

In his August 19, 2008, letter in The Daily News-Sun, Recreation Centers of Sun City (RCSC) board member Don Schordje falsely accused me of committing "acts that violate members' rights to meet peaceably and vote without harassment." It never happened. The following chronicles my ongoing RCSC ordeal:

November 2003: Golfer/golf course property owner Al Ogle anonymously emailed the board about golf course superintendent Jon Snyder's incompetence. When Ogle's identity was uncovered, allegedly board member Jim Frederick and Snyder angrily pulled Ogle off his golf game to confront him. Ogle invited The Sun City Formula Registry (SCFR) to watch his "disciplinary hearing" (we advocate for free speech). As the SCFR group arrived to watch, board members Norm Dickson and Jim Kuchler were shouting at Ogle who was requesting an open hearing. Exposing my tape recorder stopped the ruckus.

Despite SCFR's fervent pleas on Ogle's behalf, Kuchler and Dickson refused admittance to Ogle's witnesses, his court reporter and SCFR. Ogle left. The meeting never happened. Contrary to Schordje's August 19th tale, I never saw a policeman. If one were called, it was a waste of taxpayer money and misuse of process. When Ogle got expelled from golf for a year, he moved out of Sun City.

Pressured by SCFR's relentless oversight, the board decided to use the incident to their advantage. At a closed meeting, they expelled me from meetings for three months. To justify their action, "Kangaroo Court" Board Policy #29 was created.

During my absence, SCFR members attended meetings instead. When I resumed attendance, Dickson gaveled me whenever I uttered the words, "The Sun City Formula Registry" or "The Anne Report".

November 2005: During early voting, SCFR successfully and peacefully campaigned to defeat Jim Kuchler's re-election. (However, newly-elected President Schordje defied the voters by appointing him assistant Treasurer in 2006, anyway!)

First thing on the first day of early voting, Dickson (target of an SCFR recall campaign at that time) ordered me to remove our election signs. He said the signs represented a "lie" when they claimed no Maricopa County personnel were inside the Sundial polling place. Without argument, we immediately complied.

We did go inside to verify and found that our signs were correct, but we left the signs down, anyway, to avoid trouble.

While inside, I inquired if the secretary in charge was applying board policy, bylaw, or state statute, or using her own judgment in denying our exit polling request.

She said, "Anne, all you care about is whether something is legal or not."

Incredulously, I responded, "Don't you?" And she was running an election!

Shouting erupted behind me. Suddenly, an unidentified woman physically attacked me. (She turned out to be an RCSC employee.) I exited the polling place immediately and complained to Kuchler about the assault.

We resumed campaigning that day and the next, unhindered. I continued using the facilities and attending board meetings, as usual.

Late January 2006: SCFR delivered 1,141 Dickson recall signatures according to the Planned Communities Act. Newly elected President Schordje (Dickson's protégé) ignored them. Within days, a

hearing convened regarding the employee's assault on me, which defied the "Five-Star Customer Service" training. Contrary to Schordje's August 19th tale, I attended (along with witnesses that exonerated me) testifying I did not disrupt voters in the polling place (I would never do that!). Afterward, I continued attending board meetings and using the facilities normally.

April 2006: With our ceaseless public outcry that the RCSC broke the law when they ignored our recall petitions, President Schordje (alluding to the Ogle and polling place incidents) expelled me from meetings for one year and facility usage for six months, while offering a threatening and intimidating warning that a third offense would mean *permanent* expulsion. An additional 6-month probationary period was also tacked on before I could again be a "member in good standing."

Although I pay my facility assessments, I fear using them and risk availing these unabashed liars the opportunity to frame me a third time. Permanent expulsion means no voting, petition signing (or circulating) and litigation standing. SCFR attends meetings for The Anne Report.

It would not behoove me to break rules. However, the board has the upper hand in a system that requires expensive litigation in Superior Court to get justice. "Unpaid volunteer" board bullies know they can get away with making false charges that profit themselves. By expelling me, they discredit the recall petitions and intimidate other "complainers" into fearful silence.

The result is unbridled board power to spend and assess. Note the \$20 million Fairway Project without a membership vote and their proliferation of an unequal \$2,500 buy-in assessment at time of deed transfer, as just two blatant examples.

See <http://www.annereport.com> for our Golf Operations Report. Ironically, it appears Ogle was right about Snyder's incompetence.

The truth is members need protection from the RCSC "Bully" pulpit. SCFR is endeavoring to get it.

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The Sun City Formula Registry and RCSC "Member in good standing"