

## Special Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes Meeting in Person and Via Zoom March 1, 2022 2:00 PM

## Board Member(s) Present:

- Jan Van Willigen, President In Person
- Gavin Schutz, Vice President In Person
- Paula Turner, Secretary In Person
- Carol Nolte, Director In Person
- Dean Rivale, Director In Person
- Kenn Ulrich, Director In Person
- Wayne Le Blang Treasurer In Person

## Also Present:

- Michael Walker, General Manager In Person
- Kelly McGalliard, Operations Manager In Person

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Jan Van Willigen, President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The seven members of the Board of Directors including Jan Van Willigen, Gavin Schutz, Wayne Le Blang, Paula Turner, Carol Nolte, Dean Rivale, Kenn Ulrich, and Management were present at the HOA office, which is located at 54-320 Southern Hills La Quinta CA. One Board member, Wayne Le Blang, was absent. Sixteen homeowners were present via Zoom.

Mr. Van Willigen stated that the purpose of the meeting was for the Board to discuss the large, unforeseen rise in natural gas cost as it relates to pool and spa heating for the remainder of 2022. Mr. Van Willigen informed the Board that after January and February 2022 the Association is 73.9% over budget in natural gas. This equates to \$68,142 over budget after the first two months of the year. If the cost of gas continues to be significantly over budget for the remainder of the pool and spa heating season, this could mean a substantial cost overrun by 2022-year end.

**Open Forum** – Mr. Van Willigen invited owners to express their opinions regarding pool and spa heating. Several owners stated that they would like to see all the pools heated all season, regardless of cost. Some owners prefer that a limited number of pools be heated for the remainder of the 2022 season to keep the gas line item relatively within budget. An owner suggested that rather than rotating pools that are heated, select the pools that will be heated and leave them on continually October through May.

Following open forum Mr. Van Willigen asked the Board to share their opinions on this matter. Wayne Le Blang suggested that only the spas where the pools are located be heated. The Board discussed the cyclic heating of the pools and spas, spa heating, solar pool heating, pool usage, the vast variation in cost of gas per therm, fluctuating outdoor temperatures and the temperature to

which pools are heated.

Wayne Le Blang made a motion to heat spas only with pools that are being heated, and in summer

when pools are not heated, do not heat spas. Seconded by Paula Turner; passed unanimously.

Further discussion ensued. Gavin Schutz made a motion to direct Management to equitably distribute pools to be heated, throughout the Res I Association, heating only those designated pool and spas. Management and the Board to reassess the situation upon receipt of the March 2022

Southern CA Gas invoice. Seconded by Paula Turner; passed unanimously.

Gavin Schutz suggested that Management talk to Hot Purple Energy to determine if there are any new solar technologies that may be of interest to the Association. Jan Van Willigen stated that the Board and Management will review the 2022 budget and determine if there are options for ways to save money in other areas to make up the over budget amount in gas. Management to coordinate an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of at least one Board representative, Management and volunteer owners to analyze pool and spa heating operations and make recommendations for

future planning regarding the Association's 54 pools and spas.

Wayne Le Blang made a motion to adjourn at 3:55 PM. Seconded by Gavin Schutz; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Turner, Secretary

The next Board of Directors' Meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2022 at 2:00 PM

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