

SCMGA Minutes April 11, 2024

President Johnny Pearson called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Board Members Present: Johnny Pearson, Andre Casabonne, Barry Broomham and Bob Shirck

Quorum: A quorum was present.

RCSC Board Member Attending: Preston Kise

Secretaries Report: Minutes for March 2024 were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's summary for March 2024 was presented by President Pearson. The statement is found below on a following page.

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager and Ranger Program: The printed report is found below on a following page. Discussion topics raised by members:

- The ranger program has more rangers this year and expects to have even more this summer. Tickets issued by a ranger could be between \$15 and \$15. Upon being ticketed, that member will lose golfing privileges until the ticket is paid
- The rules that pertain to golf carts with a "Handicap" card.
- USGA agronomist will visit Sun City golf courses on May 16. Two members of each Greens Committee may forward questions to Mr. Duth in advance and be present to discuss issues May 16.
- Certs from Wednesday Golf and SCMGA tournaments will be caught up by April 13. Terri Klatt will handle cert payments and can be reached at tklatt@suncity.org.
- SCMGA should not be having reoccurring guests on Wednesday golf. No clubhouse starter should not be adding players to the Wednesday league tee times except by permission of the league monitor.

Old Business:

- No progress or decision has been made concerning the differences between handicaps of the white, red and yellow tees.

New Business:

- Suggestions are requested for next year's Club Championships. What can be done to make them more popular? Next year the league Championship tournaments will be held the first 2 weeks in March.
- A proposal to the RCSC board will be introduced with the purpose of allowing one more male member appointed by SCMGA to be a voting members of the committee. That will make the number of voting male and female members equal. The proposal is shown on a following page.
- Insufficient time was given to a suggestion to allow SCMGA members to carry an Arizona club in their bag that does not conflict with the standard limit of 14 clubs. Reason for this request is to prevent damage to a player's clubs when in a water ditch or in the gravel.
- It was stated by Mr. Duthu that relief is given when a ball is in the large rocks. Reason for the relief is a safety concern. One person thought that rule was not listed on the current scorecards.

Course Reports:

- South – wet and slow greens
- North, Riverview and Quail Run – No report.
- Lakes West / East – excellent condition
- Willowcreek / Willowbrook – Willowcreek is experiencing browning of the greens during this transition time. Perhaps caused by dryness.

Next Meeting: September, 2024 @ 3:00 PM at place to be determined.

Respectfully,
Bob Shirck, Secretary

SCMGA BALANCE SHEET - March 24

Beginning Monthly Balance		\$60,353.78
Deposits		
Membership Dues	\$1,180.00	
Other Credit-Thursdays 9-Hole League	\$288.00	
Total Deposits		\$1,468.00
Interim Balance		\$61,821.78
Expenses		
Payroll	(\$2,412.19)	
Taxes	(\$623.75)	
Paragon 9	(\$636.46)	
Bank Fees - Quickbooks Online Payroll	(\$86.11)	
Club Championships	(\$1,273.28)	
Sun City Engraving	(\$74.59)	
T-Mobile Hotspot	(\$82.50)	
Tournament Printer	(\$295.00)	
Thursday 9-Hole League	(\$287.00)	
Total Expenses		(\$5,770.88)
End of Month Balance		\$56,050.90

Pro Shop Report

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Pro Shops/Rangers

Rangers reporting high number of players not following the 90* Rule and parking incorrectly around greens.

Preserving the Turf: Why the 90 Degree Rule Matters

The 90 Degree Rule in golf pertains to driving golf carts on the course while attempting to minimize the impact on the fairway & rough grasses when approaching the golf ball. It is a permanent feature at all our RCSC golf courses. The 90 Degree Rule plays a key role in conserving the turf and maintaining the course's playability and appeal. By limiting unnecessary travel on the fairways & rough and guaranteeing carts take direct routes to the ball after arriving at it via the cart path, the rule serves to reduce soil compaction and minimize damage to the grass. Perpetual cart traffic on fairways & rough has resulted in damage to the grass and soil compaction. A golfer recently asked if golf carts could damage the dormant bermudagrass. The answer is a resounding yes! In fact, bermudagrass is at the greatest risk of damage during the late fall, winter and spring months when it is not growing much, if at all.

With Fairway Verticutting starting next week we would like to remind everyone that our Single courses (South, North, Riverview & Quail Run) pro shops/snack shops will be closing on the following days so be sure to plan your tee times & breakfast accordingly.

Fairway Verticutting

Thu-Fri	April 18, 19	Willowbrook
Mon-Tue	April 22, 23	Willowcreek
Thu-Fri	April 25, 26	Riverview
Mon-Tue	April 29, 30	Lakes West
Thu	May 2	Quail Run
Mon-Tue	May 6, 7	South

The single course Pro Shops will be open on these days from 6:00am-9:00am if you need to call in for tee times or make changes to existing times...

Motion to Address Golf Advisory Committee Gender Imbalance

Move amend fourth paragraph of Board Policy 17, Green Committee section to add the Sun City Men's Nine Hole Association and correct the current gender imbalance.

Current Golf Advisory Committee membership consists of 1 Male and 1 Female member from each of the 8 Golf Courses (16 votes: 8 Male, 8 Female) plus 1 vote for each of the Presidents of the SCMGA, SCWGA, and 9 Hole SCWGA (3 votes: 1 Male, 2 Female), This results in a gender imbalance of 10 Female committee members and 9 Male committee members.

To eliminate gender imbalance in the Golf Advisory Committee membership; propose adding one vote for the Sun City Men's Nine Hole Association.

Current Board Policy 17 titled Golf, Section titled Green Committee, 4th paragraph reads:

In addition to each selected Green Committee member having a vote on the Golf Advisory Committee, the Presidents of the Sun City Men's Golf Association ("SCMGA"), Sun City Women's Golf Association ("SCWGA") and the Sun City Women's Nine Hole Association will also have a vote.

The proposed change to Board Policy 17 titled Golf, Section titled Green Committee, 4th paragraph will read:

In addition to each selected Green Committee member having a vote on the Golf Advisory Committee, the Presidents of the Sun City Men's Golf Association ("SCMGA"), Sun City Men's Nine Hole Association, Sun City Women's Golf Association ("SCWGA") and the Sun City Women's Nine Hole Association will also have a vote.