

**RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.**  
**Golf Advisory Committee**  
**September 21, 2017**

Chair Jerry Walczak called the meeting to order at 8:30am in the Lakeview Center Board Room.

**PRESENT:** Chair Jerry Walczak; Co-Chair Rich Hoffer; Committee Members Marilynn Cute (Lakes East); Mary Ann Rispoli (Willowbrook); Dale Mondloch (Riverview); Dan Schroeder (North); Diana Graettinger (Quail Run); Rich Lybolt; Lynn Lybolt (South); Connie Brueshaber (Ladies 18 North); Christy Stafford (SCWGA President); William Fitzpatrick (SCMGA President); Terrie DeLorm (Lakes West) Vance Coleman (Lakes West); Nancy LeRoy-Matt (Riverview)

**RCSC STAFF:** Director of Golf Brian Duthu; Pro Shop Manager Chris Linam

**GUESTS:** RCSC Board Director Ida Eisert; RCSC Board Vice President Jerry DeLano

**Prior Meeting Summary:** The Meeting Summary for May 18, 2017 was approved as presented.

**REPORTS:**

**Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:**

**Golf**

On December 4th we will be hosting a fundraising tournament to raise money for our chosen Winter Celebration Charity, the Sun City Museum. 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 Best Ball score of the Pros will equally share the prize pool. The entry fee will be \$40 and the event will be held at North with Lunch at the Oakmont Center following play. In addition to bragging rights for beating the pro, there will also be a chance at a Pebble Beach Vacation for a hole in one on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole.

During our Patriot Golf Day Event, \$1,210 was raised through the 87 participants and from donations collected in the pro shop. We thank everyone that participated in the event or chose to donate through the pro shops. Nancy Gray was the big winner for the ladies, earning three gross skins and one net skin. Darren Lewis was the top skin earner for the men, earning two gross skins. Patriot Golf Day was organized, with the help of PGA of America, to raise funds for the Folds of Honor Foundation. The money raised is used to fund scholarships for spouses and children of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our country.

Beginning in October the closing time for snack shops will change to 3 PM. Snack Shops are given the discretion of remaining open longer, based on demand.

Although it was not completely eliminated, transition this summer was less impactful than previous years. It would appear that our dethatching process in May helped to hasten the process, ensuring a more rapid recovery once the monsoon season began.

Overseeding will begin on October 9<sup>th</sup>, on Riverview, Lakes West, Willowbrook and South. As we did last year, we do have a built in overlap period during which all courses will be closed. The overlap period this year begins October 23<sup>rd</sup> and ends October 27<sup>th</sup>. We will also be continuing with the expanded overseeding around green complexes, which was well received last year.

On September 5<sup>th</sup> we had our second visit with our USGA agronomist, Brian Whitlark. We visited South, Lakes East/Lakes West and Riverview. This year we scheduled two half day visits, instead of one all day visit, with the purpose of allowing Mr. Whitlark to evaluate our courses post transition. We covered turf, reduction, putting greens, green surrounds, bunkers, irrigation, roughs and our golf maintenance buildings. The topic of turf reduction, remains a point of emphasis for Mr. Whitlark, particularly the South course, due in part to the immense rough area. The total acreage makes it difficult to keep these areas properly mowed. Mr. Whitlark was excited to hear that the recent changes to Lakes East has reduced nightly watering by an average of 100,000 gallons per night, during our watering events. Bunker care and attention to detail around the green surrounds were also an emphasis. Mr. Whitlark promoted the idea of greatly reducing the amount of nut sedge around green complexes and more frequent use of mechanical rakes. The condition of our greens always pleases Mr. Whitlark, though he did recommend that we increase the amount of top dressing during the summer months. Mr. Whitlark was also pleased the progress the Riverview course made between his spring and summer visits. The full report will be made available online, once it is received.

#### **Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report:**

Pro Shops Merchandise sales had a good month in August so a big thanks for supporting RCSC.

Mick McKenzie is the new Head Starter at North Pro Shop. Mick is learning the Head Starter role so please be patient and feel free to let me know if you have any issues as it would be a great training opportunity.

We just received a new shipment of PING Caps that should arrive at all pro shops Friday. At just \$14.95 you can't go wrong and there are numerous colors to choose from. We will also be receiving new golf balls from Volvik, Titleist and Wilson Staff so stop by our pro shops and check these items out.

Don't forget about the After 5 Card for those of you who would like to play in the pleasant evenings when the pro shops are closed. It is priced at \$44.00 for residents and \$12.00 for our surcharge pass holders and is good for one month from the date of purchase.

As of September 1st the Twilight went back to 1:00pm and Super Twilight is starting at 4:00pm. Super Twilight green fees are \$10.00 for residents and \$12.00 for guests.

**SCMGA REPORT:** SCMGA President Bill Fitzpatrick updated the Committee on the progress of the new computer system and informed them that it will be developed this fall and implemented next spring.

## SCWGA REPORT:

- **Ladies 9-Hole:** In Ruby's absence, Diana Graettinger informed the Committee of the need to have the pavilion at Quail enlarged and enclosed.
- **Ladies 18-Hole:** President Christy Stafford informed the Committee the first meeting is scheduled for October. She supports the need for the pavilion work and added that the Octogenarian Tournament has been scheduled for April 16 and April 20, 2018 with a rain date of April 21, 2018. She also stated that the luncheon for the tournament will be held at the Fairway Recreation Center this year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Questions were asked regarding turf reduction at various courses. It was suggested that a new low maintenance, low water grass be planted as a trial. Chair Walczak reported that he had done research on this type of grass and has information to share.

The Committee also asked about the Ranger program and how they were compensated.

**GUEST QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:** None

## COURSE REPORTS:

North	Very Good Shape; Maintenance Crew doing a great job.
South	Much improved from transition period.
Quail	Course is in great shape!
Lakes East	Course has a problem with weeds; the 14th hole is completely covered with no discernable fairway present.
Lakes West	Fairways during transition were extremely bad but have improved since that time; an informal survey by Committee Member Vance Coleman given to the tournament players was positive and they praised the course condition.
Riverview	Excellent shape; There are a number of low areas where water collects that need to be addressed. Compliments go out to the Maintenance Staff for their hard work. Golfers need to continue to fix divots and ball marks. A divot repair party is scheduled for November.
WB / WC	Willowbrook – Course in great shape!

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**COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Meeting was adjourned at 9:23am

**NEXT MEETING:** October 19, 2017 at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Board Room

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary