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Board Meeting Minutes

President Jeff Shimmin called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with Attorney, Michael Wyman, Bill McCaffrey, Dick Dorton, Don Dahl, Rich Kummer, Bob Kibler, Cheryl Wolff, and Larry Bonander present.

Motion: To approve and sign the corrected July 10, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
Motion made by Bill McCaffrey Seconded by Bob Kibler Passed 7/0

Committee Reports:

Golf: Larry Bonander stated that the Committee has been working on the golf course rules. A new copy can be obtained in the Pro-Shop.

Don Tracy stated at the last Golf Committee meeting, that at times, when there are flagrant actions on the course, he will warn people a couple of times and the third time they will be removed from the course.

Larry reported that the Board had earlier ask that he talk to the Golf Committee regarding golf cart paths on private property. Some of the committee was in agreement and some were not. There is a question as to who would try contacting the people who currently have cart paths. There was a short discussion. Larry asked the Board if they wanted to go ahead with the request.

The Golf Committee has agreed to put sand bottles on all the rental carts.

The tee on #7 has been moved back to the other side due to damage to the houses off the red tee. They will be putting a screen up again, hopefully to be done by the end of next week.

Cheryl Wolff asked Larry if they had done anything about having the Marshall's staying out until 8PM. Larry stated that he had talked to Don Tracy and he would make sure that they were. He also informed them about people playing Frisbee with their dogs and such.

Gary Walls, asked Larry if the Golf Committee meetings were open to the public and when they were. Larry said that 4 or 5 days ahead of the meeting there will be a notice posted around the Pro-Shop.

Jeff Shimmin told the Board that he had a meeting about moving the Pro-Shop to the middle room. He stated that around 9 people showed up and it was pretty much unanimous that they should not move it.

Architectural: Bill McCaffrey reported that the Architectural Committee meet this afternoon and approved 4 sun covers, 1 new deck, 1 shed, 1 manufactured home, and 1 sun cover with roof modifications.

Webpage: Richard Kummer noted that the Webpage Committee has now had 4 meetings with a lot of discussion about the current webpage no longer working for us and is outdated. The Committee is recommending that we go ahead and rebuild the website. There is \$2000 in this years budget to get this started.

Motion: To approve the expenditure of up to \$2000 to build a new modern website.
Motion made by Rich Kummer Seconded by Cheryl Wolff Passed 7/0

News Letter: Richard Kummer told the Board that the Newsletter Committee felt that the present quarterly mailing of the newsletter doesn't meet Desert Aire's needs. They felt that mailings in March, May, July, and September would be what they really need to get the information out. They are also discussing changing the format somewhat to improve the mailing process. Richard stated that there is a lot of information to get out that isn't getting out to everyone.

Mr. Kummer also requested to make a motion to combine the Webpage Committee and the Newsletter Committee, calling it the Communications Committee. The advantages would be that there would only be one meeting instead of two. Both committees are working with communicating information to the public.

Motion: To combine the Newsletter and Webpage Committees into one committee called the Communications Committee.
Motion made by Richard Kummer Seconded by Dick Dorton Passed 7/0

After the motion to combine the committees, there was a short discussion on putting it on the ballot for the next Annual Meeting.

Motion: To place on the Annual Ballot, an amendment to Article 8, committees, and add a new section (F) Communications Committee.
Motion made by Richard Kummer Seconded by Bob Kibler Passed 7/0

Airport: Rich Kummer told the Board that one of his positions would consist of being a liaison person between the Board and the Airport Commission. He is very impressed with

the Board of Commissioners. Rich said that the Commissioners are looking forward to the new website. They have also received a grant to finish off the N. Taxiway gravel project.

The Lions Club has approached the Airport Commission about having another drag race at the airport next year. The Commissioners have agreed to this idea.

Water: As per Chris Guillen's water report, the Atlantic Fiber Crews are pretty much digging everywhere. Currently they are finishing up on Edgewater.

The pool will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only starting the 25th of August. The pool will be closed for the year beginning the 8th of September.

All water samples taken have been good.

Treasurer: Jeff Shimmin reported that Desert Aire dues collections have been coming in quickly. He met with the new Investment Committee to discuss the investment of the CUCF funds that came up at the Annual Meeting. The end result was that the Investment Committee feels that we should leave our CUCF investments the way they are today, adding no more than what is in there and make no changes to the way they are invested. They feel that as we get closer to a break-even point that the Committee should come back and make a recommendation to the Board on whether to move those funds out of American Funds Investments, back into CD's. Jeff and the Investment Committee will be keeping an eye on the funds and as it gets closer to breaking even, will come back to the Board with those recommendations.

Parks and Greenbelt: Bob Kibler stated that August 7th, PUD had a meeting in which they displayed their various alternatives and options for the shoreline improvement plan. They did have a new option that they had not presented before. It had the smallest parking lot drawn up for the Cox Landing, no development at the Sandy Beach, they would pave the trail and do more elaboration on the River Campground. A lot of the people from the Lakeside Way area were more pleased with this option.

The Parks and Greenbelt Committee met at 5 PM today at which time they talked about the tennis courts. Gary Walls has offered to paint a pickle ball court over the south tennis court and use the existing net. The Parks and Greenbelt Committee liked the idea and recommends to the Board that they allow it. The Board of Directors had no objections to painting the pickle ball court.

