

## RCSC board addresses quorum quandary

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Recreation Centers of Sun City board members are having a problem with numbers.

On one hand, they have been criticized for requiring a quorum of more than 3,500 members — 10 percent of the community's population — for quarterly membership meetings to take place. That number is too high, critics have said.

So, the board has formed an ad hoc committee to resolve the matter. Problem is, there are not enough positions for the number of people who want to sign on to help.

Karen Scheuerman and Noel Kasper are two, and at Monday's RCSC members exchange meeting they made their feelings known.

"I received a letter telling me I was not chosen to serve, and I have to say I am dismayed by the people who were chosen," Scheuerman said. "You have chosen three people who do not regularly attend board meetings and exchange meetings, and I would think people who would want to be on this committee would also be interested in attending those meetings. I find that curious."

The committee is made up of three board members and three members of the public. The board is represented by Jim Bishop, Craig Brown and Carey Shore, while the public spots are occupied by Norm Thielking, Warren Clucker and Jeannette Dickson. When it was pointed out that Thielking is a regular at RCSC meetings, Scheuerman apologized.

"I'm sorry for the blanket statement, but I still wonder why I was not chosen," she said. "Now I know I like to talk, and some of you don't like that, but I was very interested in helping out, and now I'm very disappointed."

Gene Westemeier, board president, said he was sorry Scheuerman did not make the cut.

"I'd love to have you there. We had a lot of interest in this thing, and I wish we could have a spot for everyone," Westemeier said. "But we really wanted to keep the size of this committee limited. You know, when you put too many people on a committee like this, nothing gets done."

Another resident who was not chosen for the committee was Noel Kasper, who last week

requested permission to petition for the removal of two-thirds of the board.

"I'm not surprised you didn't pick me, but I am dismayed," Kasper said. "I know you don't want me on there. You want people who are going to vote with you. That's the way this board works, and that's the way they will always work as long as they are the board."

Director Tom Loegering, chairman of RCSC's long range planning committee, invited Kasper to join.

"Every board meeting, I say when the next long range meeting will be, and I ask people to come. I never see you there," Loegering said. "This committee is tasked with addressing the issues facing Sun City not only now, but in years to come. I would love to have you there, Noel. I know you have lots of ideas for what we should be doing. Bring your ideas and bring solutions."

Kasper said he would attend the Feb. 16 meeting.

The quorum issue is one that has been discussed for several months.

Until recently, quarterly and annual membership meetings required only 100 people to establish a quorum. The board had planned to increase that number to 10 percent of eligible voters, of which there are nearly 36,000. Public outcry convinced the board to scrap the plan, but they still need a solution.

Meantime, specific reference to a quorum requirement has been removed from the rule book, which means the requirement reverts to county standards, or 10 percent of the membership.

As for the ad-hoc committee, Bishop said it will get started soon.

"We have no date in place yet. We wanted to ask everyone for a couple of dates that would work for them," he said. "As soon as we have a meeting time, we will publish it."

Scheuerman asked if the public could attend the meetings, even though they would not be afforded a chance to speak.

"It's always been that way," Bishop said. "Yes, the public can attend."

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