

Minutes for the Lakes East/West Greens Committee

March 6, 2026

Committee Chair: Bear Hunt

The meeting convened at 8:01 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2026.

Superintendent Report

Rick Doyan reported crews have begun “aeravating” roughs and fairways. He said the procedure would reduce compaction and allow water, air and nutrients to enhance the root structure. He said crews will begin needle tining greens the week of March 16. It was reported that Rick will retire in May. We are sure all committee members wish him well in retirement and offer our thanks and gratitude for his years of tireless work and leadership.

Director of Golf

Director of Golf Eddie Renio said maintenance crews across all Sun City courses are now working as a team. He said course managers are sharing people, ideas and expertise across the spectrum of Sun City courses.

He also reported that the RCSC Board has approved the full scope of work at North Golf Course. He said the same contractor that did the renovation of Quail Golf Course will do the North renovation. He said North will be closed beginning in May and will remain closed throughout the summer. He said the turf renovation is designed to meet more stringent water preservation.

Renio said he is working with course superintendents to address equipment costs. He said rolling stock has been classified in three categories – green, yellow and red – to classify the condition of the equipment. Green indicates the equipment is in good condition and red indicates poor and/or deteriorating condition. He said the equipment line item in the budget was about \$200,000 more than was allocated in the budget.

Later in the meeting, Renio said new menu items were being rolled out at the snack shops at the various golf venues.

Pro Shop

Pro Shop Manager Paul Kaltenbach asked committee members to offer input on pro shop operations. He said input is welcome on anything to make the pro shop operation more efficient. He said committee members are welcome to offer input on anything that will improve and enhance delivery of services. “We are all ears,” he said.

Player Assistants

Gregg Marmesh reported player assistant operations are "going pretty good." He said there are currently 15 player assistants working the two courses. He said the number of working assistants has improved coverage in the 1-5 p.m. time slot.

No-Shows and Handicap Carts

Committee members once again revisited the issue of no-shows and how best to address the ongoing issue. Several members said they don't think "dinging" no-shows by penalizing them through the lottery is working. Offenders, some committee members noted, don't even know they are being dinged. That led to a broader discussion of communication and some members said they believe overall communication with members is sorely lacking.

A brief discussion of handicap players ensued and Renio said it is difficult policing handicap carts even though handicap golfers are provided with written materials. Renio noted Sun City is unlike most commercial golf courses because there is no starter on the first tee to advise players about course rules and procedures.

Despite the discussion, no resolution was offered on any of these issues.

Women's Golf

The bulletin board issue was revisited with evidence of further deterioration. It was reported that the casement is actually coming apart on the bulletin board resulting in even more difficulty in keeping posted material in place. Manager Kaltenbach said he would have maintenance address the issue right away. He said he would help initiate a work order.

It was also reported that flags are frequently in the wrong place on the greens. It was suggested to maintenance for crews to be more vigilant in putting the appropriate flag in place to reflect front, middle and back pin placements. There was also a report that a sprinkler head had popped up on one of the East greens.

Discussion continued on the pro shop remodeling/renovation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.