

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VG&RC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

JANUARY 23, 2018

AT THE RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

John Moeckel – President
Roger Efron – Exec VP
Bill Dwyer – VP
Diane Maskol – VP
Fred Baughman – Treasurer
Tom Jones – Secretary
Jerry Jasper
Fred Williamson
Bob Samuels
Tom Long
Diane Bazlamit (via telephone)

Call to order: John Moeckel, President, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Secretary's report: Tom Jones, Secretary, said the minutes from the December meeting were previously circulated via email. They were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, Treasurer, gave the financial report, and we have total operating cash of \$108,515 with \$52,277 of this in our reserve. Our legal bills caused a deficit for 2017 of \$16,058. For 2018, \$24,150 is being budgeted, and this amount was unanimously approved. There was a discussion of doing a postcard mailing to promote the Town Hall meeting, and the request for the expense was withdrawn.

New Business

1. External Affairs issue #1 – Dona Bay water storage facility: Jerry Jasper said there is nothing new to report on this.
2. External Affairs issue #2 – meeting with City Council member Mitzie Fiedler: John Moeckel asked that board members submit questions for the discussion with Mitzie on January 30.
3. External Affairs issue #3 – SW corner of Jacaranda Blvd. and Border Road: Jerry Jasper reported that the developer of this 80 acre site is planning to apply for annexation to the City in advance of a possible PUD application. He feels this area is probably not of enough concern for us to devote time to.
4. Regular monthly EA Committee meeting: Jerry Jasper proposed that this committee meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, unless there is no business to review. The meeting would be to discuss issues and schedule City meeting attendance, however no votes will be taken at the meeting so no minutes are necessary. A full report would be given at the monthly board meeting. Jerry will chair this committee, with Tom Long, Tom Jones, and John Moeckel as members. A motion to add Lew Perry as a non-board member participant was unanimously approved.

Seminars and Events:

5. Bike-O-Rama: Bill Dwyer reported that this was another successful event, and the numbering system for each participant helped monitor things. The refreshment truck was partially useful, and the cold weather probably cut into the attendance. Handouts/door prizes helped keep things lively.
6. CPR training: Roger Effron said the openings for the first session day went quickly. A 2nd date will be added.
7. Town Hall meeting preparation: Roger Effron said that Venice City Manager Ed Lavallee is scheduled to speak and zoning and business issues. Also on the agenda are: a discussion of the possible golf club purchase by a members group, a presentation on the HRT, a report by the POA property manager on hurricane season preparations, an update from Sarasota Memorial Hospital, a report by the Superintendent of Sarasota Schools, and an update on the new front gate entry system. The meeting will run for about an hour, then a short break, followed by a Q&A period. There was board consensus to spend \$100 for an off-duty police officer.
8. HRT organizational meeting: Roger Effron will schedule this meeting for the upcoming hurricane season.

9. Membership Drive: Bill Dwyer said we now have 838 paid members for 2018 plus a few more not yet entered. The letter campaign is over, however some letters are still coming back as undeliverable. Real Estate people have been helpful with names of new residents. Events and the new resident orientation continue to be good sources for new members.

10. Nominating committee for annual meeting: John Moeckel said the annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27 at 5:30pm. This meeting will follow the alligator seminar. John asked that each board member collect at least 10 proxies so we meet our quorum. Board members up for re-election are: Diane Maskol, John Moeckel, Fred Williamson, Roger Effron, and Jerry Jasper. All but Roger said they are definitely planning to run for re-election.⁸

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27 at 3pm at the River Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary