

HPGC 2023 Oct. Member Meeting Minutes

A Member meeting of the High Point Golf Club Inc. was held in the Café Oct 12, 2023.

Attendees:

President – Wayne Burgess, VP & Secretary – Dale Mayes, Treasurer – Sally Giambrone, RoseAnn Burgess, Bill Reese, Jim Kudalski, Joe Laricha, Linda Schroeder

Approximately 53 Members in attendance

Call to order at 3:00 p.m. (Wayne Burgess)

Pledge of Allegiance (All members)

Moment of Silence (All members)

President's Items (Wayne Burgess)

HPGC Christmas Dinner & Dance

Will be held on Friday, Dec. 8th which is the Queen of Hearts drawing night

On this night only, you will not have to be present to win all of the jackpot

Sign will be posted that any QoH tickets sold in advance will need the envelope # on it

Ruth will be returning as the cook for the café and will be reporting to Jim Kudalski.

Mo's at the doctor's office so I'll report he replaced all the smoke detectors in the clubhouse

Was mandated by our insurance company, needed to have 10-year sealed battery type

We signed and returned a certified letter as proof the work had been completed

Golf Course (Joe Laricha)

Mowing equipment update

All three mowers delivered, two new 72 inch zero turns & a refurbished greens mower

They're all working great and no issues

The zero turns have really decreased the mowing time from 9-10 days to 2½ days

Irrigation system problems

The system is almost 50 years old

Spending a lot of time on repairs

We have to tackle it Hole by hole and we'll continue to patch & fix it

Request for Tree removal

Along the west-side of the cart path heading to hole # 13, off of Formosa

Tree has pushed up her driveway and sprinkler system

They asked if the tree could be removed, and we agreed as long as homeowner paid

Paul's (Course Superintendent's report)

Past summer has been hot and dry

Some difficulties with our old irrigation systems, continuing to repair & improve

New benches in the practice area installed

Working on the greens and the areas around the greens

Closing course for 1 week at end of month for over-seeding & other maintenance

Will be cart-path-only for the week following

Done a lot of tree & limb clean-up including removing a lot of old tree stumps

Questions:

Member noticed some fluid had leaked on Hole #5

There was an issue with a leak on the unit and it has been fixed

Treasurer (Sally Giambrone)

August financials were posted before she left on vacation

September books has been closed and will be posted after she returns on Oct. 19th

2024 Golf Membership Raffle tickets are still on sale for \$20

Membership (Linda Schroeder)

Guest Green Fees will be increased on Oct. 15th

\$17 for 9 holes

\$30 for 18 holes

Posted on Facebook and at the clubhouse

Updated proposed 2024 Green Fee package prices to reflect the increase

Bar (RoseAnn Burgess)

Bar update – No issues and the bar is doing well

Kitchen fridge had an issue

First refrigerator in the kitchen

Called in Blue Water Refrigeration on Oct. 4th

Found a leak on a piercing valve which they fixed

Men of HPGC Calendar update

Last Friday we had the calendar reveals & sale for \$20 each

Was a fantastic time and Kim and the girls that put that together did a great job

Approximately 70 have been sold, it's all profit after 50 were sold

There's only like 30 remaining if you want them and the northerners aren't here yet

Golf & Publicity (Jim Kudalski)

Business Sponsors for signs on course

Thanks to Robin Nardozza, Diane Quintin & Kim Larson for all their work

Verified all signs on course, still need to remove a few that are outdated

Signs are in for the 3 new sponsors

Will continue to work on having a sponsor for every hole

Dale has created a Sponsors page on the Website

Course Improvement Fund

Men's League has collected & donated over \$3,700 to the club

Originally a Joe Corso idea so a big thanks to Joe, I just implemented it

Been some other donations, some want to remain anonymous

Tournaments & Golf Events

Working on getting all the events plaques updated with the member's names

Schedule has been posted, thanks to Robin Nardozza for the document posted

Gold Tees

Met with group this week to discuss changes to hole lengths and par values

FSGA has approved us making changes

Should be ready to share results at a future meeting

Par-3 Tee Proposal

Will start working on a proposal for setting up Tees for a Par-3 course in 2024

USGA/FSGA will be allowing courses as short as 1,500 yards to be rated for handicaps

