

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Election Committee

March 27, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chair Karen McAdam at 1:00pm in the Lakeview Board Room.

Present: Chair Karen McAdam, Co-Chair Connie Jo Richtmyre and Committee Members Tom Marone, Mike Wendel, Connie Sherman, Jean Buck

Guests: RCSC Board Coordinator Marcia Johnson

Review/Amend Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary for February 28, 2024 was accepted as presented.

Topics of Discussion:

Mike Wendel gave a demo on the voting app “Election Buddy.” Performed a sample election and the app was easy to use. Discussion was had by the committee and a number of questions were raised.

- Does this allow in person voting?
- How would you verify a member in good standing?
- A large percentage of the population doesn’t have emails, how would they vote?
- What is the additional cost for mailing ballots?

Board Coordinator Johnson distributed a document for another option for outsourcing our election called “Vote Now.” This company had been presented to the Election Committee a few years back and the committee opted not to pursue them as they felt the cost was too high and they weren’t sure how we would reach out to all members. One issue was the fact that you had to have separate emails in the same household and a large number of members share an email address in their home.

Chair McAdam asked Mike Wendel and Board Coordinator Johnson to research and come back to the committee in April with more information on cost, process, mailing options etc.

Discussion continued on whether outsourcing is worth the extra work and expense. Currently, members are notified in plenty of time and in many ways. They are notified by flyers, candidate videos, the Independent newspaper, the SC update, email blasts and the electronic signs at the centers. A question was asked about putting the SC update in the Independent again as a possible option. Another comment was if we outsource, we are obligated to contact all 30,000 plus members. If we keep the election in-house as we currently have done, we only deal with around 2,000 members as that has been the average number of members who vote in each year’s election.

Co-Chair Richtmyre also Chair of the Outreach & Communications Committee (OCC) talked to the committee about a task given to her committee called “Get Out The Vote.” The subcommittee would research and create ways to get more voters for our annual election.

Discussed shortening the election schedule by possibly pushing back the date for submitting your packets, changing the date for online voting and the availability of absentee ballots. For these dates to be changed, an amendment would need to be made to the Bylaws.

Board Coordinator Johnson informed the committee that two members of the piano club had been in touch with her and would be interested in playing at the Candidate Forums.

Chair McAdam started a discussion on criteria to run for the board. One of those items is that you “must meet the requirements to hold an Arizona liquor license.” Chair McAdam and Committee member Tom Marone each reached out to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control (DLLC) to find out what is meant by “Officers of the Corporation.” The response was two conflicting answers. One response was three officers of the corporation that run the day-to-day business and the other was three board officers. Chair McAdam asked Tom to call back to get clarification and report back to the committee at the April meeting.

Chair McAdam discussed the committee monthly meeting schedule, and it was agreed that the committee would not meet in June, July or August.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Next Meeting: April 24, 2024 at 1:00pm – Lakeview Board Room

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Buck, Secretary