion with all members offering views and opinions. Chris provided the ruling that if no hazard line, they the ball must be in the hazard for a penalty as the actual hazard is the limit of the penalty area. Adding OB stakes on WC 1 by the maintenance shed to the last marker will clear up the confusion. Chuck will take care of it.

Mary Ann Rispoli, WB 18 Ladies/Hole Beautification, reported all is well. Asked for assistance in the pro shop in announcing their tee times.

Old Business

The action item proposed by Barney of looking at the feasibility of a safety net on #9 WC side of the course was brought up at Golf Advisory. Other RCSC course representatives joined in the discussion that it is also a need at their course. The board member stated that a motion was not necessary, and Brian was given it for action. Chris will provide an update if available.

New Business

The WC overseed proposal from last meeting will be adopted for all courses.

Sand traps will be refreshed. Chuck gave an overview of what that meant which generated a discussion of specifics and differing views of effectiveness. No timings were available. Chuck will provide a start date when he is notified.

Discussion of outside play was discussed above.

There being no further business Lisa made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Cristi motion passed. The meeting was adjourned 8:00 a.m.

Director of Golf Report

May 2022

Pro Shops

Total revenue exceeded total budget by 25.2% and prior year by 3.5%. Merchandise sales missed budget slightly, with the other major categories all exceeding budget. For the first time this year we saw a reduction in rounds played, falling behind prior year by 710 rounds.

Through March, Year to date revenue is \$569,671 ahead of budget and \$378,483 ahead of prior year. Through March total rounds are 6,499 ahead of prior year, Annual Surcharge, Staff and Public play are the only categories to decrease from prior year. Annual No Fee, Cardholder and Guest rounds were the biggest gainers to prior year, combining to be 6,312 rounds ahead of prior year.

Snack Shops

Snack shops are now consistently closing at 3:00 PM and will shift to 1:00 PM closings as demand lessens.

Golf Courses

Fairway verticutting began April 25 on Willowcreek Golf Course and will continue through May 12 on the South Course. The full schedule can be found on the RCSC website at www.suncityaz.org under the Course Maintenance tab under Golf. Verticutting helps to thin out the winter rye grass by using blades the cut perpendicular to the soil. Thinning out the canopy allows more sunlight to reach the Bermuda grass coming out of dormancy as well as increased oxygen and moisture to reach the root zones more easily.

Following fairway verticutting, fairway aerification will begin May 16 at Willowcreek Golf Course and continue through June 21 at the South Course. Aerification of fairways helps to relieve the compaction resulting in play and further allows increased oxygen and moisture to reach the root zones of the fairways. The last big agronomic event, Greens Aerification, begins June 23 on Willowbrook Golf Course and continues through August 3 at the South Course.

**GREEN COMMITTEE OF WILLOW BROOK/CREEK GOLF
COURSE
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT May 5, 2022
CHUCK MANNING**

COURSE CONDITION:

May is the month we aerify our fairways. We will be aerifying Creek fwys May 16 and 17 and Brook fwys May 19 and 20.

The temperatures have reached the time of transition, the rye grass is fading out and the Bermuda grass is coming back. We are working on wet spots as well as dry spot in fwys and roughs. If you come to a hole with water on, please bear with us and it will shut down soon. This us checking stations or giving supplemental water dry areas on the course.

Please encourage all those you see to repair ball marks on greens and fill their divots on the tees and fairways,

BROOK

Greens: HOC .190 / Soil temperature 55⁰

Stimp Reading 8.13'

Fairways: HOC .500"

Tees, Collars, and approaches: HOC .500"

Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.5"

Rough: HOC 1.5"

CREEK

Greens: HOC .125 / Soil temperature 52⁰

Stimp Reading 9.26'

Fairways: HOC .500"

Tees, Collars, and approaches: HOC .500"

Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.5"

Rough: HOC 1.5"

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:

1. Complete fertilizer program
2. Completed pesticide/Herbicide applications
3. Trimmed bushes
4. Top dressed greens
5. Fixed high and low plugs
6. Divots
7. Raked deserts
8. Trimmed trees

PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. Top dressing greens
2. Verticut fairways
3. Weed eat yardage plates
4. Divots

STAFF:

Willow Brook Creek is short 2 staff members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me. Cell: 623-332-6155 Office: (New)
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