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**CAROLINA SHORES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**January 12, 2022**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Joe Watts, President; Jack Csernecky, Vice President; Sue Hensler; Secretary, Kerry Jarrell; Treasurer and Directors, Julia Lally, Carol Davis, and Kelly Wilson.

**Board Members Absent:** none.

Joe Watts called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and Sue led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval December Minutes:** Jack made a motion to approve the minutes and Philip seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Member Comments on Agenda Items:** none.

**BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Treasurer Report:** Kerry handed out the transaction detail report to the Directors and the updated operating budget through December. He directed attendees to look at the last page of the operating budget which showed a balance of \$60,473 and explained that the utility bills and possibly some other payments still needed to come out of that total but that he expected to have a surplus of approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 after everything had been paid. Recreation spending was still down this year.

**Architectural Control Committee (ACC):** Jack reported that the ACC had reviewed 4 plans for new homes, 3 were approved and 1 denied because it was missing information.

Jack also reported that the election documents were mailed and that the meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. on February 5, 2022. Currently 4 candidates for 4 open positions. Carol Davis had decided not to run due to other obligations, but she said that she would volunteer to work on communications.

**Recreation Facilities Committee:** Kelly said that the cost of pool chemicals has gone up. He said that he had sent an email to HB Jones to let him know what the additional cost would be if we refinished all of the courts. Kelly also said that if this were done that the tennis players would like to be on courts 1 & 2.

**Communication:** Carol advised that we plan to print the directory in house next year.

**Recreation Social Committee:** Sue said that the holiday party was a huge success. 255 people attended and with only 5 no shows. The cost was up \$2640 over prior year, but we had no complaints over food or service. She said that they would be talking with the Elks about this year's party. Sue said that the cookie exchange was also a success with 27 bakers participating. The Board provided hot chocolate, hot cider, and eggnog.

Sue said that she and Rick Griffin had been sharing information on ways to reduce the noise from pickleball. Rick said that a representative from Paddle Tech would be at the courts on January 23 to demonstrate some of the racquets. Cost would be around \$80 to \$180 depending on the racquet.

Sue had gone to Sunset Beach Park to check out the swings because she had wanted the Board to erect a memorial in Marlene Stewart's honor as one of the first people on the recreation committee. Sue said that the swings were very expensive but that we could possibly have a wrought iron bench with a plaque

on it in Marlene's honor.

**Advisory:** Nothing to report.

**House Committee:** Philip reported that the office stair railings were being repainted and that the handicap ramps were being inspected and repaired where necessary.

**Grounds Committee:** Joe reported that the grounds crew had cleaned the gutters at the clubhouse. He noted that the outside holiday décor had been removed.

**Legal:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Joe Watts passed out a letter concerning trash removal in our community. He spoke with Chad Hicks the Town Administrator and with a representative from GFL to make sure he was reporting the issue correctly. He said the purpose was to dispel some of the misinformation. See letter below:

Brunswick County taxes provide for collection of household garbage. The Town of Carolina Shores collects no additional taxes for the waste container located at the recycle center. In addition, CSPOA By-laws, Declaration of Restrictions, and POA fees do not include or provide for garbage disposal.

Green For Life (GFL) is the company contracted to perform waste removal services and supply the container located at the recycle center. Brunswick County also helps pay the attendants. In essence, our "trash truck" is permanently located at the center and is operational six days a week during the posted hours of operation. Therefore, residents in the community of Carolina Shores are receiving garbage service as paid for in county taxes. In addition, all residents of the town, with the window sticker permit, have access to the recycle center for disposing of yard debris and recycling household materials. Under the American Disability Act, governments and companies must accommodate people with special needs. This includes roll-out carts for handicapped residents and is why some residents have garbage pick-up service.

Should the majority of our residents want roll-out carts, the trash container at the recycle center will be removed as Brunswick County will not pay for both drop-off and pick-up services; the debris site and recycling containers will remain as they are maintained by the town. It would take a truck at least one day a week to pick up the estimated 850 carts from our neighborhood. For an entire 24-hour day, all 850 carts might be at the end of driveways.

The Town of Carolina Shores requires carts, also known as wheeled containers, be placed at the side of the street where they will not impede vehicular travel. Carts should be located no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the day prior to collection, nor later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of the pickup. They must be removed from the street no later than 6:00 p.m. the same day. In addition, the rules and regulations of the CSPOA require garage storage of carts.

An agreement is necessary between Brunswick County, GFL, our town, and our residents to change the current arrangement. Brunswick County may defer to GFL as there is no difference in cost with regards to the present system and roll-out carts.

This is simply a clarification of our garbage collection service, as there are numerous online statements that do not properly portray the present service with regards to the roll out carts.

**Member Comments:** Rick Griffin asked if he could contract someone to pick up his garbage. Joe said that he was unsure if he would be allowed to do so. He also said that he had noticed several rollaway carts in the Acreage. Dan O'Reilly said that there is a resident on Pinewood Dr. who is handicapped, and

they do have the roll away cart and sometimes the son and mother roll it to the recycle center between trash pickup days. He said that it would be a nightmare to have a large trash truck going through our neighborhood. He also said that when members move from towns with trash service, they expect to have the same services but most end up finding the recycle center to be a convenience and would rather take their trash when needed.

Barbara Harnett asked if the rules about parking trailers had changed because she has seen several in the neighborhood. Joe Watts said that they have not changed but they rely on members to fill out request for inspections so the ACC committee can follow up on the issue.

Rick Griffin asked that the LED lights be installed at the tennis courts prior to the resurfacing. Joe said that since we are waiting for HB Jones to give us an estimate to refinish all the courts that we will wait until we know what we are going to do.

Debbie Watts introduced herself and gave members a recap of what occurred at a recent Town meeting as a commissioner. First, she advised members about the new stickers for the recycle center, she said that members could get up to 3 stickers. Stickers identify whether the vehicle is a car or truck. Next, she informed members of the Town's finances. The Town received approximately \$1.45 million from Covid relief funds. Since the amount is under 10 million, they can spend it on whatever they want to. FEMA also reimbursed the Town \$742,737 from Hurricane Florence. The Town revenue at the end of 2021 was \$2,832,000 with an additional \$1,386,000 in investments for a total of \$4,218,000. She reported that the Sheriff's office handled calls concerning package and mail theft, also 19 traffic stops for speeding and two suspicious persons reports. Debbie said that they approved minutes from previous meetings the oldest being dated back to 2019. She reported that the Town now has 4 electronic speed signs and that they can collect data from them on speeding. One in our subdivision on Pinewood has been repaired. Data collected for November and December for the other three signs are as follows: Calabash Lakes had about 4000 speeders, two signs are located in the Farm, the west sign showed about 600 speeders and the east sign showed 1006 during the period.

Dan O'Reilly said that there were stop signs on the Parkway at one time to control speeding but that they were taken down after several months since the residents complained about them.

Rick Griffin asked if they could have cameras attached to the signs and issue tickets like they do up North. Debbie said that they could attach cameras, but tickets cannot be issued.

Mr. Rossi of Sunfield Drive said that there was misinformation concerning the Sherriff's ability to write speeding tickets. He had an officer come to his house and she said that they could write speeding tickets for endangerment.

Joe Watts said that since the Town has over \$4 million dollars now would be the time to start a police department. Dan O'Reilly stated that we have no crime in our neighborhood and that the only thing they would be doing is writing speeding tickets. Sue Hensler asked if there is a reason why we cannot have stop signs to slow drivers down. Debbie Watts said she would investigate some 3 way stop signs.

The Board went into executive session at 10:45 a.m. and adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Election Meeting: February 5, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: February 9, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.