

## RCSC board will review performers' plan

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When Recreation Centers of Sun City board member Bill Pearson read about the performing groups' plan to get around a newly revised guest fee policy, he said he blanched but was not entirely surprised.

"This is exactly what we should have expected," he said.

Pearson was the only member of the board of directors who voted against the revision of Board Policy 12, the most controversial change, which removed a special exemption to the \$2 guest fee for certain clubs. He said he voted not because he did not want the change but because he did not like the way the board had gone about making it.

"I think we were on the right track," he said. "But when there is conflict between people, between groups, between organizations, it is best to sit down and have a discussion. We haven't done that, and that is disturbing to me."

Feeling the policy change would adversely affect their clubs, the performing groups came up with an idea to get around the policy change — designate their outside members as independent contractors and sign them to \$1 annual contracts.

Pearson said he does not know if the outcome would have been any different had the board sat down with the leadership of the performing groups, but he believes the decision would have been more informed as a result, and perhaps more acceptable to the groups if they truly felt their opinions were considered.

"Last year, we had a board that did not think those discussions were necessary," Pearson said. "I hope this year's board feels differently."

When asked how the board of directors might respond to the performing groups' end-run, Pearson said he cannot speak for the board as a whole, but he did say he is not looking forward to how the situation plays out.

"Now we're in an even more awkward position," he said. "Because now they are doing this, which means we have to do that. They've come up with what they think is a solution, and we should have expected it."

Jane Brambilla, director of the Sun City Choraliers, said at her group's rehearsal Monday, members are supporting the other performing clubs.

"We have only two members who are not Sun City residents so the new policy is manageable for us," she said. "But we stand with the other groups because for some of them, this change is devastating."

The RCSC's board of directors will next meet for a director-member exchange at 9 a.m. Monday at

Lakeview Social Hall No. 3.

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