

# **RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.**

## **Lawn Bowling Advisory**

**February 13, 2024**

Co-Chair Connie Jo Richtmyre called the meeting to order at 1:00pm at the Lakeview Board Room.

**Present:** Co-Chair Connie Jo Richtmyre and Committee Members Norm Dickson, Bryan Shirk, Pete Lenchuk, Michael Sandiford, Claire Day

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

**Guests:** Board President Kat Fimmel and Cardholder Gord Farr

**Absent:** Chair Jean Totten

**Review/Amend Prior Meeting Summary:** The Summary from the January 9, 2024 meeting was accepted as presented.

**Brian Duthu Report:** None

**Scott Jones Report:**

### **Current Greens Pace: as of Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

- Bell North - (January – 14.2) (Current Reading – 14.0)
- Bell South - (January – 14.5) (Current Reading – 14.5)
- Lakeview East – (January - 13.5) (Current Reading – 13.2)
- Lakeview West – (January – 14.5) (Current Reading – 13.8)
- Oakmont – (January – 13.8) (Current Reading – 14.2)
- Mountain View – (January – 14.0) (Current Reading – 13.5)

### **Current Moisture Readings: Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

- Bell North – (8.9)
- Bell South – (9.7)
- Lakeview East – (10.4)
- Lakeview West – (10.2)
- Oakmont – (9.0)
- Mountain View – (10.5)

### **General Information :**

- We are mowing once a week .120. We are rolling three times a week and cleaning the ditches three times a week.
- We are putting a root barrier around Bell.

**Contact Information:**

- Grounds superintendent Scott Jones Email : [scjones@suncityaz.org](mailto:scjones@suncityaz.org)

**Discussion Items:**

Oakmont shades to be installed hopefully by June. Currently in the permit process, which may take a while.

Lakeview Green lights have been adjusted by Scott's team. However, strong winds are catching them and blowing them out of alignment. To have contractor fix is approximately \$10,000 each time. Many of the reflectors are missing. Brian Duthu suggested Lakeview Lawn Bowling submit a request for replacement light to LED. Brian says a previous 2021 estimate to replace the lights with LED lights and reuse the existing poles was \$80,000. Michael Sandiford will ask Val Tilton to submit a request for the new LED lights to the club's office. Scott & team to adjust existing lights in October for the November tournament.

Oakmont safety issues resolved, no additional issues.

The history of the Fairway bowling carpet was discussed. Upon receipt of the request for new Fairway lawn bowling carpet, Brian Duthu will talk with Mike Wiprud and the Building & Infrastructure team to see if they can obtain 2 bids for carpeting. Porter Construction may need to oversee the installation since it's most likely the firm will not be an approved preferred provider. Previous rough pricing was \$220,000 for woven carpet which this firm has been installing since the 1970's.

Bryan Shirk commended the Oakmont Staff for their handling of an electrical outage over the weekend.

Norm Dickson will be submitting a request for temporary summer indoor space to allow the club to lawn bowl inside. The bumpers and carpeting will be purchased by the Lawn Bowling clubs. They need a fairly large indoor area for the 60'x 60' carpeting. They are willing to pick up and move the carpet for other events but would like a place where it could stay out for several days in a row.

Norm proposed a motion, which was seconded by Pete Lenchuk that the Lawn Bowling Committee is not in agreement with the closing of the Mountainview Lawn Bowling area. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Action items:**

- Michael Sandiford to ask Lakeview President Val Tilton to submit a request to replace the existing lights with LED lights and reuse the existing poles. Request should mention numerous attempts to adjust existing lights fail due to strong winds. It would be more cost effective to replace the lights since the smaller LED lights wouldn't torque in the wind.

- Pete Lenchuk to submit a request for new carpet, outlining the qualities of the new carpet they want. *Note: this will also include requests for additional benches, scoreboards, and for some retractable shades on the north side of the rink.* With the existing carpet play is only north/south. Once the new carpet is down, play can be north/south & east/west, requiring the additional items. Pete to prioritize the items, so if there aren't sufficient funds for all of the items, the preference of what is needed more is known.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30pm.

**Next Meeting:** March 12, 2024 at Lakeview Center Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Dickson, Secretary