

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Lawn Bowling Advisory

May 14, 2024

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

Present: Chair Connie Jo Richtmyre, Co-Chair Chris Nettesheim and Committee Members Norm Dickson, Michael Sandiford, Val Tilton

RCSC Staff: Grounds Superintendent Scott Jones

Guests: Board President Kat Fimmel

Review/Amend Prior Meeting Summary: The Summary from the April 9, 2024 meeting was accepted as presented.

Mike Wiprud Report: In Mike absence, Grounds Superintendent Scott Jones informed the committee that the Oakmont shading will begin in July and is expected to be completed by fall.

Scott Jones Report:

Current Greens Pace: as of Tuesday, May 14, 2024

- Bell North - (April – 13.0) (Current Reading – 12.9)
- Bell South - (April – 13.2) (Current Reading – 13.0)
- Lakeview East – (April – 13.5) (Current Reading – 12.5)
- Lakeview West – (April – 13.8) (Current Reading – 13.2)
- Oakmont – (April – 13.0) (Current Reading – 12.5)
- Mountain View – (April – 12.8) (Current Reading – 12.0)

Current Moisture Readings: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

- Bell North – (12.2)
- Bell South – (13.0)
- Lakeview East – (14.0)
- Lakeview West – (13.5)
- Oakmont – (10.0)
- Mountain View – (9.5)

General Information :

- We are mowing twice a week .120. We are rolling three times a week and cleaning the ditches three times a week.
- We verticutted all the greens and fertilized them too.

Contact Information:

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

Old Business: The US Open Lawn Bowling Tournament is being held in Sun City & Sun City West in November. Currently over 300 participants are registered. Scott and his team are busy preparing for this event.

Chairs Richtmyre & Nettesheim informed the committee that the Fairway lawn bowling carpet was submitted as a 2025 budget request.

There are still issues with club members being able to access their Oakmont club area with the fobs. The Clubs office has information and is assisting all club members in activating fobs for access.

New Business: Lawn bowling is declining in other states but is continually growing in Sun City. Overall membership is up from 192 to 367. Many of the new members are year-round bowlers who bowl in the evenings after sunset.

Discussion Items:

When the US Open is in town, social bowlers will use Fairway.

Of the 300 registered bowlers, approximately 150 are local.

Robert Seizlar is overseeing the organization of the US Open and will be coordinating with RCSC Club Supervisor, Angela Willette for publicity. There will be food trucks at the event. There will need to be additional discussion regarding spectators, and whether traffic control would be needed.

There was discussion about having Sun City in Focus film the US Open.

Action items:

- Norm Dickson will give a 5–7-minute presentation at the October Board meeting regarding Lawn Bowling, the US Open event in November and some brief information about the sport.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40pm.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2024 at Lakeview Center Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Richtmyre & Co-Chair Nettesheim, Acting Secretaries