

Cascades Residents Association, Inc.

Master Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Clubhouse-Ballroom, February 9, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
6601 Cascades Isle Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Board Members Present: Dennis Deutsch, Burt Dukoff, Marvin Grode, Ben Feinsod, Gail Swartz, Teri Schoen, Julian Melmed, Ira Rubel, Stan Smolkin

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Robert Waples, Property Manager, Jeffrey Gross, Property Manager and 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 January 12, 2016 Meeting. Teri Schoen moved to dispense with the reading and accept as printed and Burt Dukoff seconded. The Board unanimously agreed.

Landscape Report: Marlene Coleman reported that the holiday lights will be coming down on February 15th. Robert and Marlene went to Tropical Nursery to order new plants for the pots. The potato and sweet potato plants were chosen to put in the pots.

A presentation was given by Bill Shaw from the University of Florida last week regarding the Mosaic Virus. There is no known cure for this virus at this time. Clean and Green follows preventive matters in cleaning their equipment twice a day. It seems as if Palmetto grass and Bitter Blue grass are resisting the virus, but we will wait to see how they are doing in other communities before purchasing either one.

Manager's Report: Robert Waples reported that Lakes & Wetland has come up with a new solution for the lake erosion. They are going to put in 50 feet of shoreline of the lake at the entrance of Laliue. They will dredge dirt from the bottom of the lake and create a safer slope. They will be checking to see how it does over the next few months. This they will do free of charge

There will be a PBSO seminar regarding personal safety Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 pm.

Comcast: Dennis Deutsch mentioned that we are still waiting for the signed contract to be returned from Comcast, but this will not delay the process and things are moving forward.

Update on Refurbishment: Julian Melmed reported that the Fitness Center County inspection was approved. The molding has been completed. The equipment in the central part of the gym has been re-installed. The new weight training equipment has been delayed - probably until February 20th. Regarding the Clubhouse, the painting has been completed and the wall papering is 90% complete.

Sale of Grand Piano and Acquisition of Electronic Piano: There was a discussion regarding replacing the baby grand piano with a Yamaha Clavinova Digital Piano. Steve Wilansky gave a presentation with specs of the clavinova piano. The proposal price of this piano is approximately \$9000. Steve said he has commitments from the Choraliers to donate \$1000 and \$1500 from the CTC to purchase the Clavinova. There was a question of whether the baby grand was worth retaining and suggested that a “disinterested person make an evaluation of the piano. Also to find out the cost of removing it and returning it back to the stage and the cost to tune it before shows. There was a lot of opposition to keep the baby grand. Stan Smolkin made a motion to table and discuss this further before the next Board Meeting. Gail Swartz asked that the sale of the baby grand not be a part of the decision to acquire the new piano. Marvin Grode seconded the motion to table it and the Board unanimously agreed.

Tennis Club Resolution: Linda Garfunkel requested to have a meeting with the Board to come up with a good place to display the tennis trophies. Julian Melmed agreed that it would be a good idea to have the meeting.

There was a discussion with Linda Garfunkel, President of the Tennis Club and Steve Rose and Michael Robinson. The Tennis Club made a request that it be necessary to be a member of the Club to play on a league or team. The Tennis Club has a \$15 a year membership dues. This provides the balls, water and soda for the leagues games. There was a unanimous agreement from the Board saying that it is up to the Club to make there own rules.

Community Garage Sale: Jill Elwell made a request from the Board to have a Community Garage Sale, open to the Cascader residents only, no outsiders. They would form a Committee from each Village and get Village Board approval. Have a map of the houses that are participating, and have this event only once a year. Part of the proceeds would go to the 4 charities. The Board voted unanimously to table this and discuss further at the next meeting.

Document Review Committee: Gail Swartz asked the Board to approve a motion to recognize an ad hoc committee for the purpose of reviewing the documents of the four villages at the Cascades and Master Association. The primary purpose of the review will be to ensure consistency in our five sets of documents. But the review also could present an opportunity to bring the Cascades documents into conformity with new legislation, to remove provisions that are no longer applicable – including references to the Developer – and to clarify ambiguous provisions, as may be needed. It would not be the intent of the committee, however, to re-write the documents in their entirety. Gail explained that Dennis Rice, representing the Presidents’ Council, had called a meeting inviting two representatives from each village and the presidents, which evolved into the group’s interest in formalizing its activities by recognition as a CRA ad hoc committee. Teri Schoen seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Locks on Satellite Pool Restrooms: There was a request from a resident asking to not lock the restrooms at the satellite pool, the point being that if you need a key to unlock the gate to enter, it is not necessary to also lock the restroom doors. The Board decided that no change was to be made at this time for purposes of security, and no action was taken.

Consideration of purchase of recording device for overhead camera: There was a short discussion, but the suggestion was withdrawn by Ira Rubel without prejudice.

Teri Schoen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Stan Smolkin seconded the motion and the board unanimously agreed. 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.