Current minimum course length is 3,000 yards (our Gold Tees are about 3,300 yards)

Linda, Dale & I will be attending a World Handicap System seminar in Tampa

There are updates coming in 2024 which we'll share in the future

We have to get certified so we can issue & manage handicaps in 2024

Café & Kitchen (Jim Kudalski)

We will be meeting tomorrow to discuss our plans for the café

This will include what we're going to do and how we're going to do it

I don't have any more specifics at this time

I look forward to working with Ruth & the volunteers to try our best for the membership

Remember, the volunteers help make all of this work and they're all we've got

By-Laws & Rules (Bill Reese)

Silent auction update

Silent auction is Nov. 11th with bidder registration starting at 1:00pm

Once everyone is registered the auction will run for 1 hour & 15 minutes

We continue to get a few items, but we need more

The more we get, the better off we'll be

Bar will be open for liquid refreshments

By-Laws and Rules & Regulation update status

Committee has met multiple times over the summer

Proposed Documents are ready & have been distributed at yesterday's board meeting

Thanks to Cid Trasatti, Dick Mann, Dick Bowley, Tom Lynch & Dick Perreault

Also sitting in on some meetings were Jim Kudalski, Wayne Burgess & Dale Mayes

Beth Rullman: Asking this now seems right since it involves the By Laws

It would've been nice to hear a female name as part of the committee's members

When the issues happened with the Café in early July, I followed the By Laws

A Special Membership Meeting application request was sent to the Secretary on July 21

On August 5th I received a response that the meeting would be held on November 15th

I'm felt like we were being ignored by pushing out the meeting until mid-November

Having to wait four months to discuss something that's part of the member's rights and part of our memberships just feels like we're being pushed aside or ignored

If the board is going to focus on following the rules & by laws, then why did you skip holding the required membership meeting in September? You broke the rules.

So, another question to this board is what's the purpose of having the governing docs if you don't plan on following them?

We elected you to the board and that includes following all the rules.

There's a lot of things we the members don't have say in, and if we're putting our trust in this elected board to follow the rules and then you don't, where do we have a leg to stand on?

I brought our concerns to this board in July, now I'm bringing more concerns about this Board today, otherwise I'd not be doing my job as a member of this club.

I'm concerned my voice no longer counts in this club whatsoever.

Cindy Williams: Are you going to have the membership vote on the by-laws in our annual meeting? I've been here for 30 years and when they updated the by-laws, that's what the board went by. Now, I don't know as far as the Articles of Incorporation, but you need to print those and let every member have a copy of that. This is what we've been going by. And now all of a sudden, you have decided the interpretation was that we didn't have to go by that. But the board could make all these changes. And yet this was voted on. It was in the minutes from the annual meeting that these were updated. And I do not understand how you can ignore what the membership voted on.

The Articles of Incorporation were created in 1976. I do not know if anything was ever done with them, but we've always...for there to have been five or six different by-law changes, and that's what the board has always gone by. So, I'm saying to you, and I understand that you're a rule person, but you should have brought that to the membership and had that discussion with the membership before you started making all the changes. Because we had no say so, with what you're doing.

Beth Rullman

It's the lack of communication that's causing the concern with us as members, and I'm not trying to speak for all of the members. I'm saying that as a member, the lack of transparency from the board right now is causing concerns on what exactly is taking place. Do I hope that everyone's doing their due diligence? Do I hope that everybody's doing what's in the best interest of the club? Of course, I do. But until you are transparent and communicate that to all of us, that's how the rumors start, the people go wild in their heads on what's happening. And the smallest little difference in question becomes a big, big deal, which is what's happened in this situation.

I mean, take the rumor that you were going to outsource the kitchen. It went absolutely wild here because no one on the board communicated exactly what was being discussed. We heard no one was looked up, no questions were asked. It was one couple that came and said, I'll take over the kitchen and because there were questions about the kitchen, everybody went, oh good, let's get rid of that. That's not the way that you run a business.

