

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Lawn Bowling Advisory

September 10, 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 Michael Sandiford, Val Tilton (remotely)

RCSC Staff: Grounds Superintendent Scott Jones

Guests: Cardholders Bill Pearson, Mike Model, Diane Model

Review/Amend Prior Meeting Summary: The Summary from the May 14, 2024 will be presented for review at the October 8, 2024 meeting due to only 2 committee members in attendance.

Mike Wiprud Report: In the absence of Facilities Sr. Leader Mike Wiprud, Grounds Superintendent Scott Jones informed the committee that the Oakmont shading project has been completed.

Scott Jones Report:

Current Greens Pace: as of Tuesday, September 10, 2024

- Bell North - (May – 12.9) (Current Reading – 10.8)
- Bell South - (May – 13.0) (Current Reading – 10.3)
- Lakeview East – (May – 12.5) (Current Reading – 9.8)
- Lakeview West – (May – 13.2) (Current Reading – 10.0)
- Oakmont – (May – 12.5) (Current Reading – 9.7)
- Mountain View – (May – 12.0) (Current Reading – 10.5)

Current Moisture Readings: Tuesday, September 10, 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 , rolling and cleaning ditches three times a week.

Contact Information:

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

Old Business:

The US Open Lawn Bowling Tournament is being held in November. Chair Richtmyre to make an announcement at the September and October RCSC Board meetings to inform the members that spectators are welcome.

Chairs Richtmyre & Nettesheim are investigating whether the Fairway carpet replacement made the 2025 budget as the 2025 Budget is not finalized yet.

Member difficulties accessing Oakmont Club areas has been resolved.

New Business:

Michael Sandiford mentioned Bell lawn bowling benches finish is coming off. RCSC staff has been sandblasting and refinishing the benches. Per Michael, the finish isn't smooth and is uncomfortable when sitting. The Bell Club was wondering whether cushions could be purchased for the benches.

Val Tilton asked if the Lakeview light adjustment work order had been completed. Scott stated that it hadn't been, that he was waiting until it was closer to the November tournament so it wouldn't need adjusting again prior to November.

Michael Sandiford said Len Hitchcock evaluated the Oakmont green, and the end rinks aren't rolling well. Ground Superintendent Scott Jones and Michael will schedule a time to meet to roll and adjust as needed.

Discussion Items:

Val Tilton provided usage numbers: 2023 there were 27,718 uses of the greens. To date for 2024, there have been 17,305 uses of greens.

Guest Bill Pearson spoke regarding the rumors about lawn bowling greens being taken for the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

Chair Richtmyre provided an update regarding the rumors. The architectural firm triARC was hired over the summer and was tasked with surveying all 8 rec centers and the Sun Bowl property to determine possible locations for the new PAC. RCSC Mgmt. and the Board recently received the initial report. Based on that report, RCSC directed to do a more in-depth look at several locations. That report is expected within the next few weeks. Once that report has been received and reviewed by RCSC & the Board, a location may be selected, or additional areas may be investigated. These investigations are the first of many, many steps necessary to ensure that RCSC has done its due diligence prior to the start of any design work. No decisions regarding the PAC location have been made.

Bill Pearson suggested an email be sent out to the lawn bowling clubs' presidents to squash the rumors. Chair Richtmyre sent out an email on September 11th outlining the process.

Grounds Superintendent Jones provided information regarding costs associated with the care and maintenance of the greens for all clubs, including Fairway's carpet. Per Scott, the yearly cost, for labor, water, maintenance, is \$78,000 per year total. That breaks down to roughly \$10,000 per green.

Action items: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:05pm.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2024 at Lakeview Center Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Richtmyre & Co-Chair Nettesheim, Acting Secretaries