

# RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, March 26, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Warren Hoffmann, **President**; Gene Westemeier, **Vice President**; Sue Painter, **Treasurer**; Diane Worth, **Secretary**; Craig Brown, Tom Loegering and Ann Ullman, **Directors**.

**ABSENT:** Denny Nichols, **Director**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jim Wellman, **Ass't General Manager**; John Snyder, **Director of Golf & Grounds**; Marion Krell, **Director of Human Resources**; Chris Herring, **Director of Support & Services**; Randy Johnson, **Bowling Manager**; Deanna Szentmiklosi, **Executive Assistant to GM**; Linda Menna, **Executive Assistant to AGM**; Tim Gallen, **Communications**; Helen Thiel, **Board Executive Coordinator**, 141 RCSC cardholders and two members of the press.

- **Quorum:** Secretary Worth verified that a Board Quorum was present.
- **Minutes:** The minutes of the February 26, 2009 Regular Board meeting were approved as printed.
- **Management Reports:** The management reports were given by Jim Wellman, Assistant General Manager; Chris Herring, Director of Support & Services; Marion Krell, Director of Human Resources; John Snyder, Director of Golf & Grounds; and Randy Johnson, Bowling Manager. General Manager Ek's report was read by Jim Wellman. These reports can be viewed on [www.sunaz.com](http://www.sunaz.com)

### **DIRECTORS REPORTS:**

*Long Range:* The committee is moving ahead in planning for the future, Director Loegering reported. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. If members have any suggestions for long range planning, he asked that these be submitted to the Board Office for review.

*Insurance:* Director Brown reported that the committee will meet in late April or early May regarding recommendations for changes. The committee will also discuss renewal strategy.

*Properties:* The next meeting of the inspectors with management will be on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in Social Hall #3 at Lakeview Center, Secretary Worth announced.

*SCTA:* A complete Benefits check-up program is being offered by the Sun City Taxpayers Association for members in need, Secretary Worth advised. There are approximately 58 programs available and persons interested in getting assistance should contact the Taxpayers Association.

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*Golf:* Response to implementing straight sheets at Riverview and North during the summer months is running 4 to 1 in favor, Vice President Westemeier reported. A raking party will be held at Riverview to try out new a new type of rake. Bicycles on the golf courses have been rejected, he advised. The next committee meeting will be on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

*Lawn Bowling:* Vice President Westemeier reported that tournament and other fees were discussed at the last meeting. The committee will work on standardizing operating procedures and on procedures that are weather-related. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

*Entertainment:* The committee critiqued the last three Sun Bowl shows at the last meeting, Director Ullman advised. Cost of the shows was calculated to be .93¢ per person, which reflects the shrewd negotiating to get the best shows for the least cost. Director Ullman thanked Dick Stout and Cheryl Johnson for their hard work on the committee.

*Election:* Members interested in running for the vacant Board position must submit their resumes to the Board Office by April 8<sup>th</sup>, Treasurer Painter announced. She encouraged members to consider serving on the Board.

*Bowling:* The next committee meeting will be on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m., President Hoffmann advised. He emphasized that members are welcome at this and all committee meetings.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Snack Shops:** President Hoffmann stated that some members were unhappy that the Board reversed its decision to close the Grill & Delis at the golf courses. However, he pointed out that future and present residents and golfers expect this amenity at the golf course and the Board felt this was a prudent decision for the community. He thanked Jan Ek and the entire management team and staff who worked tirelessly during the weekend and evenings to open the Snack Shops. He told the large audience present that this group deserved a big expression of thanks. A hearty round of applause followed.

**Sundial Insurance Settlement:** President Hoffmann asked the members' understanding as to why the RCSC could not release or discuss the amount of the insurance settlement in the Sundial roof collapse. He stated that each large insurance settlement carries a confidentiality clause which, if broken, can result in forfeiture of the settlement. He assured the members that the insurance proceeds will be spent sensibly.

**Open Board Position:** President Hoffmann encouraged members to step forward to be considered for the open Board position vacated by the resignation of Bill Johnson, due to poor health. Resumes will be accepted until April 8<sup>th</sup>. After that date the Board will meet with the candidates and will make an appointment.

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**Benefit Concert:** Members were asked to support a benefit concert on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> to help pay expenses for a 4-year old boy who is battling a rare type of cancer. The concert will be held at the Sun Bowl featuring Charlie Golden and Rapture.

### **MEMBER COMMENTS:**

*Eugene Argust, Sr. 89576:* Talked about the continuing feud between the bowlers and Mojoe's Restaurant regarding availability of food during bowling hours. He asked that Mojoe's contract not be renewed and that the restaurant be run like a snack shop with pizza added to the menu. He stated that DiGiorno's Pizza will provide a free oven to bake the pizza.

*Darrel Larson, 98002:* Listed the various areas of concern in the two bowling houses, some of which are lanes that are at or near their life expectancy, pinsetter machines, side kick boards and pin decks that need repairs or replacement. He presented a petition with hundreds of signatures of bowlers who were petitioning for updating of the bowling facilities at Bell and Lakeview.

