

MINUTES  
SUN CITY WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB  
March 1, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Bob Randle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at The Church on the Green, Sun City West, Arizona. Marjorie Favia gave the Invocation. President Randle led the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America followed by Janie Randle leading the singing of God Bless America.

**WELCOME VISITORS:** Daniel Bentley, Terry Burks, John Caldwell, G. Duhavsa, John Goodbar, Lou Grossi, Robert & Peggy Jacobs, Mike Kapic, Jeanne & Paul Lisak, Lou Mancuso, Tom & Deborah Pibrez and Barbara Wyllie. There were 104 members, 15 guests and three speakers present: a total number of 122.

President Randle commented on the 300 items DOGE has found and how fast President Trump is working on many projects. He reported that longtime members, Bill & Jackie Davis, have been at the Visitor Sign in table but they are retiring and we need volunteers to be at that table each month. Please contact Fran Church if you would be interested. He encouraged members to contact our Senators and Representatives to give them your input on bills/issues being discussed. Phone numbers are: Senators 202-224-3121 and Representatives 202-225-3121.

Vice President Linda Barnes reviewed the hand-out sheet on the tables regarding the upcoming Sun City West Governing Board Elections. Key dates are: March 17 Deadline to register to vote online; March 20-March 27 online voting and March 31 is in-person voting. Take the handouts home and share with friends and neighbors. Ms. Barnes reminded everyone that elections for new officers are in October. The Nominating Committee is working now on candidates. Bob Randle and Linda Barnes are not eligible to run again. If anyone is interested in running, they should contact the Nominating Committee at [scwrcnc@gmail.com](mailto:scwrcnc@gmail.com).



Lou Mancuso spoke briefly to remind all in attendance that Terry Burks, Dennis Hanzel, Lou Mancuso and John Schalk are Republicans running for the Sun City West Governing Board. They want to:

1. Strive to reduce/eliminate increases in dues & asset preservation fees,
2. Spend association funds as we would our own money,
3. Listen to residents & charter club members; enact rules, regulations and procedures that help them achieve their needs and goals
4. Work to effectively manage association reserve fund for capital expenditures,
5. Promote transparency of the Board/Management,
6. Partner with management in dealing with efficiency issues.

There are two forums with all 10 candidates present: one on March 5 from 9-12 in the Lecture Hall and another on March 18 from 6-8 pm in the Palm Ridge Summit Hall A.

Linda Barnes introduced Anthony Kern, Member at Large for the AZGOP for Congressional District #8. He encouraged members to follow Freedom Caucus members of the Arizona Legislature as they are working on election integrity. He personally would like to see Andy Biggs run for Governor. Kern's personal contact information is [antkern@hotmail.com](mailto:antkern@hotmail.com) and his cell is 623-326-0578. His time was short today as he had to be in Chandler at 11:00 for an AZGOP meeting,



A member of the Nominating Committee asked Linda Barnes to explain the duties of the Club Vice President. Ms. Barnes said she oversees arranging programming for each meeting. She makes multiple contacts to get people who can schedule time to be at our meetings. She also prepares the PowerPoint for each meeting. She attends other area Republican Club meetings.

Jan Schank, from the Sun City Grand Republican Club, invited everyone to attend their next regular meeting at The Church on the Green on Saturday, March 15. Doors open at 8:30 and the program starts at 9:30. Dick Tolliver with the Tuskegee Airman will be their speaker. There is a Netflix movie "The Six Triple Eight" which is currently showing about African American women serving in Europe during the war.

Linda Barnes introduced Mike Kapic who is active with a group working on a National effort for the states to take back control of the Federal Government. They have filed a Declarative lawsuit against Congress for not calling a Convention of States. They are also in support of term limits. He said Congress is our weakest link and the Supreme Court is the strongest. Their website is [huntforliberty.com](http://huntforliberty.com) to find out more information.

Linda Barnes introduced Jason Heap, Maricopa County Recorder. He thanked everyone for their support. He said he had been concerned about career bureaucrats in the department but actually there was an absence of leadership. There had been no staff meetings since 2021 and the HR Manager had never spoken to Stephen Richer. There are three divisions in the department. He has found the Directors to be thrilled to have a communicating manager.



