

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

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 28, 2023 – 2:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Sam Besase, Patti Cowin, Les Goodman, Karen Harvey, Jack Metz, and Andy Van Scyoc (Chair)

ABSENT: David Kelly

Management: Derrick Hedges, RWA Manager

Members: Joe Harris, Annette Casteel, Paul Slovinski, Loni Kiedrowski, Dale Jensen, Karen Coffee, Mike Coffee, Norbert Hausner, Colleen Hausner, Barret Kean (via Zoom) Anthony DiMattia, Bryan Cordell, Eugene Lerner, Jenny Bulle, Nancy Ward-Snyder, Nancy Schwechel, Rick Beck, Sheryl Nowiski, Fran Robitaille

The Meeting was called to order by President Van Scyoc 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 Besase moved the Board to approve the Meeting Minutes for the 14 September 2023 BOD Meeting. Motion 2nd by Director Harvey. Motion Unanimously Approved.

MEMBERS INPUT (Agenda Items)

OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES & CONTRACTORS REPORT

President's Update: Andy Van Scyoc

President Van Scyoc noted the 1-year anniversary of Hurricane Ian and the progress with the recovery from the storm that the community keeps pressing forward with the recovery process.

Vice-President's Update: Patti Cowin

None.

Treasurer's Report: Director Besase

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

Manager's Report: Derrick Hedges, Manager

Manager Hedges provided an update to the Board with projects that staff has been working on and will be sending out a Manager's Report via constant contact shortly.

Deed Restrictions Violations: Nancy Schwechel, Administrator

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration/Personnel – President Van Scyoc (Chair)

None.

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

Mr. D'Abrosca provided a written report that is attached to these minutes.

Director Metz announced that there will be a BOD & Budget & Finance Workshop will be held on October 12, 2023, at 12:30 PM.

Buildings & Grounds – Director Besase (Chair)

- Director Besase made a Motion to approve RWA Manager to proceed with RWA Community Center south area concrete pad project at a Not-to-Exceed cost of \$45,000.00 based on the preliminary bids & specifications. Completion to be within 90 days of RWA BOD approval. Director Cowin 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.

Director Besase noted the previous Board approval for the RWA Manager to procure up to 2 used trucks depending on the used truck market at up to \$25,000. One truck was procured for about \$10,000 about 18 months ago.

The RWA Manager has found another used truck (Toyota tundra) at a good price of \$9,000, therefore, based on the authorization of a couple of years ago the RWA intends to purchase this used Toyota Tundra truck. Note the purchase of both trucks is under the \$25,000. This is a notification to the RWA BOD.

Community Outreach – Deb Orchard (Chair)

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

- Director Cowin made a Motion for the approval to bring live animals into the Community center as part of the Community Outreach Committee's presentations only. Director Harvey 2nd the Motion. Director Besase noted that "Live Animals" should be listed on the Community Center Application when requesting approval for an event. Motion Unanimously Approved.
- Director Cowin made a Motion to approve use of Parade Budget Funds to purchase items if they aren't donated. Total not to exceed \$800.00 out of total budget \$3,550.00 budget. Director Besase 2nd the Motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.

Compliance – Barb Peszko (Chair)

None.

Residential Modifications Committee – Barb Peszko (Chair)

None.

Deed Restrictions – Dale Jensen (Chair)

None.

Election Committee – RoseAnne Woodliff (Chair)

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS & COMMUNICATIONS –

President Van Scyoc opened discussion of parking of street legal golf carts.

Director Cowin stated that she herself owns a Low-Speed Vehicle (street legal golf cart), and is able to park her L.S.V. in her garage, however, some members that own L.S.V. may not have room in their garages and may need to park them in their driveways, and feels that as long as the vehicle is registered as “street legal” members should be allowed to park their L.S.V. in their driveways. Also, when using their L.S.V. while visiting someone she does not feel that if she parks her vehicle in a person’s driveway that that should be a violation and requests clarification of Section 24 of the RWA Deed Restrictions.

Director Besase emphasized that these “street legal” golf carts be referred to as Low-Speed Vehicles and must have the requirements to deem them as L.S. V’s.

Director Goodman requested that Low-Speed Vehicles should go through a registration process and questioned how Compliance will enforce the parking of a L.S.V. vs. a golf cart.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding visibility and example setting in a possible change to the Deed Restrictions.

MEMBERS INPUT (Non-Agenda Items)

Mr. Coffee announced his appreciation to all the volunteers that work diligently on the Hurricane Ian canal clean-up and offered a proposal that the RWA would show recognition to all the volunteers that helped with the clean-up project.

Director Besase noted to take the idea to the Community Outreach Committee and possibly include them in the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.

Ms. McDowell addressed the Board and noted the new state L.S.V. requirements that go into effect on October 1, 2023, and requested that these new requirements be sent out to members of the community.

Director Besase noted that he believed there may be an article in Westways regarding golf carts.

RESPONSE TO MEMBER'S INPUT

See responses under Members Input.

DIRECTOR INPUT

President Van Scyoc opened the discussion for Director Input.

Director Goodman noted that they will be holding Ad Hoc wrap up meetings and request a workshop with the Board once complete.

Director Cowin noted that there was not an article regarding L.S.V. vehicle descriptions and requirements in the most recent edition of WestWays and stated that we could possibly get an article in the next edition.

President Van Scyoc announced that he would like to schedule a Board workshop with Deed Restrictions Committee and possibly include our attorney's in on a Zoom meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 PM

Next Board Meeting: 12 October 2023, 2:00 PM

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