

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Election Committee January 22, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Connie Jo Richtmyre at 1:00pm in the Lakeview Board Room.

Present: Chair Connie Jo Richtmyre, Co-Chair Steve Collins and Committee Members Tom Marone, Mike Wendel, Connie Sherman

Guests: RCSC Board Director Rick Gray

Election of 2025 Secretary: Mike Wendel volunteers to be the 2025 Secretary.

Review/Amend Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary for November 22, 2024 was accepted as presented.

Reviewed and updated 2025 Committee Roster.

Topics of Discussion:

Annual Meeting

Proxies

- General Proxy
- Specific Issue Proxy
- Proxy Form

Does the form distinguish the type (General or Specific)?

Does the form contain a date / event that will define the life of the proxy?

Who receives the Proxy?

- An individual
- An organization or group
- Consensus is an Individual; and Proxies cannot be transferred to someone else.
This prevents proxy harvesting and then assigning the proxies in groups of 25 to various individuals.

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws regarding Voting and Majorities (simple or supermajority). This may need some more investigation because there is some vagueness in the documents. This raises the issue, does RCSC need a Bylaws and Ethics Committee? (beyond this committee's scope)

Time between submission of Agenda Items (proposals for a vote) and the actual meeting are too short. (for future annual meetings)

- Membership is frozen as of July for handling the voter qualification.
- Why can't submission dates be moved earlier?
- Not enough time to work with people proposing these changes to ensure correct wording.
- Not enough time to educate membership these items before they would need to vote.
- Having an informed voter may require some publication of these items far in advance of the annual meeting.
- Should there be town halls, or other meetings? Who would run such meetings?

2025 Annual Meeting

- Handling of General Proxies and Specific Issue Proxies.
- How do proxy holders vote?
- Keeping the meeting on pace. Should we continue with the agenda while the voting is occurring?

Board Candidate Videos (future elections)

Active discussion ranging from only limiting the time (length) of the video; to limiting the format (behind a desk, no props, plain background).

Should there be a disclaimer at the beginning of each video, protecting RCSC? RCSC does not endorse the candidate, etc.?

Chair Richtmyre will produce some wording for the committee to review (looking for a compromise from the differing opinions).

Recruiting Committee Members

Should there be a form or questionnaire for potential members? Consensus is NO. We don't want to put any barriers to members when considering joining. We need to better educate people about what the committee does and the importance of the committee.

Will this require bylaw changes? This committee has gone far beyond what the bylaws currently state.

What is the approval process for new members? It used to require RCSC Board Approval. This is either lax or has been changed.

Director Rick Gray was at the meeting and brought up the Sun City West Torch Program

- This is a 7-week series, 1 day per week, 4 hours per session program
- This is a recruitment tool for PORA board members and other levels of volunteers (committees and more)
- SCW members pay \$40 for this series.
- It teaches them how the organization (PORA) works and its committees.
- It is a recruitment tool that has apparently yielded much success.
- It may be a good model but needs tweaking for us to use it.
- Should Sun City members pay for something like this?

Rick Gray will investigate the Torch program and update us with more details.

Where might the Outreach and Communications Committee (OCC) come into play?

- It seems much is dependent upon the new web site (March 2025?)
- Who requests any email blasts, or publication in Sun City Update?
- What other methods of communication should we consider?

Discussion of the Membership audience and groups. (Apathy)

- How many people really care VS. how many people like the low cost of living here (don't use RCSC facilities)?
- Few people voted in recent board elections (just over 1,000 from a membership of more than 33,000).
- Low meeting attendance (board and exchange). Ranging from 40-60 on average, with more if a specific issue comes up.
- Low video viewership on YouTube (meetings and candidates videos/forums). About 350 views for candidate videos and 500-1000 for board and exchange meetings.

Final thoughts regarding what needs to be done:

- Redefine the scope of this committee. Most items above are out of the current stated scope.
- Involvement with OCC? How to work together. There is much to be communicated.
- Articles, Bylaws and Ethics Committee. Is one needed? How does this get presented to the board? This committee continuously needs clarification. We need help in this area.
- Voter Education – creating an informed voter rather than trying to get more bodies to vote.
- Recruiting Committee members, Board members, volunteers.
What about club officers? They are a large part of club involvement regarding how RCSC should function. This is out of scope for this committee. But the committee should discuss it.

Action Items:

- Chair Richtmyre to make a list of criteria for Board Candidate Videos
- Chair Richtmyre to discuss Annual Membership Meeting motion submission dates with Board of Directors.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

Next Meeting: February 26, 2025 at 1:00pm – Lakeview Board Room

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Wendel, Secretary