

**RECREATION CENTER OF SUN CITY, INC.**  
**Club Organization Committee**  
**March 8, 2023**

Chair Steve Collins called the meeting to order at 10:00am in the Lakeview Center Boardroom

**Present:** Chair Steve Collins, Co-Chair Jean Totten, COC's Candy Ruggiero, Stella Van Ness, James Terasinski, Terry Watts, Anita Borski, Bernice Darish

**RCSC Staff:** Director of Operations Chris Herring, Chartered Clubs Supervisor Joanne Martin

**Guests:** RCSC Board President Kat Fimmel and 21 Cardholders

**Approval of Prior Meeting Summary:** The December 14, 2022 Meeting Summary was approved as presented.

**Election of 2023 Secretary:** No committee member was nominated or volunteered to be the Secretary. The Chair asked committee member Terry Watts to take the notes for the meeting today of which she agreed.

**Report by Joanne Martin, Chartered Club Supervisor:** Distributed to the Committee for review:

All President packages have been picked up.

The Club's Office started receiving 2024 Schedules on January 3, 2023 and 45 clubs still need to turn in their schedules. The deadline is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Financial Statements were due by the end of January and 3 clubs still need to turn in their statements. A reminder email was sent out on January 31, 2023. Two of the clubs are de-chartering so we are waiting for final paperwork.

March Rosters were due by March 1st, 20 Clubs still need to submit. A reminder email will be sent out.

I have registered 111 clubs with the State of Arizona for their Trade Names, 104 have been accepted and we have certificates for those clubs. Those certificates have been scanned into Rec Trac Household Documents.

Lifelong Learning Club met with Chris Herring and I on January 31, 2023 to let us know that they have Officers in place, and they do not want to de-charter the club. They have scheduled classes for the Fall and are now in compliance.

The Pickleball Club has added three hours to their club hours M-F and now have 7:00am-5:00pm assigned at Marinette Center. Four courts continue to be available for open cardholder play during these expanded hours.

We have added an hour to the Water Volleyball Club schedule from 11:00am-12:00pm M/W/F.

The Clubs Agents have met with the Lead Custodians to go over the set ups they have. They want to make sure they have all the set-ups for the clubs, and everything is up to date.

Armchair Travel will de-charter the end of April due to lack of officers and attendance.

We have two requests for new clubs, one is for Wallyball and the other is a Table game/card club.

**Chair Report:** Chair Collins informed the committee that they would start meeting monthly again starting immediately.

**Co-Chair Report:** None

**Club Reports:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** COC Stella Van Ness updated the committee on the status of the Duffeeland Dog Park Club (DDPC), stating that the club had met on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, and voted to de-charter the club. Stella attended the club meeting per the club's request. It was learned that all the non-committee members in attendance at the meeting today were there to address the Duffeeland Dog Park Club issues and its decision to de-charter. These guests were granted the floor while President Fimmel assisted with the microphone and helped keep the comments on point. President Fimmel asked speakers to please not attack others personally.

Following is an overview of the commentary and discussion:

Club member, Tracy Bussabarger read a two-page statement regarding the situation, stating the need to revisit the de-charter vote. Ms. Bussabarger is a past President of the club and a current Board member.

Club member, Jean Paul a 14-year member of the DDPC was asked to be constructive with her comments.

COC Van Ness interjected that at the March 1<sup>st</sup> DDPC meeting, 31 members signed in, there were 3 non-members in attendance.

Club member, Linda Batista commented that there was no cooperation among DDPC Board members, and that in-fighting had been commonplace. She did not provide specific examples.

Anita Ross, a new club member did not know the agenda of the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. She felt, from her perspective, the club president was doing his job.

Non-member, Eniar Kvoran commented that a motion could not be made as there was no agenda for the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. He stated the first two club meetings of the year were chaotic.

COC Anita Borski, talked about the club agenda, "Future of the Club" was included in the email meeting notice sent by COC Van Ness.

COC Terry Watts added that this discussion was not productive and felt there must be a better way to handle the situation.

Club member Raynette Yarborough added that the problems started in November with the election, which was tabled until December. She recapped the entire election process.

President Fimmel stated that it was obvious the club needs work.

Club member Mark Schwartz has been a member for 8 years and feels lack of communication has been problematic. He also asked why the club couldn't ask the current board to step aside and hold another election?

Club member Eric Neal agreed and added that the bad behavior needs to stop, stop the hate.

Club member Tracy Bussabarger gave a recap of the communication process.

Several members stated they never received club email communications.

Director of Operations Chris Herring reminded the group that the Rules and Regulations of the club govern the club processes and procedures.

COC Van Ness added that she had meetings with the DDPC Board. There was also a meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup> with three of the club Board members as well as Chartered Clubs Supervisor Joanne Martin, Director of Operations Chris Herring and me. The consensus was the current Board was not working and it may be necessary to de-charter the club. On Feb 21<sup>st</sup> I met with the club members, infighting continued. COC Van Ness gave a lengthy recap of the entire process.

President Fimmel gave a recap of the de-charter process and stated that a club is not de-chartered until it is considered and approved by the RCSC Board of Directors. The club de-charter does not go into effect until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

COC Bernice Darish encouraged the DDPC members to work together to resolve their differences and save the club if at all possible. She offered to assist them in whatever capacity they needed.

Several others made closing comments. President Fimmel informed the group that the room they were in was needed for another meeting, so we needed to wrap up the discussion.

**Next Meeting:** April 12, 2023 at 10:00am – Lakeview Board Room

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Watts, Acting Secretary