

Whiskey Creek Civic Association Board Meeting

January 14, 2015

President Bernie Lamach opened the meeting at 7p.m. Board members present were: Karen Tice, David Wallace, Bob Oxnard, Dean Brown and Jeanne McCafferty. Absent and excused was Kate Gooderham, Dennis Rodgers and Rita McNeal.

Bernie introduced Ken Gooderham, a member of the Deed Restriction Committee. He spoke about the upcoming Public meeting to review proposed regulations for Whiskey Creek. It will be held at the Fort Myers Congregational United Church of Christ, 8210 College Parkway. Ken presented the first draft to Board members for their review. It is also available online at www.whiskeycreeknews.net so it can be read prior to the meeting. He encouraged those who came to the prior workshops and meeting to read and come to the February meeting with questions and comments. Postcards will be mailed out.

Bernie then introduced Ron Frazier, a volunteer of CROW, Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, an animal sanctuary located on Sanibel. Ron gave us a bit of his background and how he started volunteering at CROW. The clinic is a hospital which does x-rays and surgery. Most of the wildlife is healed, rehabilitated and released. Ron showed us some pictures and told us stories of a particular release and how wonderful it was to experience. He was taught how to pick up birds and other wildlife and transport them to the clinic. He related some of his experiences doing that. A question and answer period followed.

Officers' Report

Secretary's Minutes

There was no business meeting held on December 10th. It was a social hour to honor our many volunteers. Bernie stated that as there were no minutes, no motion was needed.

Treasurer's Report

Karen read the Profit & Lost statement. Income from the land transfer was \$49,570.20 and from membership of \$25.00 for a total of \$49,595.20. Expenses from contract services, legal fees, check printing and membership mail printing totaled \$4,433.69. Net income is \$45,161.51. Jeanne made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. It was seconded by Bob. All were in favor and the motion passed. Karen was please to say that she ordered 500 checks, deposit slips and a deposit stamp from Costco for only \$47.74. A good bargain.

Membership Report

Karen reported that the membership information from Ted Gault as of 12/6/14 was 722 families who joined or renewed their membership. Forty seven residents did so for the first time. She and Ted have teamed up with the Post Office to use their Intelligent Mail Small Business Tool to send out our membership letters and community ordinance meetings postcards. This process adds a bar code to each mail piece and saves the Post Office much sorting. In return, the Association gets a pass on the \$220.00 permit fee and .04 off per mail piece. This would result in a savings of nearly \$400.00. It took Karen and Ted with the help of Phil Guido approximately 8 days to get the program running. Phil was able to change the data base from Lotus to Excel to comply with the Post Office format. Ted is in the process of printing all the labels needed for our Feb 5th meeting. David made a motion to accept the membership report. It was seconded by Bob. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Deed Restriction Report

In Dennis's absence, the Board accepts the report given by Ken Gooderham at the start of the meeting.

Yard Committee

Gordon stated that he and the committee drive around looking for nice looking yards, then ask the owners if they would like to participate. Call Gordon, Joyce or Brenda to nominate a yard. Telephone number appears in *The Whiskey Creek News*. Karen made a motion to accept the report. It was seconded by Bob. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Distribution Report

In the absence of the chairperson, Bernie said volunteers are still needed. See *The Whiskey Creek News*.

MSTBU REPORT

Bernie said that a problem with a budget discrepancy was found and needed to be discussed with County officials. Due to a misunderstanding of the Sunshine Law, the County would only meet with one person. After many phone calls, the legal staff agreed that meetings of matters of policy and voting by two or more DO apply to the Sunshine Law. Organization discussions between two or more do NOT apply. This clarification is being sent out to other MSTBU Boards. MSTBU cannot spend money that is not in the budget. The taxation value has been 1% but the cost of the work contracts has gone up. It is possible that we may need to petition the County to raise our taxation rate. We would need at least 50% of the residents to agree to raise that threshold. Bernie said that he may need to ask the Association to sponsor a mail out to all residents for this purpose.

Old Business

None

New Business

Bernie announced that Rita McNeil has given him her letter of resignation. She has been a member of the Board for several years and will be missed. Bernie stated that he would like to appoint Joyce Alexander to the Board for the remainder of Rita's term. Karen made a motion to accept the appointment of Joyce. It was seconded by David. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Nominating Committee

Members of the nominating committee are: Michele Bennett, Chair, Paul Matter and Susan Blacketer. Up for election are the seats presently occupied by Bernie Lamach, Dennis Rodgers and Jeanne McCafferty. Nominations and Elections will take place at our annual meeting on February 11, 2015.

David made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Bob. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne McCafferty
Secretary