

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of
The Venetian Golf & River Club Community Association, Inc.
Held at the River Club and *via Zoom* on March 11, 2024**

Board Members in attendance:

Fred Baughman - Exec. VP
Chip Melvin - Treasurer
Tom Jones - secretary
Mark Faford - VP
Dr. Steve Hefler – VP
Sharon George
John Manoush
Joe Browne
Taras Kowalczyn
Terry Leary

Guests present: There were 2 residents attending in person and none joining via Zoom.

Call to Order: Fred Baughman called the meeting to order at 3:45pm (Roger Effron, president, was absent).

Secretary's report: The minutes from the February 12, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's report: No report

Future meeting dates: Tom Jones reviewed our future meeting dates and times. The April monthly board meeting and annual meeting are scheduled to start at 3:30pm on Monday, April 15. In May and June, the 3rd Monday of those months (May 20 and June 17) will be tested as the new meeting date. Various start times were discussed, including 1pm, and the consensus was to begin at 3:30pm.

External Affairs: Taras Kowalczyn provided an update from the County transportation department, which said that the Laurel Road design is 90% complete and release of the design is about 2 months away. Funding from the State is set and property acquisition is underway.

Town Hall meeting: Mark Faford said the event will begin at 5pm and he asked all members to arrive by 4pm for their duty assignments.

Seminars: **Mark Faford** reviewed the February seminars and said attendance was very good and feedback was positive. There were two events in February and two are planned in March (besides the Town Hall meeting). The new resident “Meet & Greet” on February 13 went very well and about 35 residents attended.

Membership: **Sharon George** reported that membership is at 63.5% of the community, and several new members were added at the new resident orientation. There was a discussion on having signups for events where the VGRCCA has an expense, such as Shredfest, however there was no consensus. Sharon added that she is leading the team updating the Venetian directory, which the POA has responsibility for, and the change of listing forms have been sent out by the POA office. She said another new resident “Meet & Greet” session is being considered in May.

Board liaison: **Terry Leary** said he is in charge of the flags which are placed around the community on the 3 national holidays. **Steve Hefler** said he is working with Mary Rau Foster on the HRT management.

Website: **Joe Browne** said there were 1,681 views of the website last month and he’s looking at ways to improve the look of some of the pages.

Annual Meeting: **Tom Jones** said the annual meeting announcement will be sent out to members during the week after the Town Hall meeting. A proxy form will be included which can be signed and returned, and a request for anyone interested in being a candidate for the board will be part of the announcement. The nominating committee, consisting of Tom, Joe Browne and Terry Leary, will meet to determine the slate of members up for election. There are 4 board seats up for election, and they are currently held by Roger, Steve, Taras and John.

New Business: **Steve Hefler** said that Mary Rau Foster received a request from another local community for information on the HRT. The board said it was ok to share this information as long as any personal details were not included.

Fred Baughman bid the board farewell, as he and his wife will be moving from VGRC on March 30. He was lauded by several members for his many years of service to the VGRCCA and the community.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is on Monday, April 15 at 3:30pm at the River Club, and will be followed by the annual meeting at 5pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Jones, Secretary