Cindy Williams:

The other question that I have under the Articles of Incorporation, it's my understanding, and I haven't looked at them, was at the time there were certificates the homeowners bought. So, if you're a rules person and you're going back and saying, this is no good, we're going back to that, where are you going to go with all the certificates out there? Are you going to go back and honor those certificates?

I don't have a problem with the update. I have a problem with the by-laws we were operating under say the membership got to vote on the by-law changes at the annual meeting. I'm just saying you are cutting the membership out in those decisions. I'm not saying you didn't do a good job with rewriting the by-laws. I'm not saying you didn't do a good job with writing the rules. I'm just asking, why are you cutting the membership out in all of these decisions?

Dale responded:

The Articles of Incorporation gave the power to update the by-laws to the board. When a previous board updated the by-laws to give that power solely to the membership, they did not go back and update the Articles of Incorporation to remove that language from Article X.

This is in violation of Chapter 617 of the Florida State Statutes governing all not-for-profit corporations like our golf club. You cannot create a by-law that is inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation.

When an inconsistency exists between the two, the Articles of Incorporation win.

I've gone through roughly 12 years of the minutes that exist and so far, I haven't found any reference to when Article X was created and/or changed. It could have happened before that. I've not gone through all of the meeting minutes. I know your point has been

brought up before that this decision was made and it was voted on. I just can't find where it was ever documented in the minutes.

But no matter what, the Articles come first, they trump the by-laws.

As far as membership certificates as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, they have very little definition. In previous versions of the by-laws there are statements about "Golf Certificates" purchased from the Club and transferred to a new homeowner, ending in that new member would not have to pay the initiation fee. However, a transfer fee had to be paid upon joining the Club.

All that language was removed from the by-laws at some point in time. The initiation fee was stopped or effectively set to \$0 which in turn placed the value of the Golf Certificates at nothing.

Annually we now issue and have each member sign an agreement with the exception being the lifetime memberships are only issued once. Seems like this process was put in place of membership or golf certificates.

The Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws & Rules & Regulations are already available on the website. They can be printed out. I'll put the proposed by-laws along with the proposed rules & regulations on the website and on Facebook.

Post-meeting Note: After the meeting actions included emailing all voting members (approximately 180 where we had valid email addresses) a copy of the proposed by-laws, a high-level list of changes enacted in those by-laws, and a feedback form so the membership could have a better voice in the whole process.

The proposed by-laws include more power to the membership, especially compared to the current by-laws.

Dick Mann:

We had some incidents, the first part of July, here. Beth got the petition prepared with lots and lots of signatures on it. The incidents were with our cook and with a volunteer. There were two board members, some cuss words and belittling of a volunteer. That's what the special meeting is for the middle of next month. We're all here, Wayne is on the phone, Roseanne's on the phone. Why could we not have had this meeting and resolve this issue back in July? It's just my opinion. Any board member that would curse and belittle a volunteer and a faithful employee should not be a board member.

Beth Rullman:

Unfortunately, because we're just members and not members of the board, we have no say in that. That's what I keep trying to circle around to. It feels like the membership and the board are acting separately and sitting together and I want to know how to fix that.

Tina Smyers:

Can we request that in the November meeting you bring a copy of the article that you are quoting, a copy of the by-law that states that the membership has a vote and a Florida statute that also states that all by-laws, articles have to be voted on by membership. A Florida statute is put into place to protect membership, not board members. You can make the statute stronger. You can now make it weaker. So, I would like to request that you could be prepared in the next meeting to address that. So, everybody understands that.

Wayne responded:

On the timing of the November meeting, my answer is because I didn't want just ten people at the meeting. I wanted everybody to be back and be at this meeting so I decided to have it in November because all the Canadians and all the northern or snowbird people would all be back and that's why that's what I decided.