There was some discussion on Ralph Herth's proposition of the new tennis court that will be voted on at the next Annual Meeting. They would also like to see the RV parking enlarged along with making the new tennis courts.

The set time for the Parks and Greenbelt Committee to meet will be the second Friday of the month at 5 PM, just before the Board Meeting. The public is always welcome to attend the meetings.

Manager: James Curdy reported that the office had turned over four accounts to Attorney Michael Wyman for collection. Michael stated that he normally sends them a letter giving them 30 days to respond and if they don't, then he files a District Court case.

James announced that the RV dumpsite is being moved from in front of the maintenance shop, down to the RV sites. There was a question brought up that if the RV site is expanded, would the dumpsite handle the new additions. James stated that it would not. There was a short discussion about enlarging it if they added the new sites.

Motion: To turn over four delinquent accounts to Desert Aire Attorney for collection.
Motion made by Bill McCaffrey Seconded by Larry Bonander Passed 7/0

Golf Pro: Don Tracy reported in his monthly update that they had a full field for the Firecracker Scramble. The Moose Drool tournament was also a big success. There was a record 43 young golfers that participated in the Junior Golf Camp. The most popular event of the year was the Hot August Nights Scramble once again with 152 participants.

Old Business:

Punch Cards: Jeff Shimmin reminded the Board that at the last meeting the subject came up as to whether money on the books should be used for purchasing punch cards. Jeff stated that Don Tracy had checked with some other golf courses and to a member of the local PGA as to what their policies were. There are no other golf courses that he could find or that the PGA member could think of that allowed it. The main reason is because of the impact on merchandise sales. The Board decided to maintain the same policy where money on the books can only be used for merchandise.

Duplex: Bill McCaffrey state that he talked to the Assistant Fire Marshall last week and he said that there is basically nothing that can be done until it becomes an actual nuisance. The owner is now 2 ½ years out of date on his building permit but the County gives them a 2 year grace period. Attorney Michael Wyman suggested giving the owner a violation notice and if he does not respond within the time given let Michael to try and get an injunction. The Board agreed to do that.

Curbside Parking: Larry Bonander asked if everyone would agree to the Men's Club making up numbered blocks that could be punched into the ground when they have a tournament. There was a short discussion on whether they need to do that or not. The

Board decided that they do not need the blocks as there are already names and numbers on the cart during a tournament.

The Board Vacancy notices had been posted on the mail box stands, but have been disappearing. The office will replace those that have gone missing.

New Business

In regards to the issue of dogs running loose throughout Desert Aire, Jeff Shimmin reported that recently there were several dogs trapped in the tennis courts. James Curdy called Animal Control to have them picked up. There was an issue with the Officer at the time he came to pick them up. James contacted Under-Sheriff Turley but as of today, Sheriff Turley has not been able to contact the Officer. The problem of dogs is throughout Desert Aire and not just people letting them out to play on the golf course. Allen Michler suggest live traps, trapping the dogs and then calling the Animal Control to come pick them up. There was a short discussion on different ways to handle the problem. James Curdy suggested writing a letter to the Sherriff's Department saying we would like a better response from the Animal Control Officer. James will still keep in contact with Turley regarding this situation.

Larry Bonander had a complaint of numerous houses around Desert Aire that have not done anything about their weeds or tumbleweeds. He would like to see them receive letters regarding this. Bill McCaffrey told Larry to give him the addresses and he will send something out.

Bob Kibler reported that Dave Williams had a request of the Board to have Desert Aire supply him with a garbage container for all the litter he picks up around Desert Aire. James Curdy spoke with him and told him that there will still be a container for the office and maintenance shop that he would be more than welcome to use.

Someone suggested to the Board that they should send a letter of support for their overall plan after everything has happened. Jeff Shimmin said that the Board has already provided a letter to the PUD and further correspondence would not be necessary. Bob Kibler will contact the others involved and ask them to also write a letter of support.

John Harrison asked that Desert Aire put a cover on the beverage cart to protect them from being hit by a ball again. James Curdy stated that the rest of the maintenance crew is driving the same type of cart without cover. There were several suggestions to the problem talked about, including using one of the golf carts. Bill McCaffrey stated that ultimately Desert Aire would have to buy a real beverage cart. It was decided that she would use a golf cart until James Curdy can find out what can be done to cover the beverage cart.

Allen Michler asked how everything was going at the park with the attendant. Larry Bonander said that it was amazing the difference it made. Allen also asked how the

garbage was going now that there wasn't any public use. James Curdy said that since it has closed there have only been a few times that people have or tried to use them.

Lynell Ahrens had a complaint about being on the email list for the newsletter and not receiving it the same day as others receive their hard copy. Cheryl Wolf asked the Board if this is something the new Communications Committee can work on. Rich Kummer said that it would be one thing they addressed. Lynell also asked if there could be something in the newsletter stating to look at the end of it if there is a survey attached. Jeff Shimmin said they would look into that.

Bill McCaffrey moved to adjourn, seconded by Bob Kibler passed: 7/0

Meeting adjourned.

These minutes have been reviewed and accepted by the Board of Directors this 11th day of September, 2009

Signatures:

_____ Date_____

President

_____ Date_____

Secretary