

SPANISH LAKES GOLF VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2021

Call to order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 9:39 A.M. at Bill Neal's home. Present: Bill Neal, Susan George, Doreen Van Buren, Ernie George; Fran Neal observer. Absent – Sandi Pierce

New Business

Bill has reviewed the By Laws, Articles of Incorporation and Florida Statutes more thoroughly. The following items were discussed and clarified.

Board meetings

- 3 officers are a quorum
- The President doesn't vote at BOD votes except to break a tie
- He does vote in member ballot votes but can't break a tie in that situation.
- He is an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee
- Ernie is serving as ex officio president in place of John Wynne
- Timing of Board meetings – before or after monthly meetings? Decided on 7 days before.
- BOD meeting after February election meeting needs to be held within 14 days.

Regular Meetings

- Flag: Bill and Fran have a small flag they will set up for outside use.
- Sound System: The portable sound system is the property of the HOA.
- Next meeting: Will be the last outside meeting (unless we can do it inside). To be held 11/5 at 5PM.
- December meeting will definitely be inside, even if we only have part on the auditorium to use.
- Refreshments: None to be served at the November meeting but start again in December. Coffee is \$9. In the past, baked goods were bought by Sunshine person. Some money wasted. Perhaps we can get volunteers to provide refreshments. Need to have a Sunshine committee with a chairperson. Sandi has a full plate with Membership duties and the Sunshine person was always separate from any BOD position. Requested Fran consider chairing a committee.
- Membership attendance at meetings: While having so many members is great, we need folks to consistently come to the meetings in order to maintain a quorum. Discussed ways to get folks to meetings down the line. Ernie will start working on getting some speakers for future meetings, possibly from Police, Fire Department, Village Green Project, Community Patrol, EMS and area health care providers etc. We could also have musical presentations etc.

Florida Statue 617

- Per statute and as noted in our Bylaws, the HOA has the right to purchase the park if it goes up for sale. It would be good to look into the feasibility and strategies we might use to purchase it should it go up for sale. There may be a way to get funding. Bill explained some of the ways it would work if we owned the park.

Amendments of 4/12/13

- Our copies are not signed. Do we have signed copies? Susan hasn't found them although there is proof that the Articles of Incorporation were signed. Susan will research to see if signed copies are available online.

Per Bylaws, Bill is tasked with establishing committees.

- What committees do we have/want to have? Dispute Committee, Nominating Committee, Fundraising Committee. Others? Could we call the others that are specific to events, "Event Volunteer Groups" to avoid confusion as Sandi will be coordinating them?

Social Activities

- Bill asked if the HOA did dinner dances. Not in the past as the other clubs monopolized that option, but we could try one. Ernie said the woman who did the NE Club dinners might do one for us. Also our sister-in-law might be willing. She does big monthly dinners at her park.

Annual events

- Our annual events are Christmas decorating, Pool Party, Flea Market, Memorial Day program and luncheon (not a fundraiser), and we'll have Sandi's holiday mixer this year. There are many events we could do, many of which could raise funds.
- The Pool Party is usually around Valentine's Day. Resolved to do it on 2/13/22. Ernie will book steel drum band.
- We need to book events with recreation director for our all events ASAP. In the past, the recreation director did a "President's Lunch" once or twice a year to set up the calendar of events. We haven't had one since Covid. Bill will talk to Patti about scheduling our events and/or a president's meeting.

Stipulation in Bylaws requiring a membership vote on spending >\$500

- So far we are under the limit and we did elicit approval from the membership for the \$1000 retainer. Will need to vote as costs are incurred.

Statute allowing 5 people to meet with Wynne's

- This is in the FL Statute so we won't allow them to tell us 5 is too many.

Atty. Burandt's bill reviewed

- The invoice we received is just for us. It isn't really an invoice, but rather a tally of where we stand with incurred costs thus far. We have not yet been billed. Will check with Sandi if she has information about when more payment is expected.
- Decision made not to dispute the charge for the last Zoom meeting

Petition form and SOD to attorney

- We are at 59%. Millie Chamis has 20 still to do and Michele Mazone has to go back to her 19 and get the correct form signed.
- We need to send the SODs and petition form to Burandt's office. How should we do that? Susan will give the originals to Bill who will scan and send them via email per Norelle's suggestion. We'll send what we have, and as more forms come in we'll email them to Burandt's office.

Annual voting format.

- Per Fran, in the past every member attending received a ballot form on signing in.
- Susan will make up a ballot for February election.

New resident notifications

- We've only gotten a few. That makes it impossible to welcome new people and to keep our database up-to-date.
- Susan will speak with Ethel again to see if we can work out something consistent.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Susan George, HOA Secretary