Dale added:

I will share with all of you that discussion happened within the board, and it was a board level decision. It was not a unanimous vote, but just like yesterday, if there are five yes votes and there are four no votes that means that is the board's decision. I don't expect every board decision to be unanimous otherwise you're probably not bringing enough new ideas into the board but that is the way the vote went and therefore the meeting was scheduled for the middle of November. So, when Wayne says "I" he really is referring to at the board level by a 5-4 vote.

Ed Smyers:

That's why the petition was signed by 75 members that were unsatisfied with the situation that was taking place. They should have been addressed at that time not four months down the road. That's not fair to the members.

Beth Rullman:

I agree with you. You got outvoted by five to four and I understand that. But it's still not fair. And it seems very pathetic that three months later now I'm hearing this reasoning. I didn't get any kind of response like that to the letter in the petition. So, now I have to wait until a meeting is finally called, no matter what the by-law says by the way, that when a meeting is finally called and then force an answer out of someone, that's not right. It's not right. It needs to change. And I don't know how to change it except that I have membership and board, transparency, communication, and agreement on situations more cohesive. Instead of this, well, we decided and here's what we're finally going to tell you. That's bulls**t and please pardon my language.

Other members:

Why do we have a husband and wife on the board? I don't think that's fair. That's considered one group with two votes. I think that's part of the problem. A husband and wife should not be on the board together.

Wayne responded:

When we change the by-laws, coming up in February, that's one of the changes in that we can't have a wife and a husband on the board. So, that is coming up when we do the by-law change.

Other members:

If that's been an issue, why is it just once a year for possible changes? Is it written somewhere in the by-laws that amendments can only change once a year or something? In prior times, let me go this way.

Dale responded:

In prior times, the by-laws were changed once a year. And previous boards followed the Article X statement in the by-laws. And therefore, updates to the by-laws could only occur once a year.

So, you know, it's taken me a chunk of time, to make all the updates to those by-laws. As Bill's committee gave me feedback, I'd make the changes, give them back to Bill's team, and we've gone back and forth. So, it's a complex document no matter what. And again, an attempt was also made to make the language clear.

It's also an attempt to give the membership the power and ability to remove one, or more, or the whole board. That's a match to what the HOA has. The HOA has in their language and their by-laws that one or more members, or all the members of the board, can be removed by a meeting called by the membership. I know there are percentages involved in the HOA by-laws. You have to have a certain percentage, I think it's 25%, but don't hold me to that. So, 25% of the voting members of the HOA have to petition to do it, and a certain percentage of those have to show up. And then I think it's a super majority of that quorum can remove one or more of the members that are identified in the petition for that special meeting.

This is part of reasoning behind updating the by-laws. There's really no power in there today for the members. That needs to change. This is one club, one membership. The board represents that membership and tries to take the day-to-day stuff off the table.

That's also why there is a budget with detailed items. All those things need to be presented in front of the membership for their review and approval. That's another item on the agenda in the annual meeting. I mean, all that's now been defined, including how these meetings run. Bill's committee has seen all that information inside the proposed by-laws already. Go ahead, Dick, you want to say something, or you have a question.

Dick Mann:

All these changes are in the proposed by-laws and rules. For example, this would mean that a husband and wife can't run for the board once the by-laws change. Ideally, they'll be changed before we start that process and hopefully, that will happen next month.

We still have this problem that we haven't resolved yet. Now, we got Wayne on the phone, Roseanne's on the phone. The only one that's not here is Mo. We got everybody here that we need. Why could we not resolve this issue now? Because it's still like a festering blister. This is the incident that happened the first part of July. Why could we not resolve it now?

Wayne: My decision... our decision and we voted on it is November 15th and that's where I'm staying and if the whole board voted on it, I don't see how we can change it right now.

Ed Smyers: So, the members really have no say. Is that what you're saying, Wayne?

Wayne: What I'm saying is the board, you people elected us.

Ed Smyers: No, you were appointed to the board Wayne. We did not elect you.

Wayne: Okay, we were appointed to run the club and that's the decision we made. It wasn't my decision. It was the majority decision of the board.

