

# RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, May 28, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Warren Hoffmann, **President**; Gene Westemeier, **Vice President** Jim Bishop, Craig Brown, Tom Loegering and Denny Nichols, **Directors**.

**ABSENT:** Sue Painter, **Treasurer**; Diane Worth, **Secretary**.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jan Ek, **General Manager**; Jim Wellman, **Assistant General Manager**; John Snyder, **Director of Golf & Grounds**; 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**, 58 RCSC cardholders and two members of the press.

- **Meeting Convened:** President Hoffmann opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m.
- **Board Quorum:** Vice President Westemeier verified that a Board Quorum was present.
- **Minutes:** The minutes of the April 30, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were approved as printed.
- **Appreciation Plaques:** Randy Johnson, Bowling Manager, assisted by Darrel Larson, President of the Sun City Bowling Association and Jim Powell, , presented plaques to Rose Wetmore, Ed Glander and Bess Glander “For many years of volunteer service and dedication to RCSC Bowling.”
- **Management Reports:** The management reports were given by Jan Ek, General Manager; Jim Wellman, Assistant General Manager; Chris Herring, Director of Support & Services; John Snyder, Director of Golf & Grounds; and Randy Johnson, Bowling Manager. Marion Krell’s report was read by Jan Ek. These reports can be viewed on [www.sunaz.com](http://www.sunaz.com).

President Hoffmann congratulated the management and employees for staying within budget. He pointed out that residents from outside Sun City are filling the empty spots at the bowling alleys and golf courses, thereby contributing to the revenue of the RCSC. He emphasized that no member is displaced by outside play.

### **DIRECTORS REPORTS:**

*Golf Ad Hoc:* Director Loegering advised that the committee will meet in the Board Room at Lakeview on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. He said that the committee is making progress in finding ways to increase revenue from golf without raising prices. He asked anyone having ideas to help increase golf play in Sun City to bring them to the meeting

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*Long Range Planning:* The next meeting will be June 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., Director Loegering advised. Discussion will be to form a Performing Arts sub-committee to plan and obtain grants to build a Performing Arts Center.

*Visitor's Center:* The center is working diligently in planning the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Sun City and finding ways to enhance golf in Sun City.

*Insurance:* The May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict and has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The committee will go over the projected renewal of the property/casualty and worker's compensation policies, Director Brown report. He stated that the meeting is open to the members who are invited to attend.

*Library:* Director Nichols reported that a meeting was held with Maricopa County Library Board on May 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss progress in their take over of the Bell Library. The library will closed for a few weeks while renovations and cleaning are done. He asked members to be patient during the transition period as the end result will be worth the wait.

*Golf Advisory:* Vice President Westemeier advised that the committee recommended closing the snack shops earlier during June, July and August. Hours of Operation at all the snack shops will determined by management. Beverages will be sold at the pro shops when the snack shops are closed. Signs are posted on 9 and 18 advising golfers that they can now call the snack shops from the golf course to order a sandwich or a beverage. VP Westemeier reported that the committee is pleased with the Willowcreek project as it will save the RCSC a lot of water. The committee is also working on developing a 9-hole Men's League.

*Lawn Bowling:* A Sun City resident is donating funds to be used for the replacement of the plinths and backboards at all the lawn bowling greens not already upgraded in time for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Sun City, Vice President Westemeier reported. The committee has recessed for the summer and the next meeting will be in September.

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

Commended the Sun City Taxpayers Association for providing space for the AARP to complete tax returns. Over 5,000 members were helped.

Announced that Ann Ullman is no longer a member of the Board of Directors. The Board considers this a personal matter and the Board will make no comments at this time. He stated that if anyone had questions, Ann Ullman should be contacted.

### **MEMBER COMMENTS:**

*Tom Beckwith, 54886:* Complained that cancellation of committee meetings is not publicized properly. Believe that work meetings should be open to the members.

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*Diane Graham, 13502:* Sun City is the best place to keep in shape as it offers a variety of activities. As a member of the aerobics club she found that the floor at Bell was dirty. This was reported to supervisor Herb Hansen, who took care of the problem immediately. She said the floor has been sparkling clean ever since and commended Mr. Hansen for his follow through. Ms. Graham thanked the Board for making two completely air-conditioned racquetball courts a reality in Sun City.

*Monte Haag, 29676:* Seconded everything that Ms. Graham said about Herb Hansen. He requested permission to hold two significant events in 2010 during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Both activities require that non-residents be allowed to participate. The Arizona Sr. Olympics is publishing a booklet with activities in 2010 and needs the approval soon.

*Bonnie Streck, 44528:* Stated the sand traps on the golf courses are mud holes. President Hoffmann stated that RCSC was aware that it was a problem but has experienced money shortage and has not been able to get them repaired. He stated that repairs will start soon.

*Ken Webb, 27484:* Complained that no one is taking responsibility for correcting the problem in the sand traps. Stated there wasn't even a plan to correct the traps. Vice President Westemeier disagreed stating that there is a specific plan to correct the traps but due to the money problems it has not been implemented yet. Asked why Tom Loegering was allowed to chair the Golf Ad Hoc committee as he is a competitor. Director Bishop, who is on that committee, advised Mr. Webb that he has found Mr. Loegering to be totally ethical and if there is a conflict he recuses himself.

GM Ek reminded Mr. Webb that the Sundial roof collapses in June 2006 and every penny from operations went to the \$5. million repair. All projects were deferred. She stated RCSC would love to fix the bunkers and John Snyder has a plan to start repairing a few.

*Robert Thomas, 89078:* Said he had a simple solution for the golfers who get into the bunkers. Pick up the ball and continue play.

*Noel Kasper, 65427:* Asked if RCSC put rocks in the sand traps before sand was put on top? President Hoffmann advised that no rocks were put in the sand traps only sand which sinks to the bottom during use and the rocks surface. Had questions about the Director who is no longer on the Board and about a warranty on the cool deck at Marinette.

*Paul Herrmann, 25390:* Brought up a proposal he made at the February meeting and has not received a response wherein he asked for short term privilege cards - \$50 for 1 month, \$80 for 2 months and \$100 for 3 months. He was advised that the Board is still discussing the proposal.

*Bob Callahan, 48947:* In 2005-2006 he put forth a suggestion about putting in grass bunkers instead of sand. He suggested trying is on a 9-hole course to determine how the golfers would accept it. He believes it would be more economical than sand.

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*Art Ellersieck, Sun City Posse:* Lt. Commander of the Posse's Social Services programs. He explained that the posse has two patrol divisions and a social services division which came into existence on May 1. He stated that many people in Sun City live alone in abysmal situations. One of their greatest fears is dying without anyone being there. This is where the R.U.O.K. program comes in. By participating in this program, they receive a call every day, at a specified time, from the posse. If there is no answer a car is dispatched to check on them. Lt. Ellersieck stated that the program is becoming so popular that the caseload may get so large they won't be able to handle it. R.U.O.K. is only one of the programs in the social services division. Anyone interested in more information should call the Sun City Posse at 623-972-2555.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2009 in the Sundial Auditorium at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by:

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