

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

Board of Directors Meeting
THURSDAY, April 14, 2022 – 2:00PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Patricia Aho, Sam Besase, Patti Cowin, Jerry Eldred, Les Goodman, David Kelly, and Andy Van Scyoc

ABSENT:

Management: Derrick Hedges, RWA Manager

Members: Joe Harris, Annette Casteel, RoseAnne Woodliff, John House, John Plowman, Barb Peszko, Michele Scott, Diane Shaw, Linda Miller, Frank Warren, Eugene Lerner, Nancy Ward Snyder, Randy Keller, Carol Abarbanell, Sue Reske and (via zoom) Greg Banks, David W Perry, Cynthia Wall-Deegan, Joe Amabile, Cari Hale, Steve Superak, Diane's iPad, David Kelly, Maria Bussiere, Linda's iPad, Tim Rice, Pat's iPad, Pat Luscombe, R A Brown, Cheryl Lateer, David L Oliver, Rick Beck, Tom Rocque, Jan Patmalnieks, Nancy

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.

Director Eldred moved the Board to approve the Meeting Minutes for the 24 March 2022 BOD Meeting. Motion 2nd by Director Van Scyoc. Motion Unanimously Approved.

MEMBERS INPUT (Agenda Items)

Sue Reske addressed the Board and stated that she feels it is very important for biographical information of Election candidates be mailed out to RWA Members so that members know who they are voting for and for candidates to get their information out to the community.

OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES & CONTRACTORS REPORT

President's Update:

President Aho announced that Charlotte County has issued a Burn Ban in effect applying specifically to West County and our community, prohibiting All outdoor burning of the following:

- Yard Waste
- Recreational Fires
- Pile burning for land clearing
- Use of Fireworks & Sparklers

This Ban Burn remains effect until otherwise noted by Charlotte County Commissioner.

President Aho also announced that the Presentation of the Charlotte County tentative Budget will be on July 19, 2022, and the 1st Budget Hearing will be held on September 7, 2022.

Treasurer's Report: Director Besase

Director Besase provided a written report which is attached to these minutes.

Director Cowin encourages the Treasurer to stick to the facts and to leave out any type of income projections.

Manager's Report: Derrick Hedges, Manager

Manager Hedges provided a written report which is attached to these minutes.

Deed Restrictions Violations: Holly Carr, Administrator

President Aho stated that there are 60 violations listed in the Board packet for approval. Director Goodman made a Motion to levy the fines on members for violations listed numbers 1 through 60. If confirmed by the Compliance Committee, these fines shall be automatically imposed. Motion 2nd by Director Van Scyoc. Discussion was held regarding landscape rock replacement vs. new placement. Motion Unanimously Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration/Personnel – President Aho (Chair)

No Report.

Budget & Finance Committee – Tom D'Abrosca (Chair)

No Report.

Buildings & Grounds – Director Besase (Chair)

Director Besase provided a written report which is attached to these minutes.

- Director Besase made a Motion to approve the purchase of Bee Mats for pond L06 to mitigate hypertrophic state of the water based on recommendations from the Aquatics Subcommittee. Director Cowin 2nd the Motion. Discussion was held to change wording to be more generic to approve floating wetlands vs. Bee Mats. Director Besase made

the amendment to the Motion to read floating wetlands vs. Bee Mats. Director Cowin 2nd the Amended Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved. Discussion was then held to amend the Motion to include the solicitation of bids and advertising for the floating wetlands and to be approved by the Board prior to purchase. Director Eldred Amended the Motion to include solicitation of bids. Director Cowin 2nd the Amended Motion. Amended Motion Unanimously Approved.

- Director Besase made a “Final” Motion to approve the purchase of floating wetlands for pond L06 to mitigate the hypereutrophic state of the water I L06 based on the recommendations from the Aquatics subcommittee after the solicitation of bids and advertising with Board approval. Director Eldred 2nd the Motion. Motion Fails (4 -3 with Director Goodman, Director Kelly and Director Van Scyoc and President Aho voting in the negative)

Community Outreach – Karen Harvey (Co-Chair) & Deb Orchard (Co-Chair)

Ms. Orchard provided a written report which is attached to these minutes.

- Director Cowin made a Motion to approve a 1 day 1.5-hour lecture by Frank Levin in Rotonda Room (main room of the community Center) on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, from 1pm-2:30pm. Director Eldred 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.
- Director Cowin made a Motion to approve Chester Mann as D.J. for the 50th Anniversary Party at a cost of \$300.00. Director Eldred 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.
- Director Cowin a Motion to approve \$900.00 to order window stickers/decals for sale at the Rotonda Store on April 30, 2022. Director Besase 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.

Compliance – Barb Peszko (Chair)

Ms. Peszko provided a written report which is attached to these minutes.

Residential Modifications Committee – Barb Peszko (Chair)

Ms. Peszko provided a written report which is attached to these minutes.

Election Committee – RoseAnne Woodliff (Chair)

Ms. Woodliff provided a written report for informational purposes only.

