

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Lawn Bowling Advisory

October 8, 2024

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

Present: Chair Connie Jo Richtmyre, and Committee Members Michael Sandiford, Val Tilton, Jim Roth,

RCSC Staff: Grounds Superintendent Scott Jones, Facilities Sr. Leader Mike Wiprud

Absent: Co-Chair Chris Nettesheim

Guests: Board President Tom Foster, Board Director Kat Fimmel and Cardholder Mike Model

Review/Amend Prior Meeting Summary: The Summaries from May 14, 2024 and the September 10, 2024 meetings were accepted as presented.

Mike Wiprud Report: Deferred until Old Business.

Scott Jones Report: Scott reported that grubs at Mountainview and Bell North greens are a big issue. They are damaging the greens. Bell North is currently out of play due to the condition of the green.

Current Greens Pace: as of Tuesday, October 8, 2024

- Bell North - (September – 10.8) (Current Reading – 10.5)
- Bell South - (September – 10.3) (Current Reading – 11)
- Lakeview East – (September – 9.8) (Current Reading – 10.5)
- Lakeview West – (September – 10.0) (Current Reading – 10.8)
- Oakmont – (September – 9.7) (Current Reading – 10.0)
- Mountain View – (September – 10.5) (Current Reading – 10.2)

Current Moisture Readings: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

- Bell North – (12.8)
- Bell South – (12.1)
- Lakeview East – (15.1)
- Lakeview West – (15.5)
- Oakmont – (14.8)
- Mountain View – (15.0)

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 Fairway lawn bowling carpeting is a line item in the proposed 2025 RCSC Budget. The Finance, Budget & Audit Committee must make recommendations to the RCSC board. Then there will be two town halls to discuss the 2025 budget, and finally the RCSC board must vote to pass the proposed budget. This is, however, a really good first step.

Norm Dickson was unavailable to present to the Lawn Bowling committee a preview of a proposed presentation for the October Board Meeting. Chair Richtmyre will provide a brief announcement at the October 31st RCSC Board meeting to encourage members to come and watch the US Lawn Bowling Open November 3rd through the 9th. Hopefully, Norm can complete the presentation in time for the November committee meeting for recommendation to the Board to be voted on at the November Board meeting.

The benches at Bell are better since the painting. Michael commented that the sprinklers for watering the greens are causing hard water marks on the benches. Everyone is happy with the painted benches.

Michael will compile the previous four years of lawn bowling membership and usage. He will also create a projection of lawn bowling membership of when membership will reach the 500-membership mark.

No decision has been made by RCSC Management and the Board regarding the placement of the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

New Business:

The Committee discussed the Lakeview line markers. Jim and Michael will look into contacting Bell Metal for assistance in sandblasting the existing metal markers, and possibly powder coating them in time for the US Open.

Discussion Items:

There are approximately 350 registered bowlers for the US Open. Many will start arriving in the next several weeks to prepare for the tournament.

The President of the US Lawn Bowling Association will be in town soon in preparation of the event.

RCSC Board President Tom Foster will participate in the US Open opening ceremony and Chair Richtmyre will also be in attendance.

Val asked if a decision had been made regarding the availability of greens for the 2025 US Open. Discussion by Board members Fimmel, Richtmyre and Board President Foster determined that it would be months down the road before a decision could be made due to the timeframe of the Mountainview and Performing Arts Center (PAC) design timelines.

Action items: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:37pm.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2024 at Lakeview Center Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Richtmyre, Acting Secretaries