

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, December 19, 2019 – 2:00PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: David Kelly, Sam Besase, Stephen Froggatt, Patti Cowin,
Pattie Aho, Jerry Eldred (on phone) and Peter Traverso

Management: Scott Feldkamp, Manager
Claudette Romano, Lead Administrator

Other Residents: Barb Peszko, Andy VanScyoc, Allyson Eakin, Barry Oglesby, Belinda & Don Olson, Dale Jensen, Ruthann Brown, Stan Plizga, Bob Sanner, Earl Haas, Hank Killion, George Krabb, Randy & Sue Spencer, Bernie Schmelz, and John Delaney.

The Meeting was called to order by President David Kelly at 2PM. The meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was said by all.

Director Froggatt moved the Board to approve the Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2019, the December 12, 2019 BOD Reorganization Meeting, and the December 12, 2019 BOD Pre-Agenda Meeting Minutes. 2nd by Director Besase. Director Aho announced that she would abstain from the vote as she was not on the BOD for the November meeting and Director Eldred did the same. Director Cowin asked to defer the vote on the November minutes as they were only distributed at the start of the meeting and therefore she did not have time to review them. Director Kelly called for the vote. Kelly, Traverso, Froggatt, Besase, approved. Aho, Cowin, and Eldred abstained. All three minutes were approved as written. See attached.

Members Input on Agenda Items: Belinda Olsen requested to provide her comment during the “Non-Agenda” portion of the meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Director Besase – see attached

Manager's Report: Scott Feldkamp – Manager did not have a written report.

Committee Reports

Election: Pete Traverso (Chair) Director Traverso moved to rollover the current election committee members for 2020 as follows: Dick Duggan, Linda Bondeson, Sue Superak, and Pete Traverso continuing as Chair. 2nd by Patti Cowin. Motion passed unanimously. See attached

Activities/Community Relations: Andy Vanscyoc (Chair) No written report. As Mr. VanScyoc is Chair of both Committees he requested to give a joint report. Accomplishments of the Committees in the past month include decorating for the holidays, the Boat Parade, and the Street Parade (which had a record number of entries). Mr. VanSycoc plans a reorganization of both Committees and to that end is holding a joint meeting in January.

Director Besase motioned to approve four events for the Community Center. 2nd by Director Cowin. Motion passed unanimously. see attached

Administrative Personnel: President Kelly (Chair) No report.

Aquatic/Canal: Stan Plizga (Chair) Report attached. Representatives from canal maintenance contractor, Florida Aquatics, spoke about their procedures. Tim Farrell, owner, and Ben Neal, long time employee, explained their processes and the difficulty in controlling the water lettuce problem this year. Director Traverso posed a question to the pair regarding the use of irrigation floats in the canals. While admitting cleaning around the irrigation pipes can be problematic, Mr. Neal stated that it is easier to avoid hitting the pipes if floats are in use as then the workers know exactly where the pipes terminate. Director Aho asked about the dumping of harvested material on the shoreline. Mr. Neal explained that the material dries and degrades rapidly enough that no damage is done to the underlying plant life. He further stated that the reason the piles seem to always be there is that as lots are built up there are fewer and fewer locations available to place the vegetation. They are looking into other options for removal.

Budget & Finance: Hank Killion (Chair) No report. Mr. Killion indicated that the Committee had not met since November so there is no written report. He requested the BOD approve the addition of Hank Artz to the Committee to replace Lois Berger who resigned. Director Besase motioned to add Hank Artz to the Committee. 2nd by Director Traverso. Motion passed unanimously. See attached.

Buildings & Grounds: Russ Kulp (Chair) No report.

Compliance: Dick Duggan (Chair) No report.

Deed Restrictions: No report. President Kelly announced that Deed Restrictions Committee responsibilities are now assumed by the BOD. No vote was taken or explanation about the standing of the remaining members of the Committee.

Residential Modification: Barb Peszko (Chair) Report attached.

Wildlife: Director Cowin (Chair) Report attached.

Director Cowin moved the Board approve the purchase of 100 markers. 2nd by Director Traverso. **Motion passed 4-3 with Directors Kelly, Traverso and Besase voting in the negative.** See attached

Unfinished Business: None

New Business & Communications: The RWA received several Christmas Cards.

Member's Input (Non-Agenda): Allyson Eakin requested information on the scheduling of the canal maintenance. She asked if there is an annual plan for canal maintenance or is it just in response to homeowner complaints? Also, was the contract redone per the discussion at the prior meeting. She was directed to Stan Plizga, Chair, Aquatics & Canals for the answer.

Director's Input: Director Cowin spoke about two software programs being marketed by partners of our legal firm Becker Poliakoff. The first one was a HOA website program called "MyCommunitySite". This platform can organize our Association information, documents, newsletters, photos, events, and billing onto

a website which can be separated into member and non-member sections. Live examples of the platform can be viewed at the following links:

<https://villasatlakeview.mycommunitysite.app/>

<https://heritagedeerwood.mycommunitysite.app/>

The second software program called “BeckerBallot”, is an electronic online voting program which, in addition to annual elections, can be used to poll members on a variety of issues impacting RWA. Director Cowin encouraged the other Directors to learn more about the “MyCommunitySite by signing up for a webinar at:

<http://mycommunitysite.com/upcoming-events/> and to visit the BeckerBallot site

at: <https://beckerballot.com/> and/or sign up for a webinar at:

<https://beckerballot.com/-events/>

President Kelly suggested that perhaps we could request a demonstration of the software programs for just RWA.

Director Aho briefed attendees on the December 17th website workshop. She indicated that progress had been made and the software platform being developed by the contractor showed a lot of promise. The group also discussed content and agreed that first steps of website development included updating the information that is to go on the website. She thanked all the workshop volunteers, Stan Plizga, Russ Kulp, Donna Stogsdill, Andy VanScyoc, Christine Lee, and Dale Jensen.

Next Board Meeting: January 16, 2020

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Cowin,
Director/Secretary

Attachments:

Agenda

Motions

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