

Cascades Residents Association, Inc.
November 12, 2020
Master Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Minutes

Present: Dennis Deutsch, Ira Rubel, Burt Dukoff, Teri Schoen, Trudy Lubitz, Stan Smolkin, Julian Melmed, Morris Stoler, Ben Feinsod

Also Present via Zoom: Jeffrey Gross, GM, Robert Waples, PM, Orchid Banks, CC, Susie Hansen, RD, representing Castle Management.

Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum: The Board met via Zoom including about 100 residents on October 12, 2020. Dennis Deutsch, President called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 pm, a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: Stan Smolkin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2020 as written, Morris Stoler seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Burt Dukoff reported that for the 10 months ended October 31, 2020 the surplus was 90,986 and the total surplus which includes prior years was 879,451. High Over budget items were Landscape and Sod Replacement for 40,000 which was done on Jog Road. Our bank balances included Cafe for 78,000, Entertainment for 100,000, Operating Bank account for \$481,000 and Excess Operating bank balance of \$323,000.

Manager's Report: Jeffrey Gross reported that the new barcode system is up and running. The Holiday lighting will be turned on Sunday. We have had some issues with the heaters but are fine now.

Request of Cascades Fitness Social Club to Sponsor a Drop Off Food Drive on December 1st from 8:30AM until 12:30 PM for the Palm Beach County Food Bank: Ann Deutsch representing the Fitness Social Club made a request to sponsor a food drive and mentioned that this will be open for Cascades residents only. They would simply drive around the circular drive in front of the lobby pop open their trucks of their cars and volunteers would remove the nonperishable food and/or paper products, cleaning supplies, etc. A flyer would be made with the criteria and put on our website. Trudy Lubitz motioned to allow the food drive and Morris Stoler seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Status and Consideration of Computerized Reservation System for

Swimming: Les Waltman reported that we would be able to have access to the Acuity Scheduling System which is an online computerized system for making reservations for our pools, pickleball, and ping-pong through our new website or any smart device. There will be a \$597 startup fee including training and a monthly charge of \$25. Dennis Deutsch thanked Les and his team and said he really appreciated their hard work on this project. Julian Melmed made a motion to acquire the Acuity Scheduling System and to have it set-up for all programs available. Ira Rubel seconded, and the Board agreed, and Teri Schoen opposed.

Consideration of Three-Year Revised Contract with Castle

Management: Morris Stoler made a motion to accept the revised contract with Castle for 3 years. Teri Schoen seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Ratification of Poll Vote of the Board Appointing Lois Hanan and Allen

Cohen to the Grievance Committee: Stan Smolkin made a motion to appoint Lois Hanan, seconded by Ben Feinsod and the Board unanimously agreed. Teri Schoen made a motion to appoint Allen Cohen, seconded by Stan Smolkin and the Board unanimously agreed.

Status of New Website and Forum:

Ira Rubel made a motion to launch ourcascades.com sometime next week through South Florida Web Advisors. Dennis Deutsch seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed. Mel Heilweil will be describing instructions on the Forum.

Reconsideration of Littorals Due to Additional Costs:

Jeffrey Gross said that the Board has already approved putting in the littorals but there is an additional cost of \$510 because they must walk into the lakes and hand spray. Jeff was able to negotiate the contract down from \$44,00 to \$40,000, with a total cost of \$1,700 for one year. Stan Smolkin made a motion to accept the increase and Ira Rubel seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Approval of Ex Post Facto of Fifth Amendment to the By-Laws Dealing with Electronic Transmissions to 2009:

Dennis Deutsch made a motion to approve, Teri Schoen seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Request to Have Ping-Pong Hours Extended to include 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM Weekdays: Teri Schoen motioned to extend the time for ping-pong, Ben Feinsod seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Pickleball and Tennis: Julian made a motion that Pickleball players rule be the same as the Tennis Rule that players may enter the facility ½ hour before their scheduled start time if the court is not in use and subject to management capabilities. This would apply to nighttime tennis as well. Teri Schoen seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Request of Fitness to Have a Chair Yoga Class on Tuesdays and Thursdays to be taught by Katie Simpson at 8:30 AM Moving the Aqua Stretch Class to 9:45 AM at the Satellite Pool: Teri Schoen made a motion to add Katie’s yoga class, Stan Smolkin seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Consideration of Proposed ARC Form: Julian Melmed made a motion to approve the revised ARC Application, seconded by Stan Smolkin, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Ratification of Poll Vote to Amend Contract with Security Company to Provide \$2.00 hour Raise to Main Gate Guard: Ben Feinsod motioned to accept, seconded by Morris Stoler, unanimously approved by the Board.

Dennis Deutsch read the residents comments and Questions and considered them throughout the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Teri Schoen, seconded by Morris Stoler. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Submitted by:

Orchid Banks, Clubhouse Coordinator

Castle Management, LLC

Approved: _____ Teri Schoen, Secretary