

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC.
646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2021 – 2:00PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Patricia Aho, Sam Besase, Patti Cowin (via Zoom), Bernie Schmelz, Jerry Eldred, Diane Shaw

ABSENT: Stephan Froggatt

Management: Derrick Hedges, RWA Manager

Members: Joe Harris, Annette Casteel, Jim S., Randy Keller, Barb Peszko, Maureen McDowell, Karen Harvey, Donna Stogsdill and (via Zoom) Susan S ,Linda Bondeson, Bob Bondeson, Cari, Allyson Eakin, Mike & Karen Coffee, gwengrace, James Peterfeso, Les Goodman, JanPatmalnieks, tmdev, Michael Donahue, Johna Donahue, Incas, Tom Edison, Tina Traversa, Steve's iPad, Christyn Scott, Bryan Cordell, Virginia Ambard Mahon, Ruthann Brown, Dale Jensen

The Meeting was called to order by President Aho at 2:00 PM. 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 Schmelz moved the Board to approve the Meeting Minutes for the 28 January, 2021 BOD Meeting. 2nd by Director Besase. Motion passed unanimously.

MEMBERS INPUT (Agenda Items)

No member input

OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES & CONTRACTORS REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Director Besase

No Report

Manager's Report: Derrick Hedges, Manager

Manager Hedges provided a written report which is attached to these minutes. Administration operations, maintenance staff work projects, and contractor and vendor updates were provided.

Deed Restrictions Violations: Holly Carr, Administrator

24 violations were presented to the Board for review and consideration.

- Director Schmelz asked if the Brazilian pepper tree violations were on unimproved lots or cleared lots. Violations are for both unimproved and the cleared lots where the pepper trees have now resumed growing.
- President Aho inquired on item #6 No CC permit for dock. Verifying that an RMC was received and approved, however, it was confirmed that the resident did not obtain a Charlotte County permit, therefore, a fine has been issued. RMC approvals are contingent upon the receipt of a county permit. Motion made by Director Shaw to levy the fines on members for violations listed numbers 1 through 24. If confirmed by the Compliance Committee, these fines shall be automatically imposed, and 2nd by Director Eldred. Motion unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Committee – Donna Stogsdill (Chair)

- Donna raised a question regarding the handling process of activities applications. President Aho confirmed that they unanimously agreed at its January 28th meeting that the Board will be reviewing and approving applications for the use of the common areas.
- President Aho inquired if the Activities Committee would be coordinating any activities such as a volunteer appreciation picnic or event, or an open house since the one in the fall was not held.

Administration/Personnel – President Aho (Chair)

No report.

Aquatic Committee – Stan Plizga (Chair)

- Director Eldred mentioned that there is a sign-up sheet for the Lemon Bay Conservancy Tour March 1, 2021 in the Administration Office.

Budget & Finance Committee – Wayne Legris (Chair)

No report

Buildings & Grounds – Director Besase (Chair)

No Report

Communications – Karen Harvey (Chair)

- President Aho requests to step down as the board liaison and nominates Director Shaw to take over as Communications board liaison. Motion to elect Director Shaw as Communications board liaison made by President Aho and 2nd by Director Eldred. Motion passed unanimously.

Compliance – Richard Duggan (Chair)

- Barb Peszko provided the Board with a written report of the Compliance Committee meeting and decisions.
- A request for a Motion to remove Bruce Lima from the Compliance Committee and be replaced by John Stem. Motion made by Director Schmelz and 2nd by Director Besase. Motion passed unanimously.

Deed Restriction – Director Schmelz (Chair)

No report currently. Detailed report at the next BOD meeting.

Election Committee – President Aho (Chair)

- 1st meeting has been held. The committee has recommended Cheryl Lateer to serve as the Vice Chair of the committee and Karen Harvey to serve as the Secretary of the committee. Motion made by President Aho to have Cheryl and Karen serve as Vice Chair and Secretary accordingly and 2nd by Director Cowin. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Committee spent most of its meeting time doing a “Lessons Learned” from the last election. They went through various areas of the election guidelines. Changes to guidelines will be brought to the board for review and consideration. As well as recommending the use of the independent auditor for counting and tabulating votes to be used again for the next election.

Residential Modifications Committee – Barb Peszko (Chair)

- Barb Peszko would like to remind all RWA members that any modifications wishing to be made to the outside of a member’s home must submit an RMC request to the RMC committee for approval.
- President Aho advised that the new Deed Restriction Packets have been out to the printers since the beginning of January. Manager Hedges confirms that the new packets have been received and are currently being mailed out to all RWA members.

Wildlife Committee – Cari Hale (Chair)

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items discussed.

NEW BUSINESS & COMMUNICATIONS – President Aho

- Discussion for the mowing of Broadmoor Park Maintenance Agreement for Dale Jensen & Rosemary DeFabbo at 30 Sportsman Place. Motion to approve by Director Besase and 2nd by Director Shaw. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion for the mowing of Broadmoor Park Maintenance Agreement for Earl Hass at 14 Broadmoor Road. Motion to approve with stipulation not to exceed 80x85 area by Director Besase and 2nd by Director Shaw. Motion passed unanimously.

- Application for the use of common areas an application by the Greater Florida Rotonda West Women’s Club for a Blood Drive on April 12, 2021. Motion to approve by Director Schmelz and 2nd by Director Shaw. Motion passed unanimously.

MEMBERS INPUT (Non-Agenda Items)

- Steve Superak 559 Rotonda Circle – Questioned if there is a plan to replace the 1 dead palm tree on Parade Circle outside of the storage facility.
- Tina Traversa 30 Sportsman Terrace – Questioned if the BOD minutes will once again be added to the Rotonda West website.
- Jan Patmalnieks – 42 Sportsman Place – Requests clarification of the Broadmoor Park mowing agreement regarding the harmless agreement. Also, the pond behind them has a roped off area for a viewing stand for the wildlife. How is this area going to be maintained?
- Barb Peszko requests that we go back to the MSBU to ask how will the trees and signs in our community that belong to the MSBU be maintained.

RESPONSE TO MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS

- The palm trees on Parade Circle are the responsibility of the MSBU and they choose not to replace them. They are not the property of RWA.
- The meeting minutes are on the website under “Meeting Minutes”
- The area around the wildlife viewing area will be maintained by the RWA building and grounds staff.
- RWA BOD will go back to the MSBU to get resolution on the maintenance of county property.

DIRECTOR INPUT

Director Cowin extends her sincere gratitude for the support of the community at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Next Board Meeting: 25 February 2021, 2 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Casteel,

Minutes Clerk/Admin. Assistant

Attachments:

Agenda

Minutes

Reports