

Cascades Residents Association, Inc.

Master Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Clubhouse-Ballroom, January 9, 2020
6601 Cascades Isle Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Board Members Present: Dennis Deutsch, Ira Rubel, Burt Dukoff, Teri Schoen, Gail Swartz, Trudy Lubitz, Stan Smolkin, Julian Melmed, Morris Stoler

Board Members Absent: None

Also, Present: Jeffrey Gross, General Manager, Robert Waples, Property Manager, Orchid Banks, Clubhouse Coordinator, representing Castle Management

Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Dennis Deutsch, President of the Board of Directors. A Quorum of Directors was established.

Reading and Disposal of Prior Meeting Minutes: The Minutes were presented to the Board for the November 14, 2019 meeting. Morris Stoler made a motion to dispense with the reading and accept as printed and Stan Smolkin seconded. The Board unanimously agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Burt Dukoff reported that as of the end of November we are under Budget by \$4,400. We are in good financial shape.

Manager's Report: Robert Waples reported that the alligator trapper is in process of catching a 6-foot and a 4-foot alligator so please don't walk near the lakes. Jeffrey Gross reported that the roof project has begun and going well. The tennis bathroom update is that the drain system has been connected, the foundation has been dug, and they are in the process of digging for the electrical work to be done.

Future of the Forum: Dennis Deutsch asked that everyone join in giving thanks to Gail Swartz for all the years of service she has given to the Cascades. She will not be remaining on the Master Board since she is moving away from the Community. She has agreed to continue to administer to do the forum, until we can have some volunteers to form an Ad Hoc Committee to work on options to continue without her help. Teri suggested maybe to look to our membership who are computer savvy that can take over. Anyone that is interested may contact Jeffrey or Robert.

Codification of Rule on Use of Arts & Crafts: Dennis Deutsch said that at the last meeting a rule was adopted without the specific language and will need to be filed with the County. He asked that Carolyn Heilweil read the proposed rule Section 3 Clubhouse as Sub-section 3.5 Arts & Crafts Room: **"Arts-and-crafts-related activities and any other events which have been approved by the Clubhouse Coordinator shall take**

precedence over any other use of the Arts & Crafts Room. Even if available, no card playing will be permitted in that room before 1:00 p.m. on any day, and with no more than twenty-five percent 25% of non-residents participating.” Julian Melmed made a motion to approve and Stan Smolkin seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Further Consideration of Lake Remediation: The discussion continued regarding the erosion of the lakes and possibly needing to be shored up, and to put in boulders and add more littorals to help filter the water. Lakes & Wetland have already given a proposal of \$44,516 to do the job. Stan Smolkin felt that in order to stop the erosion there would need to be more littorals planted to stop further erosion and would be cost effective. Ira Rubel said that he agrees that needs to be done, but safety is what is more important, and he feels that there must be an overall integrated plan with maps designating exactly where everything will go. It is not safe and very dangerous for the Clean and Green workers to be near the edge of the lakes with the erosion. Jeffrey suggested having a meeting together with Clean & Green and Lakes & Wetland to discuss the combined problem. Julian Melmed made a motion to table another 2 months with the understanding there will be a comprehensive report resolving the differences of opinions. Ira Rubel seconded, the Board agreed, and Stan Smolkin opposed. Dennis asked if Stan would work with Ira together with Jeffrey. Stan agreed that he would.

Consideration of Raising Ticket Prices on Certain (More Expensive) Shows: Susan Stember and Carin Cohen of the Social Committee requested the Board to charge an increase in price from \$25 to \$30 for 1 or more shows in 2021 to allow for more expensive entertainers. Dennis Deutsch made a motion to allow the increase up to 2 shows in 2021. Teri Schoen seconded, the Board agreed, and Trudy Lubitz opposed. Dennis also had no objections to renting additional chairs for the show so we would not have to use the folding chairs. Susan also suggested that the shows be reduced to only 1 show a month during the season instead of 2 shows. Dennis said that it would be put on the agenda to be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Request of COPS for CRA to pay for Coffee and cake at monthly Meeting: Ben Feinsod requested the Board and the Community to agree to allow the COP Program \$500 a year to buy coffee and donuts for their monthly meetings. Julian Melmed made a motion to agree to \$500 a year for the COPS and Stan Smolkin seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Engagement of Engineer to Oversea Road Improvement Program: Jeffrey Gross reported that Bardez Engineering has given a contract of \$12,000 to oversee the work done on the roads by the contractor. They will be here to be sure they are following the required guidelines. The charge is \$3,000 for 5 to 15 hours a week for 4 weeks. They will be here only when the work is being done. There will also be \$150 car allowance. Gail Swartz made a motion to approve the retention of the job subject to a valid signed contract. Julian seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Good & Welfare: Susan Isaacson requested from the Board that Michael Isaacson could get together one night a month in the Media Room with other residents that would like to form a comedy club that can get together to tell jokes and laughs. Dennis mentioned to go ahead and see what kind of interest the community has in doing it and then it can be

put on the Agenda to be approved with formal recognition and must take part of the Calendar planning. She also asked that the Movie Committee be able to plan an Italian Movie Film Festival to take place 4 Sundays in July. Julian Melmed approved the request subject to Ballroom availability. Trudy seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Teri Schoen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Morris Stoler seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Orchid Banks, Clubhouse Coordinator, for
Castle Management, LLC

Approved:



Teri Schoen, Secretary
The Cascades Residents' Association Inc.