

**Willowbrook/Willowcreek Greens Committee Minutes
2 November 2023 Riverview Meeting Room**

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

Those present: Brian Duthu, Chuck Manning, Harry Emerson, Bob Long,, Mary Ann Rispoli, Sue Brooks, Gale McKinney, Cristi Dorsch, John Bressett, Neal Fry, Tom Foster, Jean Emerson, and Laura Horvatic.

Harry asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. A correction to replace the 9 ho with 9 hole was mentioned.

Tom Foster accepted the minutes with the correction and Gale McKinney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Neal Fry representing Willowbrook was introduced and welcomed.

Reports

Brian Duthu, RCSC Director of Golf read his report for November 2023. The report is attached. There were several questions for Brian.

1. Is it possible to move from 5 players to 4 players on the courses? It was mentioned that this is an old question that keeps resurfacing, but the additional revenue generated outweighs the other considerations.
2. There was a question about the water processing machines on the courses. These machines use microbes to breakdown the grasses in the recirculating water. Brian said the machines at Riverview, South and North cannot be replaced and the machines at Quail and Lakes are working. WC machine is awaiting parts. The machines are \$50,000 - \$60,000 to replace.
3. Would it be possible for the Greens Committee to hear a monthly summary of the comment cards received at the courses so the committee could discuss the issues? Brian agreed to this proposal, and this will be included with Chuck's report.
4. Is it possible to organize work parties to help with course maintenance? Brian said no because it is an insurance issue.
5. A statement that there is a 15% to 20% jump in players should be justification to hire more golf course workers.
6. It was also mentioned that the cart paths at South will probably not return.

Chuck Manning, WB/WC Superintendent, read his report for November 2023. The report is attached.

Chuck apologized for the cups on Wednesday November 1st. A seasoned worker must have had a bad day. Chuck is looking into the problem.

Old Business

Laura Horvatic from the Beautification committee reported that the art to be placed on the course is available at the course. The work is to be accomplished when Willowbrook opens.

It was also stated that the committee would like to know the status of the yellow tees on Willowbrook.

Trash cans and ball washers have been ordered and will be placed at the yellow tees on Willowcreek.

Golf Advisory - All issues from last month passed golf advisory and the RCSC Board. There is interest in moving forward with an annual increase of rates for golf to bring us up to market value. Either a COLA or annual percentage increase.

The Greens Committee approved the new committee management tool Harry passed out. A sample is attached.

New Business

How do we ensure the additional funds raised by non-resident increases stay in the house?

Upcoming election of RCSC Board. There was some discussion that qualified candidates are Preston, Jim Rough, ROM K Connie and Anita.

Issues for upcoming Gold Advisory Committee

- a. Appointing random committee members will be addressed by firming up BP 17 and BP 27 stating who the voting members are on the committee.
- b. 5 cart vs 3 cart policy. The discussion on the topic, along with the chart of soil compaction provided by Brian lead the committee to recommend going back to three carts.
- c. In discussion on what course standards, we want to strive for there was little consensus. It was generally agreed somewhere between high end and low end.
- d. ADWR- when the requirements hit for water and turf reduction each course is allowed 90 acres of turf or 4600 acres feet of water. To meet these requirements Brian has implemented to use of tif tuff which requires 20% less water and is dormant for only two months. Quail Run will be the first course for redo/reduction along with a redo of the irrigation. South will be next. By 2030-2031 the step-down reductions will be in place.

Comments/Issues

Cristi Dorsch, WC 18 Hole Women's Golf, stated she talked to the members about scattering when entering the fairways, repair of divots and ball marks.

John Bressett, WB Men's, mentioned that many are not following the rule about not parking between the cart path and the tee boxes if you have a handicap sticker. He recommended that

this be highlighted more in the ranger program.

Neal Fry,, said all is good.

Mary Ann Rispoli WB asked if there was a need for a beautification person from WB.

There being no further business Laura Horvatich moved for adjournment and it was seconded by Tom Foster. The committee approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22.

Sincerely,
Jean Emerson

WILLOWBROOK/WILLOWCREEK GREENS COMMITTEE AGENDA
November 2, 2023@7:00 am, Riverview Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS/MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES from the May Meeting

REPORTS

- BRIAN DUTHU - RCSC DIRECTOR OF GOLF
- CHUCK MANNING - WB/WC SUPERINTENDENT

OLD BUSINESS

- Beautification: Update-Laura
- Update on October Golf Advisory Committee: Harry, Cristi, Tom, John
- Approval/Modification of New Committee Management Tool(handout)-Harry

NEW BUSINESS

- How do we ensure the additional funds raised by non res increase stay in the house?
- Upcoming election of RCSC Board
- Issues for upcoming Golf Advisory Committee
 - Appointing Random Committee Members by Director Darbut
 - Five carts vs Three carts Policy: Go back or leave it alone?
 - What are the course standards we strive for? TPC Scottsdale? SCW/Grand? Muni?
 - Other?

