

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Lawn Bowling Advisory

January 22, 2025

Chair Preston Kise called the meeting to order at 10:00am at the Lakeview Board Room.

Present: Chair Preston Kise, Co-Chair Rick Gray and Committee Members Norm Dickson, Claire Day, Val Tilton, Jim Roth, Rhonda Nelson

RCSC Staff: Facilities Sr. Leader Mike Wiprud, Ground Superintendent Scott Jones

Guests: Betsy Palaschak, Veronica Sum, Tim Nixon

Election of Secretary: Norm Dickson was elected as Secretary for 2025.

Review/Amend Prior Meeting Summary: The Summary from the December 10, 2024 meeting was accepted as presented.

Mike Wiprud Report: None

Scott Jones Report:

Current greens pace: as of Wednesday, January 22, 2025

- Bell North - (December – 14.6) (Current Reading – 16.4)
- Bell South - (December – 15.0) (Current Reading – 16.0)
- Lakeview East – (December – 13.2) (Current Reading – 15.2)
- Lakeview West – (December – 13.5) (Current Reading – 15.0)
- Oakmont – (December – 13.9) (Current Reading – 15.5)
- Mountain View – (December – 14.6) (Current Reading – 16.8)

Current Moisture Readings: Wednesday, January 22, 2025

- Bell North – (4.5)
- Bell South – (4.0)
- Lakeview East - (8.2)
- Lakeview West – (6.7)
- Oakmont – (3.2)
- Mountain View - (2.8)

General Information :

- We are mowing once a week. We are rolling and cleaning ditches three times a week.

Contact Information:

- Grounds superintendent Scott Jones Email : scjones@suncityaz.org

Fairway carpeting project moving along for planned completion in 2025. Ground Superintendent Scott Jones complimented for the great green' conditions.

Discussion Items:

The committee was asked for their reaction to the Mt. View / P.A.C project.

No club or committee requested the move of P.A.C. to Lakeview site.

Usage numbers show increasing numbers reaching over 26,000 per year and over 140 members took lessons this year showing that Lawn Bowling is still growing.

Two new greens would not fully reach satisfactory conditions for 3 to 5 years. The need for two green sites to accommodate the many activities is crucial to the club. Many more comments were discussed.

Discussion followed on the impact of the U.S. Open and its impact on RCSC and the local economy.

RCSC collected approximately \$1,000 with participants from 10 different countries and over 350 participants. The U.S. Open had television coverage of the finals for the first time. The economic impact for lodging, food and entertainment is considerable, possible ways to increase revenue for RCSC was discussed.

Co-Chair Gray volunteered to investigate the possibility of state monies for future U.S. Opens.

A report was given on lawn bowling member usage.

2023: 122 lessons given to non-bowlers

2024: 140 lessons given to non-bowlers

Approximately 65 to 70% of those people join a Lawn Bowl Club.

Action items:

A request was made to establish a schedule to install new lighting for night bowling and utility savings.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55am.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2025 10:00am in the Lakeview Center Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Dickson, Secretary