

Cascades Residents Association, Inc.
November 9, 2023 – Ballroom
6601 Cascades Isle Blvd.
Master Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Present: Dennis Deutsch, Ira Rubel, Julian Melmed, Teri Schoen, Eileen Zaroff, Stan Smolkin, Lance Cohn, Mark Feldman, Morris Stoler

Absent: None

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.

Approval of Minutes: Teri Schoen made a motion to approve the October 12, 2023, Minutes as written, seconded by Stan Smolkin and the Board unanimously agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Julian Melmed said that we have approximately \$900,000 in current assets in the Excess Operating account and \$900,000 in Reserves. The Capital Contribution Account has \$78,000. The pickleball court estimated cost to repair is \$37,000 and will come from the Excess Operating Account. The Cascades is in good financial shape.

Managers' Report: Jeffrey Gross reported that the tweener lights at the pickleball courts have been changed. The back gate post has been replaced. The timers have been changed. The tennis gazebos are being pressure cleaned. Some of the fans will be replaced. New flowers have been installed around the clubhouse. The new brick pavers will be installed next week by the courts where the rackets will go and where the bike rack is.

Request of Racquet Sports for Two Cameras at the Pickleball Courts (Carried from September) Lance Cohn is requesting that wireless cameras be installed at the court so residents can view the courts from their phones. There is no cost from the community, their profit is from advertising. Dennis Deutsch's concern is that it is a live broadcast that can be seen all over the world and without residents' consent there is an issue of privacy. Stan Smolkin made a motion to table so that Lance and Jeffrey can investigate the cost of putting in our own private cameras, seconded by Eileen Zaroff. Dennis Deutsch, Mark Feldman, Lance Cohn and Morris Stoler agreed. Julian Melmed, Teri Schoen, and Ira Rubel opposed. Motion passed.

Request of Racquetball Sports to Approve New Pickleball Rules: The Pickleball Committee have but together rules to be proposed for the pickleball courts. Dennis

Deutsch went over the suggested rules with the Board and residents present and after a discussion there were a few changes in wording.

Injury Protocol:

- Any player injured to any degree while playing, must cease play immediately and should be encouraged to call 911.

Court Attire:

- If a change of footwear is not available, the player must thoroughly wash and dry the soles of the shoes.

Pickleball Court Playing Protocols:

- All players participating on a team must be rated by the Director of Racquet Sports and any resident that wants to be rated can be.
- All games will be played to 11 points and won by 2 points.

League Play:

- To participate on a pickleball team players must be a member of the Pickleball Club.

Mark Feldman made a motion to adopt the rules as amended, seconded by Teri Schoen and the Board unanimously agreed.

Request of Racquet Sports to Post Sign with New Pickleball Rules: Dennis Deutsch made a motion to post the signs with the Pickleball Rules at the gazebo and entering the court, seconded by Mark Feldman and the Board unanimously agreed.

Request of Entertainment Committee for a Rule Prohibiting Any Other Shows from Taking Place in the Ballroom within One Week (before or after) a Scheduled Entertainment Show or a CTC Scheduled Show: There was a discussion regarding all the shows scheduled too close to CRA shows effecting the amount of resident's attendance. Mark Feldman proposed adopting an amended Rule 9, Event Planning to include that there not be any show, apart from the Cascades Theater Company's annual show take place within one week of any CRA Entertainment Show. Eileen Zaroff made a motion to adopt the rule as amended, seconded by Stan Smolkin and the board unanimously agreed.

Amend Rule 9, Event Planning:

*9.1 Precedence for CRA and Village-Sponsored Events. Notwithstanding any other rule, events of the CRA's Entertainment and Social Committees and Village-sponsored events shall take precedence over all other entities for scheduled use of onsite facilities. No pool parties may be scheduled within two weeks prior to or two weeks after a CRA-sponsored pool party. Any event already scheduled as of the date of the adoption of this rule shall not be affected. No show, with the exception of The Cascades Theater Company's annual show may take place within **one week** of any Entertainment Committee's scheduled show. No show may take place in the Ballroom within **one week** of the CTC show.*

Request of Entertainment Committee to Reduce the Number of Shows for 2025 to 7: Carin Cohen representing the Entertainment Committee said that there are too many shows and requests that they be reduced to 5 shows in season and 2 shows in the Summer. Stan Smolkin motion to approve to reduce the shows as requested, seconded by Teri Schoen and the Board unanimously approved.

Consideration of Revoking the Third Amendment to the Rules of the Cascades Residents Association and Replace it With the Following:

*Section B. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election the Members or their proxies may cast, with respect to each vacancy to be filled, as many voters as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration and these Bylaws. The Persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected as provided herein. **The one (1) candidate who receives the largest number of votes from each Village Association shall be elected to the Board as a director representing their Village Association(s). The five (5) remaining candidates receiving the largest number of remaining votes shall be elected as at large directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no more than three (3) directors can be elected to represent the same Village Association. Cumulative voting is not permitted.***

After a discussion by the Board and residents Mark Feldman made a motion to adopt the amended Rule, Section B Election as noted, seconded by Ira Rubel. Dennis Deutsch, Julian Melmed and Eileen Zaroff agreed. Teri Schoen, Lance Cohn, Stan Smolkin and Morris Stoler opposed. Motion passed.

Consideration of Community Referendum to Increase Capital Contribution from Current Amount of \$2,000 to Revised Amount of 4.5 times of the Master CRA's Quarterly Maintenance: Mark Feldman's proposal is to increase the Capital Contribution amount to 4.5%. This would equal \$4639 for the Master CRA's quarterly maintenance. The Village amount is excluded from the amount. Dennis Deutsch listed the amounts from neighboring communities of their Capital Contributions. He suggested an increase of \$3,200 as opposed to 4.5%. Mark Feldman made a motion to amend his proposal amount

to \$3,250 and the percentage as close to that amount as possible, seconded by Eileen Zaroff and the Board unanimously agreed.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Mark Feldman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stan Smolkin. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Orchid Banks, Clubhouse Coordinator

Castle Management, LLC

Approved: Teri Schoen Teri Schoen, Secretary

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