

TOWN & RIVER CIVIC ASSOCIATION, Inc.
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

President Tony Pocklington called the meeting to order at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of Cypress Lake United Methodist Church, 8570 Cypress Lake Dr., Ft. Myers, FL.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS PRESENT

Vice President Jon Coolong, Treasurer Gary Hudson; Directors Terry Brady, John Generales, Mark Generales, Bob Pease, Ada Trapanese, John Trapanese, Brian Sumwalt & Executive Secretary Sally Stigler were present.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Seventy-nine (79) properly executed proxies were received by the deadline of 5 P.M. January 18. These proxies plus 25 property owners in attendance was more than the twenty-five (25) needed to constitute a quorum.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Phil Flood, Southwest Florida Communications Director for South Florida Water Management District, and Area Director Mark Generales, gave a lengthy & extremely informative presentation regarding Lake Okeechobee, water releases from Lake Okeechobee, the Everglades agricultural area & the strategies currently in place. He presented slides & diagrams, & explained future proposals. A question & answer period immediately followed his presentation & he was applauded for the valuable information provided.

Ken Beebe, President of the Town and River Cruise Club, spoke about the Club activities & membership guidelines, noting membership is open to all residents of Town and River. Ownership of a boat is not required. He offered membership applications to those interested & explained a \$40 initiation fee is required as well as annual dues of \$40.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded & approved to waive the reading of the January 21, 2016, Annual Meeting Minutes & they were accepted & approved by motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Gary Hudson)

Gary noted \$24,213 was received in dues income last year, including voluntary & mandatory dues, interest, & lake assessment fees. Total expenses were \$21,402, with accounts receivable of \$7,457. December 31, 2016 & year-end financial reports will be printed in the February issue of the Newsletter. It passed by motion to keep the approved current annual dues rate of \$60 per year. The Treasurer's Report was accepted & approved by motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DOR Committee (Bob Pease)

Bob noted most infractions are resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.

ARB Committee (Bob Pease)

Bob noted twelve (12) ARB's were approved last year.

OLD BUSINESS - There were no topics of unfinished business to present & discuss.

NEW BUSINESS - There were no topics presented to discuss.

ELECTION OF AREA DIRECTORS

President Tony Pocklington thanked Ada & John Trapanese for their many years serving as Directors on the Board, & presented them with a gift certificate from Board Members. The vote was unanimous for the slate of Directors as presented on the 2017 ballot as follows:

Area 5 - Lori Shores

Area 7 - Katherine (Kay) Gloris

Area 8 - Martha Smith

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

A resident commented on coconuts being deliberately thrown into the lake & another resident commented on a drainage problem in their back yard. Tony agreed to consult with them further.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:45pm. The February Board of Directors meeting will be 6:30pm Thursday, February 9, 2017 at South Pointe South Community Clubhouse, 9734 Foxglove Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33919. All are encouraged & invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Stigler, Executive Secretary