

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Lawn Bowling Advisory

May 10, 2022

Co-Chair Karen McAdam called the meeting to order at 1:00pm at the Lakeview Board Room.

Present: Co-Chair Karen McAdam and Committee Members Len Hitchcock, Norm Dickson, John Vawter,

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

Guests: RCSC Treasurer Darla Akins

Absent: Chair John Nowakowski

Approval of Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary of April 12, 2022 was approved as presented.

Brian Duthu Report: Brian informed the committee that the turf vacuum (Billy Goat) has arrived and is in use.

Scott Jones Report:

CURRENT GREENS PACE: As of Tuesday, May 10, 2022

- Bell North – (April Reading - 14.2) (Current Reading– 14.8)
- Bell South – (April Reading – 14.0) (Current Readings – 15.0)
- Lake View East – (April Reading - 13.8) (Current Readings – 13.9)
- Lake View West – (April Reading - 13.5) (Current Readings – 14.2)
- Oakmont – (April Reading – 13.0) (Current Readings – 13.7)
- Mountain View – (April Reading- 14.0) (Current Readings – 14.5)

CURRENT MOISTURE READINGS: Tuesday, May 10, 2022

- Bell North – 10.1
- Bell South – 9.8
- Lake View East – 13.0
- Lake View West – 12.5
- Oakmont – 11.6
- Mountain View – 10.0

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- We are mowing three time per week at .120 double rolling three time a week and cleaning ditches three time a week.
- We are watering three times per week.
- We verticutt all of the lawn bowl greens.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Grounds Superintendent Scott Jones Cell: 810-858-7344

Discussion Items: Lengthy discussion followed on how to reduce the greens turf height to a level ¼” below the plinth boards. Several procedures were discussed on how to either limit the amount of top dressing is applied and/or how to remove the material so that the turf level remains constant. The result of the discussion was that Oakmont would be an experiment project with the goal of producing a level green ¼” below the plinth boards at the conclusion of the 2022 greens maintenance period.

The need for measurable goals was also discussed so that successful procedures can be continued and any non-successful procedures identified and changed.

The subject of the persistent higher than desired moisture readings at the Lakeview Greens was discussed. The effect of the proximity of the lake to the greens has been an unknown factor in the moisture level of the greens. The watering program has been changed to twice a week with the same amount of water being applied in an effort to get deep watering. Grounds Superintendent, Scott Jones responded that the amount of water would be reduced by approximately 1/3 and they would monitor what happens to the soil moisture level.

Another discussion started regarding the possibility that some outside activities could be shut down for 5-8 years at Mt. View due to the construction schedule. In a retirement community where the average age is 74.4, this is a process which will cause a significant disruption in members limited later year activities. This type of situation has never been proposed or even happened in Sun City in its 63-year history. The consensus of the committee was that every avenue should be explored to avoid this historically disruptive action and that there should be a committee formed of all affected outside activities asap to fully explore all options to prevent or modify such a disruption to the members final years.

A motion was made and passed to recommend that RCSC Board of Directors form a committee composed of representatives of all outside activities at Mt. View. Directors and others would explore alternatives to denying member activities at Mt. View for such a historically extended time which has never been done before.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40pm.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2022 at 1:00pm – Lakeview Center Board Room

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Dickson, Secretary