

## **CAREFREE SHAREHOLDERS OPEN MEETING MINUTES-FEBRUARY 9, 2023- 1:00 PM**

Call the meeting to order- Nicholas Recanati, President

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Please stand for a Moment of Silence for all Veterans, EMTs, first responders; and members of our community that have passed. And for the people that live in Turkey because an earthquake has devastated their Country and caused many deaths.

Role Call: President Nicholas Recanati, here; Vice-President Bracco, here; Treasurer Maureen Bariberi, here; Secretary Marie Persichilli, here; Steve Jakalow, here; Raymond Mecca, here; Cathy Stanton, here.

President Recanati, Please do not park in handicapped spaces if you do not have the proper identification. If you illegally park in these spaces you risk getting a ticket. When parking in the parking lot please do not back your cars in the parking spots the posted rules require you to pull into our parking spots.

Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 12, 2023-Motion to waive reading the minutes; Approved. Motion to accept the minutes; Approved. Minutes approved. Susan Schmied interjects, and opposes, how can we approve something we didn't read? How about we accept them unread?--The minutes are distributed at the beginning of the meeting, posted on the bulletin board, available in the library, the office and also on the website for all Shareholders. Do you want them read? No, just that we shouldn't accept them unread. Do you want to all come back next month and accept them? Ok we will approve them next month. 2/12/23 minute approval is overrode; Sue wants the opportunity to read them and a motion to approve will be re-done at our March meeting.

Maureen Barbieri, Treasurer- With the help of our dedicated office staff and our Financial Advisory Committee volunteers we were able to close our books for the year 2022. That was a big accomplishment. All internal accounting documents have been reconciled for our Ocean First and Merrill Lynch accounts. We are now in the midst of preparing for our auditor who will review our procedures and accounting documents for 2022. Additionally, our current Board of Directors are working on reviewing all our contracts, to ensure that we are getting the best service for all our Shareholders. We have a team of people including our Directors who will assist in collecting HOA homeowner's dues that are currently outstanding. These funds are needed to pay our bills. Lastly, our Board of Directors is focused on replenishing our Reserve accounts. Our Reserve accounts are our savings accounts. It is imperative to fund these accounts to be used for Capital Improvements or emergencies. We have not funded these accounts for four years and Nick, Frank, Marie, Cathy, Ray, Steve and I will do our best to correct this. Thank you for your confidence in us.

Frank Bracco, Vice President- I assure you that we are working diligently and we will get over this financial hump.

Nicholas Recanati, President- Anyone that wants to speak or address the Board must sign in prior to our meeting; I will not take questions off the floor. When you sign in to speak you must state the nature of your question and whom you want to address. Everyone is welcome to come to the office to ask the Board their questions or voice a concern.

Committee and Club Reports: Please check the Gazette and Bulletin Boards for all updated information and Events.

- A/C High Rollers- Starts up March 6, 2023- there will be no 50-50s on the bus.
- Book Club/Painting Class- See bulletin board for updated information
- Freecare- if you are in need of any medical equipment, my number is in the Gazette. John Stanton (732) 504-7491
- Galavanteers Club- The Canadian cruise has been cancelled. Fran Newsome (732) 569-3925
- Gazette- Flea Market is scheduled for May 6, 2023 and the cost will be \$20 a table.
- Shareholder's Kitchen- Kitchen rules are posted and will be enforced to ensure that the kitchen remains clean, Barbara Tupper (732) 664-9875 or Saul Balasiano (848) 251-2587
- Men's Schuffleboard – Sign-ups are March 2, 2023-Ed Pruzinskis (908) 721-2197
- Woman's Club- Needs volunteers to help arrange a Tricky Tray, contact Sue Pruzinskis (908) 721-2760. Making arrangements with the Berkeley First Aid for a demonstration of the Heimlich procedure.

Rich Dalbo, Bingo – Bingo is doing great! We are averaging between 113-130 players a night. We have been able to cover the cost for the community bus. We have 2 raffles. Bingo was closed for 3 weeks around Christmas due to the license not being received timely but the funds from the raffles were able to cover the cost of the bus for December. The raffle account payed for the new TVs, the microphones, etc., everything we do is Transparent! If anyone needs a ride to Bingo we will make arrangements for you to get to Bingo, call me, my phone number is in the Gazette. (407) 466-6302

Nicholas Recanati, President- A few meetings ago I made a statement regarding how good Bingo is doing, it had nothing to do with the previous management of Bingo, they also did a good job.

Mary Puleo, Social Club- At a Coalition meeting this week it became known to us that the "NFL" had a list of Do's and Don'ts of which we and other members of the Coalition were totally and definitely unaware of. The main thing is you can't use the feed from the TV-put it through the computer and show it on a large screen in an auditorium –that is a "NO-NO" and that is how we've always done Super Bowl. That being the case, the Board of Directors and the Social Club feel it is in the best interest of our Association to cancel the Super Bowl. Holiday City West and Heights have also cancelled their party. We may not have known about the NFL permission before but we do now and we're not about to break any rules and regulations. We will not jeopardize the Association or the Social Club so we apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for being understanding. All monies will be returned to you starting next week. March 12, 2023 join us for an Italian afternoon with Don Pesce. See the bulletin board or Gazette for details and all other Social Club activities.

Joseph Palmerson, Neighborhood Watch (732) 773-4234- This is my 5<sup>th</sup> year of Neighborhood Watch and I want to thank the Board for their support. Projects that I am currently working on-1<sup>st</sup> Neighborhood Watch meeting will be March 23, 2023 at 1:00, the invited guests will be the Mayor, the Berkeley Township Police Department, and the Fire Inspector. Scams-Solar panels are not being paid for by the government, new roofs are not happening; no one is getting something for nothing. Gift card scams are circulating on the computer, be careful. Please register for the special needs registry. Project Lifesaver, provides a battery operated bracelet, for people suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's disease which is monitored by the police department. Discussion regarding No Solicitation. I am working with the Board to have a basic First Aid, Heimlich and CPR class for all residents.

Next meeting is March 9, 2023 at 7 pm. All complaints must be signed in order to be considered and acted upon by the Board of Directors. I want to thank Marie and Maureen because they have been working very hard on our finances and other important issues, Steve for maintenance and Cathy and Ray will be assigned their duties soon and I know they will also work very hard. The Board is working hard for all 1614 Homes in our community.

Meeting Adjourned by Nicholas Recanati, President  
February 9, 2023

Minutes prepared by Marie Persichilli, Secretary  
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Any suggestions or community interest stories please submit to Marie Persichilli, 98 Bananier Drive, Toms River, New Jersey 08757, for future publication in the Gazette for News Around Town.

Volunteers are always welcome and much needed. Please consider joining this terrific group of our community members that work to provide many services for all our Shareholders and residents that help defray costs, provide entertainment and share community spirit. You can sign-up to volunteer at the office. Thank you.