

RACQUET CLUB ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

MONTHLY MEETING

MINUTES FOR JUNE 11, 2011

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The sun rose once again upon another picture perfect day here in our desert paradise, and the monthly meeting of the RCENO Board of Advisors descended upon the gorgeous home of BOA member Terry Towne.

(This after considerable confusion resulting from Your Reporter's inability to read his own handwriting, sending the troops on a wild goose chase for a non-existent address. But we all managed to find the place eventually!)

The meeting began just after 10:00 am, and amongst the attendees were Rick Vila, Ken Lyon, Ron Oliver, Terry Towne, Tricia Jurovic, Barbara Maccarillo, Joseph May, Robert Perry, Dennis Vasquez, Dean Nicastro, and Scott Kennedy, thus allowing us a voting quorum.

Rick welcomed all, thanking Terry for opening up her beautiful (truly!) residence for us, and we jumped right into the

business at hand.

Treasurer Dean Nicastro reported that we had \$20,147.93 (TWENTY THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED, FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND NINETY THREE CENTS) in our bank account.

The RCENO tax returns have been filed, according to Dean, and he reported that he was awaiting an invoice from our Internet Webmaster (which always sounds naughty, no matter how you say it...) Nate Gazzano for taking such good care of our RCENO website.

Dean also asked for any unpaid expense receipts, and mentioned that he was awaiting same from member Ray Trim (who, as of this report, resigned from the RCENO Board of Advisors, but will remain as a member of the organization.)

Dean finished his report by disclosing some personal issues which may result in his moving from the neighborhood, but the general consensus from the Board was that we would like to have him stay on in the organization regardless of this. The Board offered whatever help we could during this difficult time for Dean, one of the founding members of the RCENO and a tireless booster for our great neighborhood.

The meeting continued with Rick updating us on the elections

of the Board of Advisors for our organization:

- Donna Chaban was elected for a second term as vice president;

- Your Reporter was elected for an unprecedented third term as communications director and he is delighted to think this will finally give him a chance to catch up on his meeting notes;

- Dean Nicastro was re-elected as Treasurer;

- and last but certainly not least, our President and one of the founding members of RCENO, Rick Vila, was re-elected to another term.

(Mr. Vila has intimated that his may be his last "walk down the runway" as it were, but he, like Cher, may be understating the duration of his farewell tour...)

A discussion of the disturbing increase of aircraft noise, specifically military aircraft taking off from Palm Springs Airport, ensued. Ken Lyon offered to look into the situation, to find the right parties at the airport for more information, and perhaps turn the entire thing over to Donna Chaban (aka The Enforcer) to see what happens.

Rick read the committee report for our annual Neighborhood Picnic (Oct. 15, 2011), submitted by chairperson extraordinaire Lauren Scarbro. Since it sounded as though she and her team had everything under control, the Board wished her well and told her to keep calm and carry on.

A brief discussion of the relative merits of a catered picnic versus a potluck picnic ensued; the general feeling being that a "potluck" felt more neighborly, and since we're all about being neighbors - the word is actually in our name - it was decided to keep things pot luck.

(Your Reporter will blessedly be out of town making a movie at the time of the picnic - "blessed" for those attending the picnic, as his culinary skills rate somewhere around those of Lucretia Borgia.)

The line up for the next few months of RCENO meetings was discussed, with Rick Vila hosting in August, Robert Perry hosting in September, October's meeting being held in the park at the picnic, November at the home of Joseph May, December to be announced.

The topic turned, as it often does, to our financial situation and what on earth we should be doing with all of this

filthy lucre!?

It was decided that in August we would invite Vista Del Monte school principal, and long time neighborhood supporter, Joseph Scudder to discuss what they (the school) needs for the new year.

Robert suggested sponsoring a school event; Rick Vila suggested we spend from \$3-5 thousand dollars, which the BOA generally agreed upon, the caveat being a vote to be taken on how the money is spent.

Rick put forward a motion to adopt a kennel at the new Palm Springs Animal Shelter, and to spend up to \$2000.00 in order to have our RCENO name put on the kennel door. Seconded by Joseph May, this motion passed unanimously.

Joseph then motioned to give \$3000.00 to Vista Del Monte School for them to use as they see fit; Robert seconded. Again, the motion passed unanimously.

And then, as if like clockwork, the topic turned to our now-legendary attempt to come up with a "scholarship" system for giving financial grants to folks in our neighborhood who want to improve the "curb appeal" of their homes. This has been a very tricky thing for us over the years, as one doesn't want to insult anybody by arriving with a dumpster truck and a clean up crew and

say "hey, your house sucks, we're here to fix it up!"

So we've been trying to find a way to do it nicely.

Ken Lyon has been in touch with the Coachella Valley Housing Authority, and they have a system in place for exactly such a thing. Ken will coordinate with Barb Maccarillo and Robert Perry to discuss further.

And at that, it was 11 45 am on a beautiful Palm Springs Saturday and we all looked at each other and wondered why the heck we weren't out enjoying our gorgeous town!

So we adjourned.