

MINUTES OF VCC MEETING APRIL 19, 2021

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present

- Nancy Hudson, President
- Bob Derr, Vice President
- Susan Scholl, Secretary
- Sue Kaneski, Treasurer
- Mike Phillips, Member-at-Large

President Nancy Hudson welcomed the attendees and recognized the new residents in attendance.

- New residents
 - Mark & Sheila Carol #239
 - Tom & Sherry Mayer #239
 - Dave & Debbie Osborn #131
 - President Hudson emphasized the need for all residents to become involved in the Village Circle Club.

Briefing by Faye Ochsenfeld on the new agreement regarding pets in the park

- The new agreement is a directive from the owner and will absolve the park of all responsibilities for a pet's actions.
- All pet owners must sign the new agreement.
- The office manager passed out copies of the pet agreement to all pet owners who were in attendance.
- The new pet agreement will be included in the summer newsletter
- Pet rules will not change but the pet owners will now have full responsibility for their pet's actions.
 - All pets must be registered at the office. Shots documentation, name, size, weight and a picture of the pet is required.
 - All pets including cats must be leashed when outdoors.
- Questions and Comments from the floor
 - Linda Smith stated that there are many stray cats in the park
 - For a stray, you can call the SPCA or Animal Control for pick up. All animals must be contained in order for SPCA or Animal Control to pick them up. The containers that were borrowed from the office need to be returned.
 - Linda Smith stated that many cat owners let their pets roam unleashed in the park.
 - All pets including cats must be leashed when outdoors.
 - If infractions of this rule are reported to the office, the owner will be contacted.
 - Dave Evans stated he has trapped several cats and had them picked up. He suggests that before calling for pick up, Judy Moore should be contacted to determine if they are the mouser cats.
 - Judy Moore stated she will provide photos to the office of the mouser cats. She also stated that she feeds the mouser cats and asked that no one else feed them.
 - Faye requests that no one feed stray dogs or cats.
 - Linda Smith stated that many cat owners let their pets roam unleashed in the park.
 - All pets including cats must be leashed when outdoors.
 - If infractions of this rule are reported to the office, the owner will be contacted.
 - Nancy Hudson encouraged dog owners to check out the dog park

Secretary's Report - Susan Scholl

- Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Treasurer's Report - Sue Kaneski

- Treasurer's report was read.

President Nancy Hudson read the audit report which stated that the rules in spending monies from the VCC had not been followed. President Hudson then read the VCC board response to the audit report.

- Questions and Comments from the floor regarding the audit.
 - Paul Flannery #71 stated that purchasing the exercise equipment should have been postponed and voted on by the VCC membership.
 - President Hudson stated that the purchase was made because:
 - The equipment was unsafe
 - New equipment is high quality commercial equipment and the purchase price would have increased over \$6,000 if a later purchase was made.
 - The VCC treasury had over \$34,000 and was subject to an IRS audit and fines
 - Treasurer Sue Kaneski stated that since the VCC was operating under the rules of a non-profit organization and having over \$34,000 in the treasury could result in an IRS audit and fines. Approximately \$15,000 should be kept in the treasury to avoid this.
 - Fitzpatrick states that the reason the VCC treasury had too much money is because they are charging too much for activities and should not be used to make money.
 - President Hudson explained that the money in the treasury goes to buy many things for the residents including pool equipment, supplies, kitchen, decorations, tables, chairs etc.
 - Liz Jennings #242 stated that the previous exercise equipment was unsafe and she was almost injured while using it. She stated she is very happy with the purchase.
 - Doug Marth stated that the decision to purchase the exercise equipment should not have been made without membership approval. Is there a certain amount that can be approved without membership approval and is there a spending plan in place in case an emergency situation occurs?
 - \$400 is the current limit the board can approve.
 - A contingency plan will be written into the by-laws to address situations where emergency repair or purchase requiring immediate action occurs.
 - Linda Markert #248 stated the VCC elected the board to make decisions. She is happy with the board's decision and thinks they are doing a good job.
 - Chris Peterson states that the shuffleboard courts are paid for by Walter and could he have paid for the exercise equipment?
 - Shuffleboard courts were put in by Walter many years ago. Since we are still using them and Walter doesn't want to fully maintain them, he has agreed to pay half for shuffleboard resurfacing with the VCC paying half also. The last resurfacing was courts 19-24 and courts 13-18 are scheduled next.
 - Does he pay half for the RC track?
 - The RC track is not part of the Village Circle so VCC does not pay.
 - Robin Lillevoid #137 asks will rent be increased?
 - Rent is increased in association with the park property. It has nothing to do with the VCC activities.
 - Doug Marth stated that it was important that the membership was given the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the audit findings. He states that he believes that the decision to

purchase the exercise equipment could have waited until November but appreciates the fact that the board addressed the issue in this meeting.

- Bob Derr stated that the previous exercise equipment was unsafe and the treasury increase was due in part to Walter reimbursing VCC with his half of shared purchases from the previous year.
- Dee Allen #185 requests the audit discussion be closed.

President's Announcements

- This is now a year round park
- There will be activities throughout the entire year.
- VCC meetings will be held year round
- By-Law changes needed to address emergency expenditures.
- Meeting with current committee chairmen was well attended and these committees will carry forth into the upcoming season.
 - Positions are still unfilled for Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Dinner and Shuffleboard Lunches. Please contact a board member to volunteer.

Old Business

- Covered in audit discussions.

New Business

- Denny Overstreet requests the VCC provide \$500 to repair the shuffleboard benches. Walter will also pay \$500 towards this repair.
 - Tricia Howard #291 makes a motion to give \$500 to the shuffleboard bench repair.
 - Seconded by Linda Smith.
 - Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carried.
- There will be a grand reopening event on July 4th. There will be a catered meal and a live band.
 - Volunteers are needed
- Janice Trotter has volunteered to assume responsibility for the kitchen and hamburger night.
- Susan Scholl has volunteered to assume the position of activity director
- Tricia Howard suggests that name tags should be worn at events and that residents should wait for the gate to close after hours.
- Brenda ? Unit #27 asks who controls the keys to the various locked activity rooms (i.e. stained glass, ceramics, woodcarving). They should not be listed as park amenities if they are not accessible.
 - Heads of these activities explained that there were very expensive items as well as personal items in each room. All residents are welcome to participate in these activities and should contact each responsible individual if the rooms are locked.
 - Linda Smith suggests that there should be a sign placed on each door with contact information.
- Martha Evans asked if there will be bingo this summer.
 - Jill Sharrow states that Bingo will be held this summer if there is enough interest but prefers not to open it to the public. She will discuss further with the VCC board and provide more details at the next VCC meeting.
- Jill Sharrow requests that a verifying attachment for the bingo board be purchased. She will get prices.

Motion to adjourn by Jane Phillips, seconded by Barbara Ostermaier

Meeting adjourned at 10:21

Susan Scholl

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VCC Secretary