

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

APRIL 23, 2019

AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

Diane Maskol – President
Tom Long – Exec VP
Jerry Jasper – VP
John Moeckel – VP
Nancy Spokowski - VP
Fred Baughman - Treasurer
Tom Jones – Secretary
Lew Perry
Michael Wendroff

Call to order: Diane Maskol, President, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Secretary's report: The minutes from the March meeting and the March annual meeting and officer election meeting were all previously circulated to the board for comments and they were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, Treasurer, gave the financial report, and we have \$115,085 in our account, with \$67,865 of this in a reserve. We have deferred dues for future years of \$16,300.

External Affairs issues:

1. **External Affairs issue #1 – EMS ambulance service:** Jerry Jasper reported on the City Council meeting discussion to take over ambulance service/EMS (emergency medical services) from the County. Jerry said the discussion is ongoing at the time of our meeting, and none of our board members were there to speak on the proposal.

2. **External Affairs issue #2 – McLeod crushing plant:** Jerry Jasper said that when the rezoning for this plant was approved, a noise analysis was to be done and McLeod was to meet with nearby residents. Jerry said that this has not been done. He recommended sending a letter to the City manager to ask for the status on these two steps. There was consensus of the board to do this, and Jerry will write the letter.

3. External Affairs issue #3 – Planning Commission meeting on May 7: Jerry Jasper said the proposed annexation of the Hurt property (on Knights Trail) and the Rustic Road property will be reviewed.

Other business:

4. Bike-O-Rama day change: Tom Long reported that Wes from Bicycles International agreed to hold Bike-O-Rama on Saturday if we will start at 8am and close the line at 11:15am. The board discussed having a preregistration for time slots, including a link to this business. There was no decision on this.

5. Membership: Nancy Spokowski was unanimously approved as the new membership chair. She said she is developing a plan to survey all non-members on their awareness of the VGRCCA, its involvement and accomplishments, and *Parcels*. As part of the survey, a certificate for 1 free River Club brunch will be given to the first 50 respondents. There was unanimous approval to spend \$650 for these certificates.

6. By-Law change proposal: Nancy Spokowski lead a discussion on how some homeowners in the past became renters and maintained their VGRCCA membership. She proposed that we amend our By-Laws to allow renters and non-resident River Club members to become Association members. This would give us additional membership potential and also allow long-term renters to participate the CA. The vote was unanimous to make this change, and Nancy will handle the document revision.

7. HRT update: Tom Long reported that he and others have gone through all our HRT equipment and some radios aren't working. He's not sure if it's a battery issue or operation problem. He proposed an expense of \$600 to buy 35 orange logo'd t-shirts for HRT staff, and it unanimously approved.

8. Activities planning: Roger Efron was absent, however a discussion took place regarding his email on seminars for next season. There was no support for discussion sessions that could turn into debates.

9. Gift certificate proposal: Fred Baughman proposed that we give a \$100 gift card to Pamela Henard as a "thank you" for her work on our database. This was unanimously approved.

10. Venetian golf course situation: Michael Wendroff brought up the issue of what's currently happening with the Venetian golf course. There was discussion on how involved the VGRCCA should be, given that this is a privately owned business inside our community. The board reviewed the negative effect of policies by Lennar that could make the golf course a detriment to home values and sales. There was no consensus for action or involvement.

11. Thanks to our past president: Diane Maskol thanked John Moeckel for his long service as president.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28 at 3pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm on April 23, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary