## **Cascades Residents Association, Inc.**

## Master Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Clubhouse-Ballroom, August 9, 2018 6601 Cascades Isle Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Board Members Present: Dennis Deutsch, Ira Rubel, Burt Dukoff, Marvin Grode,

Julian Melmed, Teri Schoen, Stan Smolkin, Gail Swartz,

Morris Stoler

**Board Members Absent:** None

Also, Present: Jeffrey Gross, General Manager, Robert Waples, Property Manager,

Orchid Banks, Clubhouse Coordinator

**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 June 14, 2018 Meeting. Burt Dukoff moved to dispense with the reading and accept as printed and Marvin Grode seconded. The Board unanimously agreed.

Elaine Schildkraut and Freda Golden representing the Woman's Club made a proposal to the Board to contribute table covers for card rooms 1 and 2. Teri Schoen made a motion to accept their generosity as long as the Refurbishment Committee would be making the choice of color. Gail Swartz seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed. They also said that they would like to purchase small 15-inch service tables to go in both card rooms that could hold purses, water bottles, and decks of cards. Dennis Deutsch requested that they get with the Refurbishment Committee to show pictures to select how they would look and be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Burt Dukoff reported that there is an increase in our surplus amounting to \$94,000 which includes an under budget of \$74,000 and unbudgeted net income of \$20,000. The main over budget expense items were Cable Tv \$6,600, telephone and internet \$7,000, landscape replacement \$6,900, irrigation water \$7,000 and sprinkler repairs \$\$4,400. Unbudgeted net income consisted of Entertainment \$12,000. The Reserve Fund balance is up to \$694,000 and excess operating fund balance is \$146,000.

**Manager's Report:** Jeffrey Gross reported that the new light post has been put up and all of them will be painted. The new poker table top will be put on sometime next week. The leaks on the Café patio roof have been sealed and repaired. The staff completed a major clean up while the Café was closed. Jeffrey mentioned that 2 of the air conditioning units broke down and had to be replaced. Since these units are 20 years

old he is getting bids to have the rest of them also replaced. This will be on the Agenda at the next meeting.

Discussion of County's Proposed Change in Garbage Services and Call for Resolution in Opposition: Teri Schoen made a motion to approve and to send out the letter that President Dennis Deutsch wrote to the County Commissioners opposing once a week trash collection. Ira Rubel seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

**Update on Turkey Vultures:** Robert Waples met with South Florida Water District and the Biologist and has gotten the green light to start the clean-up of the dead trees that need to go.

**Pickleball:** After a discussion on bringing pickleball to the Cascades whether to build a free-standing concrete poured process costing in the range of \$40,000 to \$50,000 or to convert one of the tennis courts into 4 pickleball courts costing approximately \$3,200. Julian Melmed suggested doing the least expensive method and see how much participation there is. Teri Schoen made a motion to approve the 4 pickleball stamped down courts with roll away nets. Julian seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed. There was further discussion regarding which court would be best to have the pickleball courts with the least effect of sound on homes nearby. Julian Melmed made a motion to use court 4. Teri Schoen seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed. The timing of when pickleball be will open to play will be on the Agenda at the next meeting. Julian asked that the Tennis Committee give their input as to when Tournaments are going on.

Proposal to Prohibit Red Wine and Smoothies in the Clubhouse and Fitness Center (Carried from Prior Meeting): Teri Schoen reported that Management did a test and it was determined that red wine spilled on the carpet could be cleaned up, so it would be ok to serve red wine at events.

**Pillows for the Card Rooms:** Teri Schoen made a motion to purchase 61 additional pillows with the same grey color and fabric of the pillows that we already have in the card rooms in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. Ira Rubel seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Choice of Tiles for New Roof for Leaking Guard House (Curved vs Flat Tiles and Color): Jeffrey and Robert showed the Board sample curved and flat tiles to replace the Guard House roof that has extensive leaks. Dennis Deutsch expressed that he approves the curved tile and opposes the flat tile as to maintaining uniformity in the Community. Julian Melmed made a motion to use the curved tile. Morris Stoler seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

**Placement of Ping Pong Table:** Susan Isaacson and Lyn Cohen representing a group of residents that have been enjoying playing ping pong have given several suggestions on where the new ping pong table could be placed. Their suggestions consisted of the back of the Ballroom, the Billiard Room, the Fitness Center, the Arts & Crafts Room and the pool gazebo. After a discussion it was resolved that the pool gazebo would have the least interference. Julian Melmed made a motion to have the table put there with the understanding that the players would be responsible to cover the table after playing. Teri Schoen seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Burt Dukoff motioned to adjourn the meeting, Stan Smolkin seconded the motion and the board unanimously agreed. Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Orchid Banks, Clubhouse Coordinator, for Castle Management, LLC Approved:
Teri Schoen, Secretary The Cascades Residents' Association, Inc.