

Cascades Residents Association, Inc.

Master Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Clubhouse-Ballroom, August 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
6601 Cascades Isle Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Board Members Present: Dennis Deutsch, Ira Rubel, Burt Dukoff, Teri Schoen, Stan Smolkin, Gail Swartz, Morris Stoler via skype, and Marvin Grode.

Board Members Absent: Julian Melmed

Also Present: Robert Waples, Property Manager, and Nadina Owens, Administrative Assistant representing Castle Management

Guests: None

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 July 13, 2017 meeting. Teri Schoen moved to dispense with the reading and accept as printed and Stan Smolkin seconded. The Board unanimously agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Burt Dukoff outlined that for the six months ending June 30th our total net income amounted to \$124,146. Now, for the month of July we increased the surplus by another \$17,150 bringing the total surplus up to \$141,296. The main budget expense items that were under budget consisted of general and administrative expenses \$1,160, grounds maintenance \$14,586, recreation \$856 and Café expenses \$1,188.

Also, during July, unbudgeted items increased the surplus by \$5,544. Over the next two months, the Budget and Finance Committee along with Jeff Gross will be calculating a budget estimate for 2018. Jeff will also be working with the four villages on their 2018 budget.

Manager's Report: Jeffrey Gross reported that the pool tables in the Billiards room have been resurfaced and has new bumpers. In addition, the front gate has a new bar code reader computer and printer. Lastly, Robert Waples thanked all the residents for all their well wishes on his recovery from foot surgery.

Reservation of West Wing by a resident for a year (one day per week, etc.): Dennis Deutsch reported that the master board received a call from Mario with a request that an individual resident wanted to reserve the west wing for one day per week, for one year. The message was misconstrued as The Aqua Stretch and Tone group only needs the west wing the first Tuesday of every month. Jack Hanan, Chairman of the Café Committee, will present Mario with this information.

Removal and Replacement of Coconut Trees in Wedgewood: Dennis Deutsch announced that we were given estimates to have 13 coconut trees on master property around the lake in Wedgewood cut down and replaced. Jeffrey Gross reported that we obtained three bids from Zimmerman’s Tree Service, Kelly’s Tree Service, and Clean & Green. Kelly’s Tree Service gave an estimate of \$2,200 to trim once a year. In like manner, to remove and stump grind the 13 coconut trees, it would be \$5,500. In addition to the removal, the replacement would be around \$4,000.

Zimmerman’s Tree Service gave an estimate of \$2,185 to trim and \$5,500 to removal the coconut trees. All in all, the best bid that we received was \$8,800 to remove and replace the coconut palms with single foxtails.

In the final analysis, the board decided to wait until the next meeting in September to find and determine the type of tree that will replace the 13 coconut palms. A motion was made by Dennis Deutsch to have Clean & Green remove the 13 coconut palm trees. Stan Smolkin seconded the motion, Burt Dukoff, Teri Schoen, Gail Swartz, Morris Stoler, and Marvin Grode agreed with Ira Rubel opposing.

Marvin Grode motioned to adjourn the meeting, Teri Schoen seconded the motion and the board unanimously agreed. Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nadina Owens, Administrative Assistant for
Castle Management, LLC

Approved:

_____Teri Schoen, Secretary
The Cascades Residents’ Association, Inc.