

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization**  
**Minutes of December 10, 2011**  
**BOA Meeting @ the home of Bob Merliss**  
**By, Joseph May**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Donna Chaban called the meeting to order at 10:05. Board members present were Robert Perry, Dean Nicasastro, Barbara Maccarillo, Lauren Scarbro, Joseph May, Scott Kennedy, Bob Merliss and Terry Towne. Several members were also present.

**Financial Report**

Dean reported that we have \$18,724.84. He stated that of that amount \$253 was revenue generated by the picnic. He urged anyone with outstanding receipts to please turn them in to him as soon as possible.

**Approval of Minutes**

October and November minutes were approved.

**Officer Reports**

There were no officer reports.

**2012 Home Tour**

At this time we have secured five homes for the tour. Of these two are Meiselmans and three are Alexanders. Two of the Alexanders are butterfly roofs. Paul Kaplan has indicated that he has some ideas for others. Robert is in the process of attempting to secure a Wexler home. If anyone has any ideas about homes that might be included please contact Scott. We need to have all seven homes by the end of the month so that we can proceed with the assembling of the program and get it to the printers.

Twelve docents have been confirmed but we need twelve more. Donna will ask Ron to send out a blast calling for more docents. Barbara suggested contacting the Palm Springs Art Museum for docents. Ray Trim has offered to help with the organization of docents.

Robert said that he has ordered 1,000 post cards for a price of \$150. Donna asked if she should order more t-shirts for sale at the event particularly those in the brighter colors like orange and blue. It was reported that 20 tickets have been sold so far. *Atomic Ranch* will donate magazines to give away at the home tour. We need to purchase more booties and wristbands. Joseph was reminded that he needed to purchase 14 chairs, two for each home. Robert is still looking for a celebrity guest and Ken has secured vintage cars. RCENO member Bruce has indicated that he would contact *CA Modern* to see if they would donate magazines.

## **Officer Reports**

None

## **PISNC Report**

Donna reported that there are now 28 neighborhood organizations and a couple more to be formed. The April citywide picnic will be back at Ruth Hardy Park this year. It is being billed a citywide picnic welcoming anyone who lives in Palm Springs.

Some neighborhood organizations are taking up citrus collection for their neighborhood and it was suggested that we do it after the home tour. Lauren said that she would drive. Donna said that Lee needs to have minutes from our annual meeting submitted and Robert said that he would do that.

Donna introduced RCENO member Amy who talked about her experience being robbed while packing her car in broad daylight. Amy brought a sign that she uses in her neighborhood in Toluca Lake, which says "no solicitors" and has the city's logo on it. It was suggested that we look into something like this that neighbors could purchase and hopefully ward off incidents like Amy described. Donna said that she would present the idea to PSNIC. RCENO member Bruce relayed an incident that occurred at his home where property was stolen and board member Scott also mentioned that he had someone steal several bags of recyclables from his backyard. Be vigilant!

## **2011 Festival of Lights Parade – debriefing**

All had a great time. Thanks were given to all who worked on this event and participated. Next year we will embellish the car even further and our banner will have our logo on it. It was mentioned that more neighborhood organizations are interested in participating next year so we need to register early. Dinner afterwards at Café Italia was also lots of fun. All agreed that this would be a new tradition for our organization.

## **Up-coming**

1/14/12 BOA meeting @Terry's house

2/11/12 BOA and Docent orientation @ Robert's house

1/18/12 2012 Home Tour

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15AM.