

MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2025
CLUB RIO HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6.00pm by President Denny Jameson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Led by Denny Jameson.

ROLL CALL: Present were President Denny Jameson, 1st Vice President Tom White, 2nd Vice President Cathy Gildner, Directors Gregg Allen, Bob Karvonen, Ken Rausch, and Dick Wood. Absent were Treasurer, Sara Bacon and Recording Secretary, Linda Bennett.

REMARKS BY TIFFANY: Tiffany spoke on the north gate being repaired. They're also going to replace the one gate. She continued by stating, there is a code for the pedestrian gate, which she gave to the residents. It will also open the Club Rio pool doors. If you hit the gate, please report it. There will be a Heart Walk during February, running through the 28th. As for the piers, there's an issue with the wood. As soon as she has additional information, she will share it.

GUEST SPEAKER: Peg Tanner introduced Renee Sortman, who is running for City Council. Renee explained her platform, which includes the flooding in Florida Shores and future development.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 7, 2025 HOA Minutes: Ron von Rapacki made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Debi Caulfield. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR JANUARY 2025: Denny Jameson reported there would not be a treasurer's report. Sara Bacon is working with Dennis Boyd to transition the office. The January and February reports will be combined.

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS: Mary Heasley asked how long the exit gate arms are up. She's afraid, when the gate is up, it may come down on her car. Denny suggested that drivers stop, even if the gate is up, to let it recycle.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Homeowners Committee: Doing nothing at the present time. The BOD will decide within the next couple of months who will be on the new committee.

Membership Committee: Bob LaCob reported we have 98 members.

New Residents: Linda Peck had no new residents to report on.

FMO: Ken Rausch read a portion of the FMO Newsletter, wherein it explained how to file for assistance with lot payments. He stated that now is the time to join the FMO.

Social Committee: Laura Grogan thanked those who attended the Under and Over the Sea Party. It was a sellout. Next is Hacienda 500, which has been around for 27 years. The race is on Feb 15th. Call her for tickets. Coming up is the St. Patrick's Day Party and the Mystery Auction.

Sunshine Committee: Mary Heasley reported that Get Well cards were sent to Bruce Carroll, Maurice Mathieu, and Sharon Hale. Sympathy cards were sent for Jim Costello, Eugene Carpenter, Allene Dalton (Mother of Ed Dalton), Helen Taylor (Daughter of Gary and Rebecca Taylor), Art Iovino (Brother of Phyllis Simon and Terri Ciffone) and Flora Sferrino (Mother of Jerry Ciffone).

Newsletter: Gregg Allen introduced Carole Brasfield, who is taking over the publication of the Newsletter. The email address will remain the same.

Website: No report.

Hacienda Care Center: Per Mike Michelson, its business as usual.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Tracking Loss of Amenities or Services: Volunteers to Track and Report:** Denny reported that the south gate has been fixed. He's asked, again, that the residents keep track of the dates that the amenities are not available to us.

2. **2025 Resident Directory Information:** Per Tish Mickelson, the directory will probably not go to the printer until March. If you have any information about people that have moved or you have changes, please contact her.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Check Requests for HOA Fund Disbursement:** Denny stated that Sara Bacon, our Treasurer, has check requests that will need to be completed, if you need a check and we're holding your club money.
2. **Limit Club Messages in the Newsletter to Club Highlights:** We've done a good job of cutting down the size of entries in the Newsletter. Please keep in mind that we still need to be cognizance of the space. You have your meetings where you get your information.
3. **Limit Committee and Club Speaking at the HOA Meeting to Club Highlights:** See above.

CLUBS: Promoting, not repeating Newsletter, please:

Garden Club: They will be meeting next Wednesday. For their February club trip, they will be volunteering at the Marine Discovery Center, with lunch to follow at Merk's. Call Rose Woodward for information. Garden of the Month was awarded to Marie and Vlado Zembera.

Fishing and Boating: Marge Hackbart reported dues are \$10 pp, and the fried shrimp dinner is Saturday, February 22nd. All the details are in the newsletter. Their first fishing tournament was a hit. They're hoping to have more events. You do not have to be a member to give a suggestion or to attend one of their meetings. The next meeting is Tuesday at 6:00pm.

Veterans: Dave Gallant said the Vets will meet on February 18th at 6:30pm and the auxiliary will meet on the 25th at 6:30pm at Club Lago. They are focusing on the meeting on March 11th when they will have a representative from the National Cemetery. There will be a video presentation on the history of the National Cemetery, at 10:00am at Club Rio. Their grilling trailer will be serving hamburgers at the Club Lago parking lot Saturday, February 15th, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

New York Club: Bud Lawlor said if they don't have your emails, you won't be up to date. Their next meeting will be February 11th at 7:00pm at Club Lago.

Ohio Club: Mary Heasley said everything is in the Newsletter. They're having a planning meeting February 12th at 6:30pm, at Club Rio. Their social event was rescheduled because of the (Ohio State) football game. Paddle bingo and the pie contest will be February 21st and they need volunteers for the event.

Health 911: Per Susie Martenson, she highly, highly encouraged everyone to attend the National Cemetery presentation on March 11th. Their club has the information in the newsletter. They're having a pop-up event, featuring skin health, on February 12th.

Red Hats: Nancy Rickard, Queen Nana, reported their events are on the website. Annual dues are due in April not March. If anyone joins now, their membership will go until next year.

Dance Club: No report.

Shuffleboard: Dick Wood encouraged people to play. They meet on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10:00am.

Pennsylvania Club: Diane Smith said if you live or have lived in Pennsylvania, you can join their club. They're having a river cruise on February 14th and will be have lunch at JB's. Join their Facebook page.

New Jersey Club: The club will meet February 18th at 6:00pm at Club Lago, for a potluck.

Pickleball Club: Diane Smith said they have a Facebook page where they share information. Friday, they will have a social gathering at Elliots at 5:00pm.

Other Clubs: No reports.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS: Bob Kavornen thanked Gregg for being on the board. Tom White welcomed the snowbirds home. Ken Rausch said it was good to see you all tonight. Gregg wanted to encourage everyone to come to these meetings, as a way to stop the rumors.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS BY ANYONE PRESENT: Denny asked if anyone had anything they'd like to say. Tish Michelson asked how you can get the new residents to join the HOA. Denny said that Bob LaCob tries to get them to join. Bob said that the 18 people who moved in, in the last quarter of last year, did not show up for this meeting. He will start contacting them. If you move in during the last quarter, you get a free membership for the entire year. Denny said one of the strengths we can show Sun, is the number of HOA members. Everyone is a member of the HOA, however, they are not paid members. Bob LaCob said, according Florida Statute 723, they are members in good standing. Sun looks at the paid members, so we encourage residents to join. They started to raise the dues a couple of years ago, but there was such a ruckus. Gregg Allen said the dues are just dues, they're not a money maker. Discussion followed regarding membership and raising HOA dues.

Peg Tanner said she was the cat lady, and if you have any problem with cats, call the office, and they will contact her.

Gregg Allen reminded the audience about his Home Maintenance and Safety seminar this Saturday at 9:30am. Gail Boles wanted to know what the situation was with cleaning the pools. Tom White said he saw someone cleaning the pools, so he thought they were trying. He will check into it. Denny suggested she ask Dana how often they clean the pools.

ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bennett, Recording Secretary