Ed Smyers: But that's a conflict, for you as a husband and wife. Also, there's a conflict of interest because you were part of incident that took place that everybody was unhappy about. At least 75 members signed the petition. And we did not get anything from you or the other half on our behalf to take care or resolve that issue. And we're still not happy about it because you still have two votes on anything that they say that regards your own participation in the problem.

Wayne: This is what the board did. I picked the date, they okayed it. I don't know what else to tell you.

Beth Rullman: So, the by-laws are going to be changed, but the memberships do not have any input on the changes.

Dale: My goal, and I think Bill would be in agreement, is to share that information. I hope I'm as transparent as anyone because I try to get stuff posted on the web, on Facebook, I try

to make sure it's out here on the bulletin board. I'm waiting for those by-laws internal to the board and the committee to say, okay, we think we got it. And at that point, I have no trouble sharing, and again, it requires approval by the board.

Cindy: Then we vote on it in February. It is presented and then voted on. I've been here for 17, 18 years and this is how we've always done things.

Dale: I happen to be that guy who says, it's interesting that the boards before us have done the following things, correct or incorrect. That's history, that has sailed, and I just try to get things done by following the rules.

Tina Smyers: I do understand what you all were saying. So, with our good intentions going forward, can we please discuss changing that article? That is the good intention. And that's how you go forward. We got a vote as a membership to change the article.

Dale: I will tell you, as an absolute, the board is the only one that can change the Articles of Incorporation. And I'm not saying they shouldn't be changed. I was trying to tackle things in a certain order that says we've got the rules, we've got the by-laws. The Articles of Incorporation are a legal, much more complex document. I think the folks here that have been on the HOA, you understand the Articles of Incorporation. They get filed with the state, have to be approved by the state, have to be reviewed in terms of the status of this as a not-for-profit. Nothing wrong with all of that. But just saying, it's a lot more complex.

Other member: I got a question and a guess it's for Wayne. Why wait until November? That's about another month. What's going to change in a month? I mean, I know you'd like to see the... northerners get back, but they weren't involved in this at all. They have no idea the stuff that went on. Why are they going to make a difference in November than right now? That's the question.

Joe Laricha: To me this is looking at it, it's a little personal and if you're going to bad mouth me or accuse me of anything, you need to do it to my face. I'm not going to speak for Wayne and Roseanne on their situation. It's personal and it's going to stay that way until they come back. Is a month early going to matter? Come on. It gives you more time to talk about it.

Other members: How many months has it been? Four. Tell me that's good. That's not good business and that's what they're supposed to be doing business. Would they feel that it's legal and right to be cursed at and swore at the same as the people here are?

Joe Laricha: There's two sides of the story and in the middle, you're going to find the truth.

RoseAnn: To curse at us as well because there's those situations as well.

Other member: You're a board member and you're supposed to have some control.

RoseAnn: Oh, okay. But there's two sides to every story.

Other member: That's a lame excuse.

Wayne: And somewhere in the middle is the truth. So, in November, we can all discuss this.

Tom Anderson: You said it's a very difficult to change the Charter. Why can't we make an amendment to the Charter, like most other people do? Is there a Robert's rule to be able to do that? Robert's rules also have...

Dale: We don't follow Robert's Rules of Order.

Tom Anderson: We voted on the annual basis. The other thing is, you cited that the by-laws were done on the annual basis for many years. And that is past precedent. Why can't you use past precedent on the fact that we're voting for the by-laws every year? Why do we want to just change the whole process. I guess my comment is, why can't we make an amendment to the charter, vote on that? Is that safe, an amendment to go ahead and vote on the by-laws every year? Or is it a reason why we're doing this?

Dale: I'm just saying the process to change the Articles of Incorporation involve the State. It's outside of our organization.

Bill Reese: Can I make a suggestion here? The by-laws are in front of the board and if we agree on these, let's just put them in front of the general population of our membership and have another meeting just like this and see if we should change some of the rules that we already have before February. Hopefully in November the board will have read all of the changes and if they don't have anything we'll put that on in front of the membership and we'll have a meeting hopefully in December and we can discuss any changes that you might like to make.

