

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization  
Minutes of June 11, 2012  
Board of Advisers monthly meeting  
By, Joseph May**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Rick Vila called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Board members in attendance were: Rick Villa, Robert Perry, Dean Nicastro, Barbara Maccarillo, Joseph May, Scott Kennedy, Bob Merliss, Donna Chaban-Delmas, Lauren Scarbro and Terry Towne. Several members were also present.

**Approval of Minutes**

May minutes were approved.

**Financial Report**

Dean reported that we have \$21,126.95. Reports were filed with the IRS. RCENO's address is PO Box 185, Palm Springs, CA 92263.

**Officer Reports**

- PSNIC Report- little to report as the PSNIC meeting is next Thursday. Donna brought examples of Tahquitz River Estate's newsletter.

**Election of BOA officers**

Rick reports that he has enjoyed his role as the president of RCENO. He states that he does not intend to continue in the role. He told the group that he has enjoyed the process. All officer positions are up to a vote and Rick asked each current office holder to explain what their job entails.

- President- Rick said that being as he was president since the inception of the organization that a big part of his job was to get the organization moving. "Pushing it along" he said. He added that in addition he has had to act as a liaison between the neighborhood and the greater community including the City of Palm Springs. He said that as president one must have the "big picture" and at times has to smooth out issues that come before the board.
- Vice-President- Donna prefaced her comments with the announcement that she no longer wants to continue in the role. She described her role as having to take over when the president was not present. In addition she attends PSNIC meetings every month and reports back to the group. Because of her involvement in PSNIC she is also involved in the annual citywide picnic.
- Treasurer- Dean began by saying that he would be happy to continue as Treasurer. He said that he takes care of all financial records. He said he probably spends about four hours a month doing his job.

- Communications Director- Ron was not present and Rick said that he and Ron have discussed some possible changes in this role but none have been implemented.

Rick asks if anyone wants to run for president; Robert replies that he does. Rick moves on to Vice President and nobody stated that they would like the position. Rick inquires about treasurer. Dean affirms that he would like to run again. Discussion was held about what to do about the role of Communications Director given Ron's absence. Nobody was given information as to whether he wanted to retain the position. The decision was made to nominate him to the job. Terry said that she would run for VP.

Given that there was only one person running for each position we have a new set of officers:

1. President: Robert Perry
2. Vice President: Terry Towne
3. Treasurer: Dean Nicastro
4. Communications Director: Ron Oliver

There was a discussion that we needed a communications committee to help Ron with the increasingly important job of communications. Terry, Rick and Joseph said that they would like to work on a monthly newsletter. This will be a topic of further discussion.

Rick retired to the couch and Robert took over as our new president.

### **Charitable Donation Forms**

Terry passed out the current draft of this form for the board to review. Ken said that we should make sure that the money we donate should be money for our neighborhood. It was pointed out that it is not clear that an individual who is not a charitable organization would be eligible to apply. Terry noted said issues and will revise the form and bring it before the board at the next meeting.

### **Neighborhood Beautification/ Group Norms**

Robert and Barbara submitted the current draft of this form. Everyone read it and lots of discussion ensued. *Due to the nature of the discussion I was unable to take any notes here. There were multiple conversations going on in the room and it was impossible to continue taking minutes. I will take this opportunity to propose that our board needs to create a set of norms one that might be "no sidebars."*

Despite all of the conversations going on I believe I heard that we agreed that we would limit these donations "up to \$750." We need some clarification here at a future meeting.

### **2012 RCENO picnic**

The date for this year's picnic has been moved to the second Saturday in October. It will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012. Lauren will spearhead the planning of the picnic. Another discussion was held about the invitation. It was agreed that our logo would be prominent on the card. *Another conversation in which multiple people were talking at the same time occurred and I was unable to take accurate minutes.*

### **BOA Meetings Hosting Schedule for 2012**

Here is the hosting schedule for our meetings for 2012:

- ~~April 14 – Bob Merlis~~
- ~~May 12 – Vista Del Monte~~
- ~~June 9 – Terry Towne~~
- ~~July – Dark, no meeting~~
- August 11 - Joseph May
- September 8 - Rick Villa
- October 13 - Picnic and general membership meeting
- November 10 - Lauren Scarbro
- December 8 – Ron Oliver

### **New Business**

A number of discussions were going on in the room.

Lauren invited everyone over to her house at 5:00PM to eat, drink and watch the King's game.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 noon.