

**Cascades Residents Association, Inc.**  
**June 9, 2022 – Ballroom**  
**6601 Cascades Isle Blvd.**  
Master Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Dennis Deutsch, Ira Rubel, Teri Schoen, Stan Smolkin

**Via Zoom:** Lenny Kanterman, Lance Cohn, Eileen Zaroff

**Absent:** Julian Melmed and Morris Stoler

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

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

Dennis Deutsch said that there was a closed session before the Board Meeting regarding payroll for the staff. The Board appreciates all the work they do and want to keep them. Therefore the Board has decided to give the staff additional bonuses at the end of each month until the end of this year to help with the rise in costs and what has been going on with the economy. The Board can decide to terminated at any time.

**Approval of Minutes:** Stan Smolkin made a motion to approve the May 12, 2022 Minutes as written, seconded by Teri Schoen, and the Board unanimously agreed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeffrey Gross reported that there is \$1,263,000 in the Operating Account, \$973,000 in Reserves, and under budget \$15,000. Cascades is in very good shape.

**Managers' Report:** Jeffrey Gross reported that the awnings at the Café, guardhouse and clubhouse have been installed. The pole lights along the boulevard have been changed to LED. The golf cart has been serviced and the guard house golf cart has new batteries.

**Recommended Rule Changes Based Upon Prior Votes of the Master Board: (Tabled from May Meeting)** Arty Freed representing the Men's Club asked that the Board resend the restriction of the number of outdoor events at the pool. Since it is safer to be outdoors most of the Clubs would like to plan more outdoor events. He is asking that there be no restrictions on the number of events at the pool. Susan Stember and Bea Berger both agreed with his request. After a discussion Lenny Kanterman made a motion to extend outdoor activities at the main pool for the Clubs and Charities to 4 weekdays per month (Monday thru Thursday) and 4 weekend days per month(Friday through Sunday) and to allow a live band to play no later than 9:00 PM and a DJ up to 10:00 PM. Lance Cohn

seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed. Dennis Deutsch mentioned that any CRA outdoor event is exempt from this rule.

**Proposed Change of Acceptable Covid Language for Show Contracts (Tabled from May Meeting):** No motion made by the Board the request dies.

**Request of Woman's Club to advertise one event a year with a board in the Clubhouse lobby (Tabled from May Meeting)** Sherry Brodie made a request that the Woman's Club be allowed to use an easel in the Clubhouse lobby to advertise a once a year event. A motion was made by Lenny Kanterman to extend the request to all the Clubs and Charities to be allowed to advertise for one week in the lobby and to be noted by Orchid, seconded by Eileen Zaroff. Ira Rubel agreed, and Dennis Deutsch, Teri Schoen, Lance Cohn, and Stan Smolkin opposed. The Motion dies. Dennis Deutsch voted down the motion pending with the exception that the Clubs and Charities may use one of the glass cases in the Clubhouse lobby hallway for one week to advertise their event. Motion seconded by Stan Smolkin and the Board unanimously agreed.

**Request of Woman's Club and Men's Club to Use Website to Accept Payments by Credit Card:** Mel Heilweil administrator of the crasite explained that the only CRA involvement would be that it is on the crasite. Phil would install STRIPE to the website enabling the credit card information to be transferred from stripe to the club's bank account. There is no credit card information stored on the website. Dennis Deutsch said that he is opposed, and he don't want to channel payments for groups through the CRA. Ira Rubel also said that he is opposed to the idea. Lenny Kanterman suggested that the groups have their own site or to use zelle or some other banking transfer. No motion was made the request dies.

**Entertainment Committee Request for Fewer Shows Due to Lack of Attendance:** Susan Stember said that the Summer shows are not getting but about 100 attendees. Residents are not supporting the shows. She suggesting to the Board to cut down on the Summer shows for 2023. Eileen Zaroff made a motion to not have Summer shows in June, July, August and September. Motion was seconded by Ira Rubel. Dennis Deutsch, Teri Schoen, Lance Cohn, Lenny Kanterman agreed, and Stan Smolkin opposed.

**Additional Sod:** Jeffrey Gross spoke with Danny from Clean and Green and Danny suggested putting in new sod from the entrance at Jog going toward the tennis courts. He said that he did not want to chance bringing the bad grass back into the community from the lawn mowers. Gold Coast Sod has given a price of \$11,220 to do the job. Dennis Deutsch made a motion to do the job, seconded by Ira Rubel and the Board unanimously approved.

**Report of Management Regarding Tree Removal Permits:** Jeffrey Gross reported that they just received further news from the County that based upon new legislation, trees on HOA properties can be removed without a permit if done by July 1<sup>st</sup>. He recommends that if the Board is going to approve taking out the trees from the 5 homes that they act now.

The cost to remove and replace the 9 trees with a hardwood tree is \$1,600 a tree total of \$14,400. Teri Schoen made a motion to remove and replace the trees at a cost not to exceed \$16,000 and to be done by July 1<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Eileen Zaroff. Ira Rubel, Stan, Smolkin, Lenny Kanterman agreed, and Dennis Deutsch and Lance Cohn opposed. Motion passed.

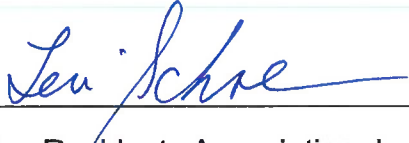
**Good & Welfare:** It was mentioned that we need more umbrellas at the main pool. Dennis Deutsch said that there will be an assessment of the umbrellas and will go on the agenda for the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Stan Smolkin, seconded by Ira Rubel. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Submitted by:

Orchid Banks, Clubhouse Coordinator

Castle Management, LLC

Approved:  Teri Schoen, Secretary

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