- President Aho made a Motion to approve Karen Harvey to be the Vice-Chair & Secretary of the Elections Committee. Director Van Scyoc 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.
- President Aho made a Motion to approve the proposed candidate night format. Director Goodman 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.
- President Aho made a Motion to amend the Election Committee guidelines as proposed by the Election Committee to “add-in” – “Commitment to remain Non-Partisan within the Community and on social media while serving on the Election Committee, including verbal or visual display of promoting one Candidate over another as it relates to RWA elections. Director Cowin 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding the lights and poles at the entrance to 645 Rotonda Circle. Manager Hedges updated the Board a few light poles needed repair and were under warranty and have been replaced. A few \$30.00 solar packages were purchased and placed at the entranceway to Broadmoor Park to light up the Broadmoor Park Entrance sign.

NEW BUSINESS & COMMUNICATIONS – President Aho

President Aho announced that Mr. Nick Kotzalas, chair of the Rotonda West Streets and Drainage MSBU was present for a brief update and status of the Rotonda West Streets and Drainage project. Mr. Kotzalas presented an update regarding the Rotonda West Streets and Drainage project. Mr. Kotzalas noted that Jeff Litherland, County Engineer informed the MSBU that the bridge railings and sidewalks do not meet ADA requirements and gave options of 3 different designs and the cost of each design. Mr. Kotzalas also noted projects are scheduled to begin in the 1st quarter of 2023.

President Aho presented a written report for discussion and decision regarding the purchase of a Historical Marker to be provided to RWA by anonymous donors.

President Aho opened discussion regarding unimproved vacant lot mowing. Manager Hedges provided information for the current costs of mowing vacant unimproved lots, the number of lots and other administrative information. Discussion was held regarding the costs of mowing unimproved vacant lots and the possibility of charging the lot owners for the mowing of their unimproved lots.

- Director Cowin made a Motion to allow President Aho to pursue getting the verbiage needed in the proposed deed restrictions to allow the RWA to charge unimproved lot owners for mowing of their vacant lots as well as drafting a letter with the attorney to be sent to the developer. Director Besase 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.

President Aho presented 2 applications for the use of common areas.

- Application #1 – RWWC c/o Gwen Grace to hold a One Blood Drive on April 19, 2022, from 9am – 3pm located at the marina at 100 Rotonda Circle across from The Hills Golf Club. Director Van Scyoc made a Motion to approve the RWWC One Blood Drive on April 19, 2022, from 9am – 3pm located at the marina at 100 Rotonda Circle across from The Hills Golf Club. Director Goodman 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.
- Application #2 – Greater Florida Women's Club "A Walk to Remember" activity to be held the month of May for an outside walk & use of display boxes between office & maintenance buildings. Director Goodman made a Motion to approve GFWC "A Walk to Remember" activity to be held during the month of May. Director Van Scyoc 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.

MEMBERS INPUT (Non-Agenda Items)

Mr. Plowman addressed the Board with his concerns and behavior of a neighbor. Mr. Plowman's concerns are several animals and the conditions of the home itself and asked the Board if there is something that can be done to improve these unhealthy conditions.

Several Members were present to express their controversial opinions regarding a conversation and comments that were made by a Board member over an open microphone during a recess in the March 24, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting.

RESPONSE TO MEMBERS INPUT

President Aho asked Mr. Plowman to discuss his concerns regarding the problems with his neighbor with Manager Hedges after the meeting adjourns.

DIRECTOR INPUT

President Aho opened discussion for Director Input.

Director Van Scyoc addressed a conversation that was heard over an open microphone during the March 24, 2022, he did not realize the microphone was on, he apologized to all the Directors that the conversation was in reference to and the affect that it had on those individuals it included as well as the community and stated that it will not happen again.

Director Goodman spoke of Deed Restriction fining structure and supports the Chair of the RMC's request to update and increase the fining structure. While he supports this request, at this time would like to put this request aside while the Deed Restriction Subcommittee takes time to review the entire fining structure and making the requested changes with the possibility of creating a tiered fining system.

Director Eldred noted that he had not listen to the zoom meeting and questioned the comment that he jumped the fence with the vote against the Wildlife Committee. He has a passion for wildlife as well as for aquatics and would like to see good things happen for both in the future. His votes were based on the information he had at the time of the voting process.

Director Besase accepted Director Van Scyoc's apology. Director Besase believes that he is listening to the community, he has voted with and against the members of this Board and will continue to do what he does for the community and the people of the community.

Director Kelly accepted and appreciated Director Van Scyoc's apology and feels Director Van Scyoc has been under way too much scrutiny and stress that is unneeded for us as volunteers. Director Kelly stated that we as a Board and a Community need to move forward and discuss company business and stop with all the other "stuff."

President Aho thanked Director Van Scyoc's for his apology as it seems that herself and Director Van Scyoc have been the focus this whole issue and stated that it is difficult to always know during zoom (recorded) meetings with microphones and cameras when microphones are on and when they are off. President Aho also noted The Board Member Code of Conduct that applies to all the Members of the Board, and reminds Members that they must uphold The Code of Conduct that was agreed to when each of us decided to run for a position on the RWA Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:51PM

Next Board Meeting: 28 April 2022, 2PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Casteel,
Minutes Clerk/Admin. Assistant
Attachments:
Agenda
Minutes
Reports