Beth Rullman: the most transparent idea that has been suggested since we last met in May or whenever we got it.

Cindy Williams: Bill, that's what I'm saying. That's what it says in our by-laws that any proposed amendment shall be presented in writing before the board committee is presenting it to the board. My only thing was the next part was the fact that the membership got to vote on those changes. So, in other words, you're following part of it.

Bill Reese: Part of it we're following and part of it we're not.

Cindy Williams: And that's what I'm in question, the part you're not following.

Bill Reese: I did read the Articles of Incorporation when I started this job. And I read Article 10. I know exactly what it says. And that's why I was fine with the process we've followed.

Cindy Williams: You have every right to make changes to the by-law. Not questioning that. Not questioning the fact that you don't have the right to make changes to the rule. My only question is we have always had the membership to vote on the by-law changes.

Beth Rullman: You as a board are not following the by-laws. When you skip last month's member meeting, you aren't following the by-laws. So, it's very hard for me to swallow when then you all sit up there and preach what's in the by-laws and amendments to me. Because you don't follow them yourself. So, shame on you.

Dale: My response to that because I'm again, this is me. I'm part of this board. I'm part of this community part of this golf club. You have to trust me in that this has been pointed out numerous times inside our board meetings. I've even got a little handwritten note here from yesterday for when we were in our board meeting on the skipped September meeting which violates the by-laws. Wayne's & RoseAnn's call dropped. Hang on....

Wayne: We tried September for meeting and they uh, it was a uh, a back room meeting they said or something. So, I cancelled it. In turn you had a back room meeting on Sunday to get this position together.

Jim Kudalski: The September meeting was a Board Meeting not a Member Meeting. Two days' notice for a meeting and then you cancelled it two hours before the meeting. So, what you just said was not accurate.

RoseAnn: Because of all the info and the stuff that gets posted on Facebook?

Wayne: And everywhere else.

Jim Kudalski: What does that have to matter with anything? What does it matter on any of our meetings, whether it's on Facebook or not? If we would have the same group of people come in for our meeting, they were not allowed to speak. Only one person asked to get on the agenda, but I never seen any response to her. But she would have been allowed to speak in that meeting if we would have put her on the agenda. And that's another thing we don't have here is an agenda.

Wayne: I guess we got a lot of changes to make. That's why we're changing the by-laws.

Other members: What happened to the video? Why isn't that part of what's being used to figure out what happened?

Dale: You want to answer that, Wayne?

Wayne: Uh... What happened between... What happened on the video?

Dale: We have a video recording system. Someone asked why hasn't that video been produced to see its view of the incident?

Wayne: Uh... Nobody asked? Nobody asked for it. Uh... Tell you what happened?

Dick Mann: I would like for you and RoseAnn to resign from the board.

Wayne: No thank you.

Dick Mann: Okay, I would like to make, put a motion before the board to take a vote of the board and the members here to remove RoseAnn and Wayne Burgess from the board.

Dale: I can tell you the process for doing that. In the list of rules, a board member can be removed either with cause or without cause. If it's with cause, it takes five members of the board voting to remove that person. It takes six without cause.

Currently the membership has no power or say in this area. The proposed by-laws also give that power to the membership in addition to the board.

Current by-laws it takes five votes from board members. I'm just one of these blatantly honest people. The only reason it hasn't been done up to this point is because I'm pretty sure we don't have the necessary five votes. As it's been pointed out in this meeting there is plenty of evidence to support removal with cause.

So, to answer the video question. I got access to the video system within the past few weeks, I requested it significantly before that and it was denied by Wayne. My request is documented inside the board meeting minutes. It took awhile for me to figure out the workings of the video system. There are 8 cameras only 1 that records any kind of audio, which is located in the lobby area.

Reviewing the footage, I could see there is a disagreement. The audio is unintelligible other than a couple of words of which is "I'm done", which was said by Ruth and then RoseAnn said something very similar afterwards.

I wasn't here, but there are witnesses to that event. I have talked to some of those witnesses. There was cursing involved.

