

MARCH 13, 2024
FOUNDERS HALL
MARCH 2023 Board of Directors Meeting

At 9:00 am, President Jane Lewis opened the meeting calling for the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silent prayer for Nancy Yvon and her family and for a full and speedy recovery for Tomasa.

The roll was called and all members were present (Laurie Milliard via Zoom).

Steve Little read the minutes from the February Board of Directors meeting. Steve Little made a motion to accept as read, seconded by Dave Mayo. They were accepted as submitted.

Dave Mayo gave the Treasurer's Report. Cash and Equivalents as of 12 March were \$723,242 of which \$373,123 are in Reserve Funds. Our 2023 data has been provided to our tax preparation vendor for submission of our 2023 tax return. Steve Little moved, and Lisa Geary seconded a motion to approve the report. The report was approved.

Skip LaPlant reported on the pond situation. JTL Enterprises reported very little silt in the pond and provided a quote of \$5,000 to remove the vegetation from the pond. We would then be responsible for treating the pond with an algaecide. We have no legal access to the run off stream outside the fence and attempts by JTL (Joe) to get permission for cleaning up the stream from the land owner (Larry) met with negative results. Denny Luppens suggested we use some of the allotted funds to procure a small boat to use for spreading the algaecide. Paul Zeller recommended we take some of the muck out of the pond to increase the depth therefore reducing the amount of vegetation that would grow. There was discussion regarding alternative treatment options. The decision was made to get a price from JTL for the cost of increasing the depth of the pond.

Denny Luppens reported that the bathroom renovation project is basically complete with the exception of some touch up paint and door repair work. George Reckintine is tackling these lunch list items. Jane thanks everyone who worked on this project.

Steve Little moved, and Denny Luppens seconded a motion to grant a variance to the standing rules to allow non-members to walk their dogs and cats on designated green areas directly adjacent to the street in order to bring the non-member rule in line with the same rule in effect for members. The motion passed.

Jane Lewis reported that the Board had granted Frank King a variance to allow a practical move from his current site to a park model he had recently obtained on a different lot.

The upcoming summer and winter season rates were set after the approval of a motion made by Dave Mayo, seconded by Steve Little. The rates are as follows:

Summer 2024:

Full Hookup - \$42 daily (includes electricity)
30 Day period - \$600 metered electric

Winter 2024/25:

Dry Camping - \$15 per day
Full Hookup - \$38 per day metered electric
30 Day Period - \$675 metered electric

PL West - 30 day period - \$675 metered electric

PL East - \$32 per day metered electric
30 day period \$625 metered electric

Dave Mayo moved, and Lisa Geary seconded a motion that the board approve the renewal of our computer networking contract with Cyberstone. The motion passed.

Dave further explained that separately from this contract, the computer committee and Cyberstone were working on an upgrade of equipment to improve the wi-fi within the park.

Cathy Landry initiated a discussion regarding the current rule requiring lot owners who opt to do a "letter lot" to make that decision by 1 April each year and not be allowed to give a letter after that date. Substantial discussion followed. Steve Little moved, seconded by Denny Luppens, that the rule be changed to allow a member, whose lot is not already in the rental pool, to give a letter for his/her lot at any time of the year.

Jane Lewis advised the membership that it is their responsibility to change their mailing address with the US Postal Service. Our office does not have the capability to forward mail sent to the park if the member is not in attendance for the summer.

Mark Norton gave a presentation regarding the various insurance policies the park purchases on an annual basis. The cost of insurance in Florida has risen quite dramatically over the past few years. The total cost of these insurance premiums is in the range of \$36,000 per year. He told the membership that it is their individual responsibility to have their own health insurance; that the park members are considered "the insured" and hence are not able to sue the park if they are injured; that certain high risk activities should be reviewed for liability issues; and that all memberships should have some sort of liability insurance on their units RV/Park Model, etc. should someone is injured in their unit or as a result of their unit. It is the responsibility of the owner/member to ensure they are properly protected. Mark was given a rousing round of applause for his efforts to clarify and understand our insurance needs and coverage.

Bud Hodgkins reported that the Hardee County Planning Board issued a letter approving the upgrade work on the PL East lots (currently known as overflow). He has contacted both a plumber and electrician who will have to obtain separate permits for their portion of the project.

Jane Lewis adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Milliard
Board Secretary