

HOA BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2022

The February Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Covered Bridge Association, Lake Placid, Florida met in the Clubhouse, Tuesday the 5th of the month, with 58 people present. There were no new residents to introduce. President Tom Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., welcoming the board members, residents and guests. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and observing a moment of silence it was noted that there were five of seven board members present, with Leigh Russ and Cindy Hubbel being absent from the meeting.

Secretary Rick Kennedy read the minutes of the Dec 21, 2021 Covered Bridge Board Meeting, as there was no board meeting held in January. With a minor addition and a correction, the minutes were approved as corrected.

In the absence of Treasurer Leigh Russ, Cliff Hangle presented the December Financial Report, stating that all bills were paid, deposits made and everything was up to date. He also gave a brief explanation as to how adjustments were being made in regard to **overpayments of the 2022 HOA** monthly payments made prior to the March 1st effective date.

During the President's comments, Tom Taylor mentioned the need for residents to **tighten up the control of their dogs**, particularly with the barking and cleaning up. He thanked volunteers for the amazing amount of work accomplished during work days and stressed the need to get new residents involved in volunteering to take care of our lovely community.

Under Old Business, Jack Gaisor discussed the repairs and improvements needed on the **shuffle board court**, especially the need for increased shade. Tom Taylor explained the committees proposed expansion of the roof over the court. After much discussion, it was moved by Patty Hynes and seconded by Cliff Hangle to proceed with the improvements. The motion carried after a vote.

Tom Taylor explained a proposal submitted for a **Dog Park** for the community. This included a 60 x 100 ft fenced area across and north from the bridge, with two gates. The quote from Delaney Fence Company was \$6,311.00. Tom explained the committee would try to get two more quotes and that the board wanted to hear much more from the community on this matter. Several residents responded with discussion both the pros and cons.

RV/Boat Storage was the next topic. Tom explained that our attorney said the \$10.00/month fee was a legal charge for someone using a second space. Our rules need to be updated to explain that there is not a guaranteed space for everyone. The board needs to vote at the next meeting on a change of the wording.

Tom Taylor explained the needed updates to the Architectural Committee Rules, including **home color choices** and the requirement of building permits for all exterior construction. Ron Cobert discussed the use of color charts and letting residents select the paint source of their choice.

Comments by resident Jim Stanton included reviewing a **long sitting trailer** in the RV/Boat Storage and also suggested that the Architectural Committee approve house color choices individually, rather than try to limit the choices.

On **road repairs**, Cliff Hanglely talked about the repairs on Venetian Parkway, stating that it would consist of rebuilding small sections rather than a “band-aid” style short term repair.

In New Business, Tom Taylor explained the name change for the “Cottage Company” and relayed they are currently building 12 new homes in Covered Bridge, which is causing excessive **heavy truck traffic**. Tom stated there seems to be notable progress in getting the builder, Ken LeBlanc, to repair the damage that’s been occurring.

Ron Cobert mentioned during the committee reports that the Architectural Committee has had **20 requests** which were all approved.

Bill Burse, reporting for the RV/Boat Storage committee, stating “if you don’t use your space, you will **lose your space**”.

Donna Palmetier discussed setup procedures, timeline of **events and meals** for workers during the upcoming Fair.

Bobbi Snow informed the group about upcoming **entertainment and activities**, including a comedy show on Feb 26th, a Fish Fry on Feb 25th, Movie Night on Feb 20th and a Corn Hole Tournament on Feb 23rd.

Patty Hynes told us about the “Celebration of Life” for this year.

Claire Leffler talked about purchasing tickets for the prizes to be given away at the Fair, and also the need for everyone to turn in their “Fair Passes” after the Fair. Then afterwards the group sang “Happy Birthday” to Claire.

Ron Cobert mentioned that we are getting lots of annoying odors from the water/sewage area. Tom Taylor encouraged residents who are being affected, to call and register a complaint with the water company.

With no further business to transact, Cliff Hanglely made a motion to adjourn and Bill Burse seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Submitted by Rick Kennedy
Covered Bridge HOA Secretary