When we had a special board meeting on July 11th that included a discussion about the incidents in early July. It was a very contentious discussion. Being the Secretary, I transcribed 24 pages of detailed notes in order for it to be a true transcription of the conversation and not my interpretation of the conversation. All of the Board has seen those meeting minutes, and they were accepted without any corrections.

I along with other members of your board are frustrated just like you members are frustrated and most in this room are probably aware of that fact.

That's why during yesterday's board meeting that included the discussion about outsourcing the café, I made the motion to keep control of the café within the club under Jim's leadership with Ruth as cook, with help from Tina and all the volunteers that had been previously working in support of the club.

Wayne's immediate reaction was to tell me I couldn't make that motion, which I ignored because he was incorrect. It was seconded and the vote was taken with the results being 5 yes, 3 no and 1 refused to vote. Therefore, the motion passed.

Beth Rullman: I apologize for my frustration. I know everyone here is frustrated. I'm frustrated that we are a very small group of all people from the same club and want to see this prosperous and successful. I think we all have the same result in mind.

So, when I see a lack of transparency, like when Wayne responded to one of my emails and said that he was disappointed in me for not trusting them on doing what's in the best interest of the club. Well, I had to sit back and literally just calm myself down because it goes both ways.

You must earn my trust. I just don't give it out. And there's been too many things that I've lost trust over. And some of it is the handling of situations, and some of it is not being heard more often. I just don't understand it. I really don't.

Dale: I'd like to make one last statement. The reason I am such a rules person is exactly this situation. When a board varies away from the rules and decides I'm going to do it this way, well, we've been doing it that way for 20 years, even if it's not in the rules, so we just continue on that path. It can lead to these kinds of situations. So that's why this board has heard me say, we must follow the rules as they're written. I don't have to agree with those rules, but that's why I'm doing it. That's why we started proposing changes to those rules. And I'm done with that.

Wayne: Thank you for being a rules person.

Beth Rullman: My parents lived here since 1996. And we used to tease my father. Because every three years, the board and the members were fighting with each other. And it won't be the first time that we fought. It won't be the last time that we fought. But if we all don't come to an agreement to have open and honest conversations, to move this club forward in what's in the best interest of the club, then we're doing all of ourselves a disservice. And that's where I don't feel like we're being heard.

Other member: I was not here, and I just got the hearsay on what happened. But sometimes I think we can go a long way by just giving some apologies. I think that we are all here for the good of the club. And sometimes just in a moment we say something for which we need to apologize, we need to say I'm sorry. We said things that might have hurt the situation before it got so far out of hand.

VP & Secretary (Dale Mayes)

Minutes from last member meeting

Either we accept them or accept them with corrections

Members requested the minutes be read.

Dale read all the minutes from the last meeting.

Are there any corrections to those minutes? None presented.

Motion to accept them by Dick Mann, 2nd by Joe Laricha, passed unanimously.

Question from the membership about taking the Facebook pages private to members only

It would add a layer or layers of work to keep that managed.

It seems to go against the theme of transparency.

Those pages are also a method to spur interest from non-members to join the club.

This needs more discussion at a future meeting.

Other Business

Why does the lobby continue to get flooded after almost every heavy downpour of rain?

It's a safety issue for the club.

This needs to be reviewed by the proper committee and a solution proposed.

Which board member is in charge of that committee?

Mo or Maurice Gay, Jr. who's not here for this meeting.

Praise was given to the folks who kept the café & kitchen going to the best of their abilities.

Proposed event to bring in a comedian by Larry Haag

Mark Klein – The Court Jester

Been on the Tonight Show, on YouTube, etc.

Good friend of Larry's

Different fee structures available, which Larry might cover part of it

Jan. 29th date was being held for the golf club for this event by the HOA

Will be discussed further with RoseAnn and the events group

Joe L. made a motion to adjourn – 2nd by Bill R – all members in favor – motion passed

Meeting ended at 4:25 pm

Dale V Mayes

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October 31, 2023

Date Prepared

November 16, 2023

Member Review/Acceptance