

Cascades Residents Association, Inc.
December 14, 2023 – Ballroom
6601 Cascades Isle Blvd.
Master Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Dennis Deutsch, Julian Melmed

Also Present: Jeffrey Gross, General Manager, Robert Waples, Property Manager, Orchid Banks, Clubhouse Coordinator, representing Castle Management

Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum: Ira Rubel, Vice President of the Board called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: Teri Schoen made a motion to approve the November 9, 2023, Minutes as written, seconded by Stan Smolkin and the Board unanimously agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Jeffrey Gross gave the report in Julians absence. We have approximately \$1,120,000 in Reserves and \$836,655 in Assets. We will be over budget approximately \$50,000 due to the tree trimming, electric and Insurance.

Managers' Report: Jeffrey Gross reported that he was happy to report that the Insurance claim was paid in the amount of \$29,910 from the broken pipe at the pickleball court. The tree trimming along Cascades Isle is completed. A new accounting firm has been hired and will save the Master Board \$4,000 and each Village \$1,000. The pickleball pathway lights will be done next week. The bee infestation in Limoge has been treated. The annual meetings are set and ready to go. Voting for the Master Board will begin in January. If you have not signed up for electronic voting, then do so. Paper ballots will also be available. A drier for the pickleball courts will be delivered in 2 weeks.

Lance Cohn added that the weeds on the Wedgewood wall have been removed and bushes trimmed. The walls will be power washed soon.

Request of Entertainment Committee to Combine Entertainment Committee and Social Committee: Susan Stember representing the Entertainment Committee and Gary Fisher representing the Social Committee are requesting the Board to combine the 2 groups to join forces to create and select events and to mutually agree on the variety of entertainment shows. This way the 2 committees can work together instead of each having their own mission. Mark Feldman made a motion to combine the two committees and since he is the Liaison of the Social Committee and Eileen Zaroff the Liaison of the Entertainment Committee they will meet with Susan Stember and Gary Fisher to properly mill the Committee and work out the mechanics and come up with a plan and report back

to the Board in January. Eileen Zaroff seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

Request of Forum Monitoring Committee to Modify Rule 13 (Prohibited Postings) to Read:

“The posting contains medical advice, legal advice, financial advice, tax advice, interpretation of Law or contains an internet website link to the aforementioned.”

Russ Gordon and Paul Hacker both representing the Website and the Forum Monitoring Committees explained the need to modify the posting rule and recommended not only to include medical advice but also legal, financial, tax, Law, or internet website links. Teri Schoen made a motion to agree to modify the rule as stated, seconded by Ira Rubel and the Board unanimously agreed.

Report on Landscaping: Marlene Coleman, Chair of the Landscaping Committee reported to the Board that she met with Danny from Clean and Green, and they designed a landscaping plan for the center island in the area from Jog Road to the guard house. The canary palms are dying and need to be removed, also the other shrubs. They will be putting in 4 beautiful Sylvester Palms. This project will begin after the holidays once the holiday lights are removed at a cost of \$6,500.

Shuffleboard: Eileen Zaroff requested the Board to purchase a piece together shuffleboard court that would be placed on the bocce ball court. She was told that it is very simple to put together and to remove for the bocce ball players. She received a price from Planet Shuffleboard of \$3,100 to purchase it. After a discussion and many questions Ira Rubel made a motion to table so that more information could be obtained, seconded by Eileen Zaroff and the Board unanimously agreed.

Proposal to Upgrade Lighting at Tennis Courts: There was a discussion regarding changing the light bulbs at the tennis courts to LED and no decision was made. Lance Cohn motioned to table, seconded by Eileen Zaroff and the Board unanimously agreed.

Proposal to Upgrade Point of Sale System at the Café: The cafe system is very outdated and in need of upgrading to a new computer hardware, software system that can swipe cards. The price is \$2,469 and more to do an online ordering system. Eileen Zaroff motioned to table until more information could be obtained, seconded by Teri Schoen and the Board unanimously agreed.


The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Ira Rubel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Teri Schoen. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Orchid Banks, Clubhouse Coordinator

Castle Management, LLC

Approved:  Teri Schoen, Secretary

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