

# RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

## Election Committee

April 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chair Karen McAdam at 1:05pm 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

**RCSC Staff:** RCSC Board Coordinator Marcia Johnson

**Guests:** Board Directors Tom Foster, Chris Nettesheim and Cardholders Paul Falzone, Stephen Buck

**Review/Amend Prior Meeting Summary:** The Meeting Summary for March 27, 2024 was accepted as presented.

### Topics of Discussion:

Chair McAdam explained the scope of the committee to the guests. She also talked about the motion on the April 25, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda which addressed when Candidate Packets are available and shortens the election cycle.

Mike Wendel gave a demo on the voting app “Election Buddy” at the last meeting and was asked to come back with more details and a possible cost. Discussed what would be included in the base price and what would be additional.

RCSC would still have to do:

- Supply Member information
- Provide valid voter list
- Advertising/Publicizing
- Absentee Ballots
- In person voting on election day
- Hire CPA/Election Monitor on election day

Election Buddy (EB) would do:

- Online voting
- Mail postcards-additional cost
- Reminders-additional cost

Board Coordinator Johnson distributed a document for another option for outsourcing our election called “Vote Now” with pricing included. 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.

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.

Two questions were asked about TEGs abilities versus the other two options. The first question was is there an additional cost from TEG to run our election? Support/Finance Sr. Leader Kevin McCurdy replied that there is an Election module in the portal, so we have this functionality with no additional charge for this service. The second question was, can TEG allow members to vote on

handheld devices? Kevin said that it is possible to vote on a phone or iPad but is not practical. After further discussion it was decided that we would not outsource our election this year but check further into the option of using EB for possibly our Annual Membership Meeting.

Chair McAdam talked about the changes to the Election schedule and that we were extending the date for packets to be returned to allow more opportunity for members to pick up and return a packet. We also shortened the online and absentee voting process. The committee also reviewed what events would be the responsibility of the Election Committee and there were three items, both of the Candidate Forums and in person voting on election day.

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 asked Tom to report on what he found out when he contacted Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control (DLLC) to find out what is meant by “Officers of the Corporation.” Tom replied that as far as the state is concerned, the Board of Directors are the Officers of the Corporation. So, the criteria will remain as is in our Bylaws stating that you have to be able to qualify for an Arizona Liquor License in order to run for the Board.

Co-Chair Richtmyre informed the committee that the Outreach and Communications Committee (OCC) had a project called “Get out the Vote” and were to come up with suggestions on how to increase voter participation. The following ideas were suggested:

- Make it easier
- Drive up voting
- Free cookies
- Communicate with 31 local churches
- Communicate with Sun City Homeowners Association (SCHOA) & Condo Owners Association (COA)
- Increase voting locations
- Have Kiosks at centers for voting

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 2:30pm.

**Next Meeting:** May 22, 2024 at 1:00pm – Lakeview Board Room

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Buck, Secretary