

Willowbrook/Willowcreek Green Committee Minutes

December 2, 2021

Present: Judy Lawrence, Harry Emerson, Mike Conrad, Mary Ann Rispoli, Lisa Braegelmann, Barney Alanis, Louise Sartorio, Chuck Manning, Mark Firth, Polly Fischette, Brian Duthu, Gloria Stump, Cristi Dorsch, Jean Emerson (minutes).

Judy Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:58.

Judy asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of November 4, 2021. There being no corrections Barney Alanis moved the minutes of November 4, 2021 be accepted as posted and distributed. Mary Ann Rispoli seconded the motion and the motion to accept the minutes passed.

Committee Reports:

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf, reviewed his December 2021 report. The report is attached.

Chuck Manning, WB/WC Course Superintendent, reviewed his December report, which is attached. Mike Conrad mentioned that players are not filling divots and fixing ball marks. Mike suggested using signs around the greens may help. It was also pointed out that plugged holes are sinking on the greens. Another problem is the furrows left in the bunkers after they are machine raked. There have been many positive comments on the shape of the course after opening. Overwatering and the amount of mud on the course is a problem as well as bare spots and rough spots on some greens. Chuck explained that with the growing amount of desert landscaping, more manpower is needed to trim the plants. RCSC asked that the can disposal containers be removed and some members would like them to be replaced.

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

Cristi Dorsch, WC 18 Hole Women's golf Assn, Cristi reported that players should be reminded of time of play. If groups are behind the ranger should ask them to speed up. Playing ready golf should speed up play.

Polly Fischette, Men's Club Monitor, Polly reported that the course is back on split sheet. In keeping track, only 80% of the men signed up to play show up.

Mike Conrad, WC Men's Club, Mike reported that several members are trying to further the cause of filling divots and repairing ball marks.

Harry Emerson, WC Men's Club, Harry submitted a list of observations, comments, and questions collected during the last month from WC golfers. Document is attached.

Mark Firth, WB Men's Club, had nothing to report.

Mary Ann Rispoli, WB 18 hole Beautification, reported that all is well. Mary Ann also stated the members appreciate that the roughs were cut down.

New Business

Golf Advisory will be held December 9, 2021 at 8:30, Lakeview, room #2. Anyone may attend the meeting, even if they are not on the committee.

There being no further business, Barney Alanis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mark Firth and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42.

Jean Emerson

WC/WB GREENS COMMITTEE GOLFER INPUT: Harry Emerson

- **Positive Comments:** a number of laudatory observations regarding the condition of the course upon re opening: fairways, tees, most fringes, and most greens. Very upbeat.
- **Overwatering on WC:** WC seems to be quite wet; for example a foursome on Friday 19 November had their second shots plug on number 9. Saturday the group I was playing in second shots plugged all the time.
- **Unfilled divots on the par threes and the range:** is it possible to have a dedicated worker to fill these divots 2-3 times a week? Add to the duties of the Marshall?
- **Erosion in a number of places in the desert landscape:** This was mentioned in Chuck's note from last month, so is there an update on when this repair will be completed?
- **Bare spots on the greens:** Is there a timeline for the reseed/repair ?
- **Put back the disposal containers for cans:** They were there before the rules changed for the pandemic, can they be returned to separate the recycles?

**GREEN COMMITTEE OF WILLOW BROOK/CREEK GOLF
COURSE
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT December 2, 2021
CHUCK MANNING**

COURSE CONDITION:

Weather reports are saying we are in for a dry and maybe warm winter this winter due to La Nina. Which means great weather for golfing!

With the nighttime temperatures below 65 degrees the Bermuda is starting to go dormant and will go completely dormant with the 1st hard frost. We will be sending rough mowers out occasionally, to take care of seed heads and any rouge weeds

Please encourage all those you play golf with to repair ball marks on greens and fill their divots on the tees and fairways.

BROOK

Greens: HOC .190 / Soil temperature 44^o
Stimp Reading 8.2"
Fairways: HOC .750"
Tees, Collars and approaches: HOC .750"
Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.25"
Rough: HOC 1.5"

CREEK

Greens: HOC .140 / Soil temperature 44^o
Stimp Reading 8.6"
Fairways: HOC .750"
Tees, Collars and approaches: HOC .750"
Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.25"
Rough: HOC 1.5"

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:

1. Complete fertilizer program
2. Completed pesticide/Herbicide applications
3. Rake and repair deserts
4. Fix high and low plugs
5. Trimming deserts
6. Vacuum leaves
7. Clean creeks
8. Trim bushes

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

1. Trim olive skits
2. Reseed thin spots
3. Edging cart paths
4. Weed eat lakes and creeks
5. Cleaned screens on lake fountains
6. Painting amenities
7. Rebuilt bridge on Creek #11

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

December 2021

Pro Shops

Revenue continued the positive 2021 trends in November, exceeding budgeted revenue by 7% and prior year revenue by 6%. Total rounds for the month increased 3% over prior year. All major revenue categories exceeded budget, Green Fee/Cart Fee revenue by 5%, Merchandise by 35% and Driving Range by 35%.

We currently have 66 golfers registered for the Beat the Pro's, slightly behind are traditional participation. We will continue to accept registrations through December 3rd. Pro Shops will continue to sell Duck Buck's through December 8th. All proceeds from the Beath the Pro's and Ducks sales support the Sun City Foundation, the Foundation assists qualified Sun City residents by paying their Recreation Fee, allowing them continued access to facilities, thereby remaining active.

Snack Shops

Snack Shop revenue exceeded budget by 16%, we thank you for your support. Snack Shops are scheduled to close at 5 PM, but are given the discretion to remain open longer for special events or exceptionally heavy play.

Golf Courses

Weather for the overseeding golf courses was as good as could be hoped for, leading to very few issues. The grow-in for the second wave of courses was slower than the first wave, the only real effect was a slower return to normal cutting heights. The above normal temperatures have kept the fairways on Lakes East and South from going completely dormant. As a continued reminder the fairways on Lakes East and South were not overseeded, placing added importance to the close following of the 90 degree rule when leaving the cart path.