

**Cascades Residents Association, Inc.**  
**September 17, 2021 at 2PM - ZOOM**  
**Master Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Dennis Deutsch, Ira Rubel, Burt Dukoff, Teri Schoen, Julian Melmed, Stan Smolkin, Steve Rothman, Lenny Kanterman

**Absent:** Morris Stoler

**Also Present:** Jeffrey Gross, General Manager, Robert Waples, Property Manager, Orchid Banks, Clubhouse Coordinator, Susie Hansen, Regional Manager representing Castle Management.

**Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum:** Dennis Deutsch, President called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 pm, a quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes of August 19, 2021:** Stan Smolkin made a motion to approve, seconded by Steve Rothman and the Board unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Burt Dukoff reported that as of the end of August we have \$1,237,000. We are under budget by \$140,000 and with adding \$21,000 from Entertainment that equals \$161,000. We are in very good shape financially.

**Managers' Report:** Jeffrey Gross reported that the water fountain has been replaced at the pickleball court and at court #5. The fan has also been replaced. Clean and Green are trimming the trees along Cascades Isle Blvd.

**Update on Consideration of Complaints about Olive Trees:** Jeffrey Gross said that there are 25 homes that have responded to the email blast regarding trees that need to be reviewed to remove. It is estimated that it would be approximately \$100,000 to remove, grind and replace the trees. Jeff will make a phone call to the County to inquiry if we are able to cut them and replace with what ratio. It was mentioned that the Arborist will need to come back out to review and give a report on the additional complaints.

**Ratification on Vote to Supplement Café from Chit Money:** Stan Smolkin made a motion to ratify the vote to supplement Café with Chit money, seconded by Steve Rothman and the Board unanimously agreed.

**Consideration of Bids and Construction of Additional Pickleball Courts and Authorization of Expenditure of an Engineer:** Steve Rothman reported that Jeffrey and Ira have met with the Engineers and have reviewed both detailed bids. Ira Rubel recommended going with Munson Design Consultants and made a motion to go with Munson at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. The Motion was seconded by Dennis Deutsch, and the Board unanimously agreed. There will be a meeting with the engineer and the contractor to go over lighting costs before the project starts.

Ira Rubel mentioned that it may take at least 2 months to prepare the specifications. Jeffrey Gross said that there is enough money in Excess Operating or Reserves to cover the costs.

**Review and Consideration of Status of Covid and Covid Rules Changes:**

**A. Possible Requirement of Showing Proof of Vaccination or Recent Negative Covid Test for Indoor Activities:**

Dennis Deutsch introduced the topic by indicating that both Broward Center for the arts and Kravis Center have adopted a policy of demanding that all patrons show proof of a negative Covid test within 72 hours of entering the building or alternatively proof of vaccination. He also indicated that although the state statute prohibits requesting proof of vaccination it appears to be silent with respect to demanding proof of a negative test. He finally indicated that he saw an opinion from our attorney as to whether or not this would be permissible for us and the attorney indicated "yes".

Lenny Kanterman made a motion that for any gatherings of groups of 20 or more using any room in the Clubhouse, Aerobic Room and Café West Wing must show proof of a negative Covid Test within the previous 72 hours or at the choice of a participant, proof of full vaccinations and photo ID. Steve Rothman seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously agreed. After a discussion the Board agreed on many more considerations involved.

It was decided that to make access to events quicker residents could by choice after showing proof of full vaccination receive a wrist band. Jeffrey will be ordering them. Lenny Kanterman added that wrist bands should not be lent to anyone and lost bands will not be replaced and no wristbands available at events.

Dennis Deutsch added that it is up to the club or organization holding the event to make certain there is compliance otherwise they will be denied access. He added that Jeffrey and Robert would be checking for compliance and if failure to abide the group would lose the right to use CRA facilities for 90 days. Dennis also mentioned that entertainers are exempt from these rules but must remain on stage.

Masks requirements remain the same for all events indoors except while dining. Before food is served and after completion of the meal masks must be put back on and all servers must wear masks throughout the event.

**B. Consideration of Permitting Kendall to Teach Group Lessons:** Julian Melmed made a motion to allow Kendall to teach group sessions limited to 4 on the court at one time. Teri Schoen seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

Lenny Kanterman made a motion that we adopt a rule for racquet sports that the same rule be required for outsiders, guests with respect to any League on the courts or organized activity. There was no second motion therefore motion fails.

**Status of Community Survey:** Lenny Kanterman reported that it has been 3 years since the last survey took place and there has been over 200 homes that have since turned over. The time has come to do an updated survey to determine the demographics and preferences of our community. This will be done electronically, and paper copies can be made available in the office. A draft has already been sent to the Board for review and will be discussed at the next meeting and be sent out to residents in November.

Dennis Deutsch read all the residents' comments and questions and considered them throughout the meeting.


A motion to adjourn was made by Teri Schoen, seconded by Steve Rothman. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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Submitted by:

Orchid Banks, Clubhouse Coordinator

Castle Management, LLC

Approved:  Teri Schoen, Secretary

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