

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Lawn Bowling Advisory

September 14, 2021

Chair Darla Akins called the meeting to order at 1:00pm at the Lakeview Board Room.

Present: Chair Darla Akins, Co-Chair Steve Collins and Committee Members Len Hitchcock, Norm Dickson, Brad Truckenbrod, Bob Perry, John Duvall, Harry Sherman

RCSC Staff: Director of Golf and Grounds Brian Duthu, Ground Superintendent Scott Jones

Guests: Allan Lenefsky, Candace Ruggiero, Kat Fimmel, Michael Wendel, Clyde Doubek

Approval of Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary of May 11, 2021 was approved as presented.

Brian Duthu Report:

Brian reported that the Fairway carpet replacement has been resubmitted for the 2022 budget. The contractor for the carpet replacement is reluctant to give a firm cost due to the unknown regarding supply issues related to COVID.

Brian also reported that he would check on the cost to replace older lighting on the Fairway greens with LED lights for improved lighting and reduced operating costs.

Scott Jones Report:

CURRENT GREENS PACE: As of Tuesday, September 14, 2021

- Bell North – 13.8 (**Aug, Reading – 13.0**)
- Bell South – **14.0** (**Aug, Reading – 13.5**)
- Lake View East- 13.5 (Aug, Reading – 12.4)
- Lake View West – 12.9 (Aug, Reading - 12.0)
- Oakmont- 13.0 (Aug, Reading – 13.2)
- Mountain View – **13.5** (**Aug, Reading - 13.2**)

CURRENT MOISTURE READINGS: As of Tuesday, September 14, 2021

- Bell North – 15.2
- Bell South - 14.8
- Lake View West – 14.0
- Lake view East – 14.4
- Oakmont – 15.0
- Mountain View – 13.5

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- We continue to mow 3 times per week at the height of .120. We are double rolling 3 times per week.
- We aerify the greens twice.
- We verticut the greens three times.
- We laser level the greens and top dress them.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Grounds Superintendent Scott Jones Email: Scjones@suncityaz.org.

Discussion:

Len Hitchcock reported on the results of his testing of the trueness of the greens with discussion following:

Bell South is good

Bell North is poor

LV West is fair

LV East is poor

Oakmont is poor

Mt. View is fair

The last two years the committee has spent much time on trying to lower the grass level down to the laser leveled plinth boards. We have tried to estimate the amount of growth material added during a year and compare it to the amount of growth material removed in a year. We can get general numbers but not accurate numbers to determine if there is more growth material being removed than added thereby lowering the grass level to be closer to the plinth level.

It was agreed that doing a laser grid measurement across the greens would give us the most accurate numbers to determine what corrective maintenance procedures would result in lowering the overall level of the grass to the level of the plinths and identify low and high areas of the green which should receive specific attention. Through future laser gridding we would be able to see where progress is being made, using objective, accurate data.

Discussion followed regarding the Mt. View project and its effect on the temporary closing of the green during construction including the estimated time for the project to start and to be completed.

The water use issue and the leaking lake issue were also discussed to make all aware of the significance of both issues to the RCSC.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:38pm

Next Meeting: October 12, 2021 at 1:00pm – Lakeview Center Board Room

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Dickson, Secretary

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