

Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization

Minutes of April 9, 2011 Meeting.

By Your Faithful Reporter, Ron Oliver

Another glorious Palm Springs Saturday morning found the Board of Advisors of the Racquet Club Neighborhood Organization meeting at the eclectically delightful home of BOA member Donna Chaban-Delmas. Marvelous treats were served, and entertainment was provided by what seemed to be a dozen rather rambunctious hounds.

In other words, business as usual.

BOA prexy RICK VILA called the group to order at 10:00 am. BOA members present included Dean NiCastro, Robert Perry, Ray Trim, Joseph May, Scott Kennedy, Bob Merliss, Donna Chaban-Delmas and Your Reporter.

Treasurer Dean NiCastro reported the RCENO bank account held \$21,800.52 (TWENTY ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS AND FIFTY TWO CENTS.) as of April 8, 2011.

Discussion ensued regarding the filing of taxes for our 501-CF non profit organization, 2008-2010. The paperwork will be completed in time for the May meeting.

Scott Kennedy will be reimbursed for expenses incurred at the Home Tour Reception; once again the board recognized his tireless efforts on our behalf, and thanked him.

A thank you letter will be issued on the RCENO's behalf to Jay and Mishell at M MODERN GALLERY, for their kindness and generosity in allowing the reception to be held in their facility again this year.

The January 2011 and March 2011 minutes were approved unanimously. February's minutes were safely tucked away under BOA member Bob Merliss' pillow at home, but he promised us all he'd bring them to the May meeting.

Donna Chaban-Delmas gave a report from the Palm Springs Neighborhood Involvement Committee meeting. Highlights included:

- RCENO is involved at the Platinum Level at the annual City Wide Picnic, to be held May 7, 2011 at Sunrise Park, with a booth promoting the neighborhood and several BOA members and guests in attendance.

- A code enforcement meeting will be held April 13, 2011 at City Hall, 11:30 am.

Rick Vila and Your Reporter got together for a glamorous lunch and began work toward creating an official Newsletter for the RCENO membership. It will be distributed via email to all members on the first Wednesday following the monthly meeting.

(A note to the reader: Mssrs. Vila and Oliver are STILL working on this, as of June 10, 2011...we promise it will be forthcoming....)

It was agreed to post the monthly meeting minutes on the RCENO Facebook page, for easy access for the membership. As well, a history of the minutes will be posted on the Racquet Club Estates Website; Robert Perry will coordinate with Nat Gozzano for this.

Robert Perry and Barbara Maccarillo formed a subcommittee to look into our long-gestating plan to create a "scholarship fund" to aid local neighbors with their "curb appeal". They continue to develop ideas and will report back at the next meeting.

The annual general meeting of RCENO to be held May 14th at Vista Del Monte School was discussed; emails will be sent and flyers will be walked door-to-door in the neighborhood to alert as many neighbors as possible.

Board Elections were discussed; the elections will be held at the General Meeting.

Meeting Rotation plans were discussed: June's meeting will be held at Bob Merliss' home; July the BOA has no planned meeting scheduled due to it being, to quote Cole Porter, "too darned hot"; August will be a Rick Vila's home; September at Robert Perry's and October at Joseph May's.

(Please note these plans may change due to unforeseen etc etc....)

Lauren Scarbro continued to offer her home garage for storage of any RCENO related equipment or gear; Bob Merliss has a key and may be contacted about this.

New Business was discussed:

- Palm Springs Preservation Foundation's new brochure was discussed as a potential template for RCENO's own newsletter;

- a move is afoot to rename "Sunnyview" street as "Wexler Way" in honor of the architect who's work adorns it;

- a suggestion was made that perhaps Via Miraleste could be renamed "Krisel Drive" as well.

- the Whitewater Jail Project is currently "off the books" as a county project; officially, the word is that it would be too expensive at this time - unofficially, it appears that the citizens uprising against it has worked.

Viva La Resistance!!

Suddenly, the doors burst open and masked terrorists wielding guns, machetes and highly unattractive upholstery fabrics rushed in, taking the entire Board of Advisors hostage!

Their spokesman, an unpleasantly odorous fellow in soiled track pants and an "I'm With Stupid" t-shirt, demanded an end to our tyrannical rule of mid-century modern aesthetics and a return to the cheap vulgarity of the 1980's!

Fending off their attack with nothing but elegant Danish wood-trimmed fondue forks and some absolutely gorgeous Murano glass figurines, we were able to subdue the thugs and send them back to their Vargas-painted El Caminos with only minor injuries.

(I'm sorry....these last few paragraphs are entirely fictional, but frankly it was such an utterly dull meeting that it seemed like we needed to end with a bang in the minutes...)

What ACTUALLY happened was Your Reporter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m., it was seconded by Donna Chaban-Delmas and made unanimous.

WE all ventured back out into the beautiful sunny Saturday of our desert paradise....