*Fred Jones, 69169:* Followed up on Darrel Larson's list of bowling concerns. Asked the Board to take care of the problems and suggested getting four to five bids.

*Daryl Wimer, 55810:* Asked that the pickleball courts at Mountain View be relocated from the north court to the south court.

*Nelson Droege, 58732:* Advised that the golfers are happy with the reopened snack shops. Thanked the Board of Directors for hosting the Volunteer Dinner. He asked that an article be placed in SunViews informing members of the financial assistance which is available from Sun City Foundation.

*John Groff, 74843:* President of the Dawn Lake Homeowners Association, spoke about the low water level in Dawn Lake and the damage that is causing to the boats. He stated that if the liner dries out then Dawn Lake will experience the same problems as Viewpoint Lake has been having.

*Mary Tassell, 102157:* Advised that there is a danger of moving the pickleball to the south west court from the north court as it would create a noise factor for the tennis players and there is a hazard of tennis balls going onto the pickleball courts.

*John Towns, 46876:* Listed seven areas of concern on the golf courses that need attention – driving and clipping ranges, tee boxes, fairways, sand traps, cup liners and short rough. Suggested that the Golf Superintendents and Director of Golf take a tour of the golf courses at Sun City, Palmbrook and Union Hills Country clubs to see how they are done.

*Walter Rudolph, 42659:* He sees many infractions of the rules since the mini-golf monitors were taken away. He was also upset that the rowboats were removed from the lake as this was his only source of recreation.

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*Carol Stucker, 104284:* Believes pickleball needs more courts but not at Mountain View. Stated that the pickleball players deserve to get another court halfway between Mountain View and Marinette. Plays drop-in tennis which starts at 6:00 a.m. with an average of eight to 12 players on two courts.

*Dave Mussaf, 100430:* Commended the Board for selecting Warren Hoffmann as president. Stated he has been approached by Sun City residents, who are industrial engineers, who are willing to do the engineering study for free. He stated that the greatest fear now is that the dues will go up again which is not good in this economy. President Hoffmann asked Mr. Mussaf to meet with him to give him the names of the engineers who volunteered.

*Jerry Swintek, 28590:* Commended the Board and staff for keeping the snack shops open. He stated that the staff was friendly. He also thanked John Snyder for the great job he does on the golf courses with the money he has to work with.

*Jay Freeman, 89890:* Asked for reasons why the rowboats were removed from Viewpoint Lake. He was informed that the oar locks needed constant repair and that the boats were unstable, leading to a potential liability if a cardholder was injured entering or exiting the boats. Mr. Freeman questioned the maintenance issue because he feels that since the boats are aluminum there should be zero maintenance.

*Larry Williams, 87529:* Explained that if a straight sheet is implemented on the two courses this summer it will break up teams and lose golfers. He plays four times a week and golfers he has talked with do not like the straight sheet, either, as somebody is going to be pushed back because they can't get an early tee time.

*Monty Haag, 29676:* President of the Sun City Tennis Club. Stated that the pickleball group did not consult with them before asking that their courts be moved to the south west corner. Did not think it was a good idea to relocate them from their current location at Mountain View.

*Dawn Nolan, 41798:* Suggested taking some money from the insurance settlement and building a new pickleball court on the east side of the parking lot at Mountain View.

*William Chapman, 82452:* Has remote control sailboat but cannot put it on Viewpoint Lake because the rowboats are gone. Rowboats were used to retrieve the sailboats when the remote failed.

*Mel Wensman, 10461:* Stated that a straight sheet does not increase play time. His survey shows that 10 to 1 are against straight sheet

*Pat Orlinsky, 10158:* Asked why a renter has to pay when the homeowner has paid the annual assessment. She was advised that renters are paying for the privilege of using the facilities and the homeowner was paying for the upkeep of the facilities. Also asked why she could not wear

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Birkenstock sandals in the exercise room. She was advised that a sandal was not considered a shoe. Jim Wellman explained that for safety purposes the shoes should have Velcro or lace ties.

*Dennis Scoville, 29620:* Stated there was money in the budget to get the bowling alleys fixed before the roof collapsed at Sundial and now the Board is spending money on a creek at Willowcreek instead of the bowling alleys. Questioned the Board's priorities. Vice President Westemeier explained that the creek was losing 300 acre feet of water a year and since RCSC needed to repay 100 acre feet of water this year to the Arizona Department of Water Resources or face a \$100,000, the obvious priority was to reline the creek.

**MOTIONS: #1– Repairs to creek at Willowcreek:** Vice President Westemeier moved that the Board approve repairs to the creek at Willowcreek Golf Course in the amount of \$435,000. \$200,000 of the total cost has been approved in the 2009 capital budget, with the balance of \$235,000 to be paid from the insurance settlement proceeds. Seconded by Director Loegering, the motion was unanimously approved.

Members were given an opportunity to speak on the motion before a vote was taken by the Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2009 in the Sundial Auditorium at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by:

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RCSC Board of Directors.