

Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of April 12, 2014 @ the home of Terry Towne
B.O.A. Monthly Meeting
By, Joseph May

Welcome and Introductions

Robert Perry called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Board members in attendance were: Robert Perry, Dean Nicastro, Joseph May, Lauren Scarbro, Donna Chaban-Delmas, John Russell, Terry Towne and Rick Vila. There were several members of the community present as well.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$35,333.75. There are still a couple of checks to be written for expenses as well as funds continuing to come in from various sources. There was a motion to pay \$200 to Dean's secretary to have our taxes done and it was approved. Dean will have her do the taxes this week.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Officer Reports

PSNIC:

- Palm Springs library is offering mobile apps with access to E and audio books and music to download.
- Palm Springs Air Museum is having a special display of B-17, B-24. P-51 Mustang.
- Tacheva Concert is April 16.
- F10 block party is on April 19/20 on Granvia Valmonte between PCD and Indian.
- Bids are being taken for the downtown shuttle to run from the Parker to the Riviera hotels. It will probably run on evenings from Thursday through Sunday.
- The College of the Desert is seriously looking into the idea of building their west campus at the site of the Palm Springs Mall.
- The City Council passed the plastic bag ordinance making it illegal for stores to use plastic bags and they have to charge for paper bags. It will be phased in over the next year.
- May is bike month with many bicycle events planned.
- This week is large items collection from PS Disposal. Put large items to be disposed of at curbside.
- Anyone who wants to get rid of their old trashcans can leave them at their curb and they will be picked up. Palm Springs artist Kenny Irwin will also take your old cans to use in his work, drop them off at his house near Ruth Hardy Park.

It was suggested that our organization should consider making a donation to PSNIC.

Semi-Annual General Meeting

The meeting will take place on Saturday, May 10th from 10:00AM to 12:00PM in the Multi-purpose Room at Vista del Monte Elementary School. The following board members are up for re-election: Robert, Joseph, Donna, and Dean.

Lauran had signs made to advertise it. Residents and board members were asked to take one to place in front of their homes and strategic places throughout the neighborhood. We agreed that they should be placed between 4/26 and 5/3.

Craig Ewin from the water agency will be at the meeting as will Lee Bono. There will be our local police officer and Terry will ask for someone from the fire department to attend. It was suggested that we have someone from Palm Springs Disposal to talk about the changes in service and to address concerns regarding the walk-in service as some residents are finding their trash cans are not being put back where they belong. We will hold elections for the four open seats. All incumbents indicated a desire to run. Terry volunteered to take care of refreshments.

Newsletter

Rick and Terry said that they needed to talk with Ron about the newsletter being as he is our communications guy. Rick then pointed out the fact that Ron is unable to participate fully on the board due to his work schedule, which takes him out of town a lot. Rick pointed out that everyone loves Ron very much (as heads were nodding up and down throughout the room) but we really need to have an active participant in the position.

A discussion ensued about the idea of creating a position of Board Member Emeritus for BOA members who have served on the board in the past to be recognized for their work. A motion was made to create the position of Board Member Emeritus for BOA members who have served two or more terms and have demonstrated commitment to the organization and are expected to continue to support RCENO. The motion was seconded and passed.

Robert will speak with Ron.

Charitable Donations& Grants

Robert, Terry, and Rick will be going to Roy's Saturday 4/19 and Robert, Joseph, and Sylvie Teicher will meet at Robert's house on Saturday, 4/26 @ 1:00 to review the request for a grant made by the resident at 458E Simms.

New Business/Projects/Q&A/Other

- Donna brought up the fact that her water bill had tripled. She was advised to contact the water company.

- Jeff Taylor brought up the idea to use Measure J funds for undergrounding the utility lines around town. Terry agreed to bring up the matter at PSNIC and Jeff volunteered to work on such a project.
- Rick brought up the Measure J process. It appears that the Measure J committee rubber-stamps any projects that the city proposes and neighborhood proposals, such as ours, get ignored. Ken suggested that citizens should go to city council meetings and Rick said that letters should be written to the city inquiring about the Measure J process.
- Terry announced that PSNIC is up for three awards at the 2014 Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) national conference in Eugene, Oregon, May 21-24. The three awards are for our city-wide picnic, the blade signs program, and *Tahquitz Creek Yacht Club* which cleans the Tahquitz Creek wash on a regular basis. Lee Bono is going and wants to take our shirts to be on display.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

2014 meeting schedule:

Date	Location, home of...
1/11/14	Terry Towne
2/8/14	Robert Perry
3/8/14	John Russell
4/12/14	Ren Oliver
5/10/14	Multi-purpose Room VDM ES
6/14/14	Lauren Scarbro
8/9/14	Terry Towne
9/13/14	Joseph May
10/11/14	Victoria Park
11/8/14	Rick Vila
12/13/14	Robert Perry