Their first major project has been the cleansing of the voter rolls. A contact letter was sent to each inactive voter. If the mail was returned undeliverable and the voter had not voted in successive elections, they were dropped as registered voters; 242,000 which is 8% of the voting population.

Heap said a larger project is the IT system. It is 20 years old, was built in-house and has not regularly been updated. It is not able to access other databases to check information. The signature verification on early mail in ballots is a concern. The reason observers cannot be close to see the ballots is that other private information is displayed. Verifiers are given 800 ballots to check signatures and then they double-check their own work. To check a signature, copy of last signature is displayed; and if they want to look at older signatures, they need to scroll down. He is working on software that would show no private information on the verification screen and all older signatures would be displayed together. These signature verifiers don't see the voter affiliation unless they scroll down to the Voter ID card.

Normally the Board of Supervisors and the Recorder work together. After the last election, the Board rewrote the "SSR working agreement" and had Stephen Richer sign the new agreement. They have moved his IT budget to the Board of Supervisors' budget. Heap is trying to negotiate the same separation of power between the Board and the Recorder like the older agreements were. So far, the Board representative has been unresponsive. A meeting is set for March 4 with Tom Galvin (Board representative) and Heap and attorneys for both have been retained. He will file suit in 30 days to make sure it gets resolved so Maricopa County is able to work more efficiently in election results. The biggest time delay is all the mail in ballots that are turned in on election day as they all must go through signature verification to be tallied. If a date prior to

election day was designated for final return of early voting ballots or they would vote a regular ballot at the polls, results would be done timely.

Question: Problems with Drop Boxes? In 2020, there were many unmonitored drop boxes on street corners. This past election there was just an outdoor drop box in Mesa and Phoenix. There were drop boxes inside early voting locations.

Question: Is Tom Galvin a Democrat? He is a Republican.. He is the only remaining member from the old Board and is holding up what the previous Board did.

Question: Is it wrong for the old Board to change this Agreement with the old Recorder? Heap is requesting they go back to the old agreement and he will sign the agreement. It needs to define the election responsibilities given to the Board of Supervisors and those given to the Recorder.

Question: Why do both you and the Supervisors have outside counsel pertaining to the agreement? It would be a conflict for the Maricopa County Attorney to represent one of the parties.

Question: Can you re-register when your signature no longer looks like your original signature? Yes. It will be identified as updated on the records

Question: When PC's do home visits and find out the Republican no longer lives there, how do you work with the Recorder's office to let them know? You can send a 90-day Status Request, you could become a Deputy Register and ask the current resident to fill out a change form or you can call the Recorder office.

Question: How do you determine if people dropping off ballots for others is a representative, relative or caregiver? This needs to be clarified by law. Currently voter workers cannot ask for that information. Law needs to be changed so everyone provides Voter ID when dropping off ballots.

Question: Why is the tabulator only used on election day? State law says don't count early – they can verify signatures early.

Question: Why don't we just vote on election day? Our citizens are used to early voting so they would have to be convinced.

Question: Did Debbie Lesko say Justin Heap is confused about the SSA? Tom Galvin is controlling the information the new Board members are receiving.

Question: What questions should be asked for clearer understanding of the SSA situation? Be very specific with questions as half answers are being given the Board. Ask if there has been an actual meeting between Justin Heap and the Board on the SSA? Ask if they are going to return his IT staff.

Are the mortuaries reporting deaths to the County? By law, they are to report to the Vital Statistics office. Then Vital Statistics are to report to the Secretary of State and they are to pass the information to the Recorder's Office

Has Arizona looked at the Florida election model? Florida ends drop off ballots four days prior to election. Governor Hobbs will not sign bills that would change this policy.

Linda Barnes reported Debbie Lesko, David Livingston, Beverly Pingerelli and the PORA President will be the speakers at the April meeting.

There were two winners of \$59.00 from the 50/50 drawing.

Being no further business, President Randle adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Loper  
Recording Secretary