COMMENTS/ISSUES

1. GLORIA STUMP - WB/WC HEAD STARTER
2. PAT PLANTS - WC MEN'S CLUB MONITOR
3. LAURA HORVATICH - WC 18 HOLE BEAUTIFICATION
4. GALE MCKINNEY - WC 9 LADIES /HOLE BEAUTIFICATION*
5. CRISTI DORSCH - WC 18 HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSN*
6. LOUISE SARTORIO - WC 9 HOLE PRESIDENT*
7. LINDA HARDMAN - WB 18 HOLE LADIES*
8. Vacant - WB 18 LADIES*
9. Vacant. - WB LADIES*
10. JOHN BRESSETT - WB MEN*
11. NEAL FRY - WB MEN*
12. Vacant - WB MEN'S*
13. TOM FOSTER - WC MEN'S REP*
14. BOB LONG - WC MEN'S REP*
15. HARRY EMERSON - WC MEN'S / Chairman*

GUEST COMMENTS

MOTION TO ADJOURN

**GREEN COMMITTEE OF WILLOW BROOK/CREEK GOLF
COURSE
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT Nov 2, 2023
CHUCK MANNING**

COURSE CONDITION:

Seeding went well on both courses, we have some thin spots and we are reseeding them as well as putting extra water on them.

We will be on cart Path only for Creek until 11/4/2023. Brook will be opening on 11/4/2023 and will be on cart paths until 11/23/2023. We will bring down height of cut slowly to normal winter heights over the next few weeks.

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

BROOK – No Data Due to Over Seeding

Greens: HOC 7" / Soil temperature 48⁰

Stimp Reading 7

Fairways: HOC 1"

Tees, Collars, and approaches: HOC 1"

Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.5"

Rough: HOC 1.5"

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PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:

1. Preparing Brook to open,
2. Painting amenities
3. Trimming trees and bushes
4. Edging Brook cart paths
5. Working the bunkers

PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. Complete fertilizer program
2. Completed pesticide/Herbicide applications
3. Divots
4. Weed eat
5. Edge bunkers
6. Trim trees
7. Level bunkers
8. Push sand in bunkers
9. Trim olive skirts
10. Trim bushes
11. Weed eat lakes
12. Rake deserts
13. Prep and over seed Brook

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) 248-4781 Email: cmanning@suncityaz.org

Director of Golf Report

November 2023

Pro Shops

Preliminary rounds for October were 23,817, the total was 348 greater than prior year. Preliminary revenue shows Green Fee/Cart Fee revenue exceeding budget by \$34,687 and exceeding prior year by \$4,370. Merchandise missed budget by \$631. Driving Range revenue exceeded budget by \$703. With the recent software update we are working with our software provider to reestablish direct connections with the range ball machines.

On December 1st we will be hosting a fundraising tournament to raise money for the Sun City Foundation. The format will be Beat the Pro(s), which will be Brian Duthu (PGA) and Chris Linam (Pro Shop Manager) and will be made up of two person teams. Teams that beat the Scramble score of the Pros will equally share the prize pool. The entry fee will be \$40 and the event will be held at the South Golf Course. In addition to bragging rights for beating the pro, there will also be a chance at a Pebble Beach Vacation.

Snack Shops

Snack shops are now closing at 5:00 p.m. on a consistent basis, and will continue to do so until business begins slowing in April.

Golf Courses

Managing to alleviate stress on golf course can be a constant issue for the golf course superintendents. Foot or vehicular can cause soil compaction, soil degradation which can result in thinning turf canopy. The area of turf impact carrying two golfers is at least 48 times greater than the area affected by foot traffic. Studies conducted by USGA agronomists had very surprising results. The average area of impact on a 6,200-yard golf course was staggering, one riding golfer with a motorized cart on 18 holes covered 4,761,600 sq ft.

At RCSC we allow 5 golfers per tee time which results in the total number of square feet impacted being 23,808,000 sq ft. Peak golf season at RCSC golf courses we can see upwards to 250 golfers a day at an 18-hole golf course. The number of square feet impacted is tremendous.

RCSC golf course superintendents encourage golfers who play at RCSC courses to use the 90-degree rule. Though we still allow one rider per golf cart, any time golfers are able to pair up golf carts cuts the impacted area in half. Please pair up whenever possible.

SHORT TERM ACTIONS REQUIRED	CURRENT STATUS
Installation of the sticks w/o ropes for traffic control	
Spot seed the bare spots on the surrounds on #5, 6, 14, and more as they appear	Reported 18 October. Status?
Maintenance and backfill of 'Louise edges' on #11 WC	
Increase focus on the driving range divots and topdress	
Program a 20% replacement of driving range mats	Request last year. Current status?
Focused trimming of the desert scape.	
Ensure roughs are cut uneven	
Ensure sunken cups do not reappear	
Increase the number of weed / preemergent applications	
Expand the surrounds and ensure maintained during weather crossover and summer	
LONG TERM ACTIONS REQUIRED	CURRENT STATUS
Lighting budget request for WCWB parking lots and pro shop area	Will be submitted in the FY 2024 RCSC budget
WB Yellow Tee design and implementation request	
Implement the USGA guidings for sand trap 'refresh'	Deferred