

**SPECIAL BINGO MEETING May 23, 2023 10:00AM-11:30AM WITH BINGO COMMITTEE, VOLUNTEERS
AND CAREFREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A Special Meeting was called to discuss the derogatory “Bingo Committee” letter about the Carefree Board of Directors that was attached to the Bingo Rules and Regulations and distributed to all players upon their entry into the Bingo auditorium, paying their \$2.00 entry fee.

Cathy Stanton welcomed all attendees and opened the meeting on behalf of the Carefree Board of Directors. After speaking she welcomed questions and comments from all attendees.

Approximately 6 minutes into Director Stanton’s presentation, Dawn Dalbo, Vice-Chair, and Barbara Placa, Treasurer, exited the meeting. Dawn Dalbo interrupted Director Stanton as she was speaking and made an announcement “have a wonderful day” and left. Barbara Placa immediately followed and exited the room. Each left while Director Stanton was addressing the free cakes distributed to attendees and how it impacts Bingo kitchen’s profits. Leslie, our resident volunteer baker, donates her time and dessert goodies every week to raise revenue for our community. Leslie was not given the courtesy of a prior notice of the Bingo “freebies”, a common sense courtesy so she does not waste her time and money baking goodies that patrons will not purchase. The “freebies” hurt dessert sales.

Rich Dalbo’s response to the free desserts- “Once a month I give out 12 cupcakes to 12 people who have a birthday in that month. Once time it may have been 15, the other time it may be 3. Last Tuesday when we had it, the girls baked a little more, so we gave them away instead of throwing them away”. [On May 9, 2023 “freebies” baked goods were provided to ALL attendees, again Leslie was not notified.]

Mr. Dalbo claimed the Board did not have the right to stop payment on a check he wrote to Richie Cunningham, RTS Transportation for \$8,100 out of his bank account. He stated that he pre-paid the additional 3 months because bingo is slow in the summer and he wanted to avoid not having the funds to pay this bill. Maureen Barbieri responded, “I am in charge of the fiduciary responsibility for this entire campus, \$903,000.00 collected from you in HOA dues that pays for everything. A few months ago Rich and I had a discussion about how Bingo revenue needs to pay for improvements on the campus. Mr. Cunningham is under contract with the Board of Directors to provide bus service for Carefree. According to that contract he is to be paid only on a month-to-month basis for services rendered. Mr. Dalbo’s pre-payment violated that contract between RTC Transportation and the Board of Directors. RTC contract requires that he is paid 10 days after his monthly bus run. Mr. Dalbo did not communicate with the Board that he was prepaying RTC for three months. He did mention at the General Meeting on 4/13/23 that he would “try to pay one month in advance” (voice-recorded). Barbara Placa, Bingo Treasurer gave Maureen Barbieri the access code to the Bingo account and, therefore, Maureen accessing the account was not an “illegal act” as alleged by Rich Dalbo. That is when Maureen saw checks #319 and #206 dated 5/2/23 for \$8,100 and \$2,700 written to RTC Transportation (note- April, May and June 2023 & July 2023) endorsed by Rich Dalbo and Barbara Placa. Multiple calls were made to the Bingo Treasurer without response. Mr. Dalbo requested to meet with Maureen on April 21, but he cancelled that meeting. Maureen Barbieri clearly stated the reason for her action, the nature of the relationship of the Board to Bingo—not unlike to a parent to a child—and the proprietary interest to the funds;

“I stopped payment on the \$8,100 check because it violated our vendor’s contract and to protect the community’s assets, as far as I know those funds remain in our Bingo accounts. Bingo would not be allowed without the Carefree non-profit status, all bingo funds are the Carefree Community property and must be used appropriately.”

Discussion about gift cards. On April 20, 2023, a meeting was called by President Recanati with Rich Dalbo and a few Board members to discuss the distribution of “gift cards”. As reported that meeting was amicable and all present were in agreement that “gift cards” would stop. However, 5 days later, on April, 25, 2023 the “Bingo Committee” presented its unsigned disparaging letter, stapled too the official New Jersey Games of Chance Bingo Rules and Regulations, and distributed it to each player as they entered the auditorium paying their \$2 fee. Upon learning of this surreptitious letter, Board members immediately came to the Bingo hall and requested this letter be removed and discussed the alleged attack against the Carefree Board of Directors with Rich Dalbo and Barbara Placa. Treasurer Maureen Barbieri clearly told Mr. Dalbo, again, that she needed \$5,000 from Bingo revenue for concrete work to avoid slip and falls of our shareholders/guests and possible future lawsuits [one slip and fall lawsuit is pending]. She stated that this subject matter was previously discussed with him and the Board was waiting for the 3 required bids from prospective concrete vendors. Rich Dalbo denied this conversation and felt that even though Maureen did bring this issue up with him on April 25th; it was not the time to discuss this issue.

Rich Dalbo stated that he not only pays the monthly bus fee of \$2,700, he has provided 21 new tables, the outside sign, TVs and speakers for the hall. He said the Board gave him problems over the TVs and speakers. The Board’s position is that ALL work on the campus requires 3 bids, Mr. Dalbo started the work without 3 bids, the Board requested that he solicit for an additional 2 bids to ensure that \$5,000+ was equitable and if Shareholders questioned this purchase the Board would have the bids to back the purchase and installation work. He agreed. [To date, the Board has not received these required 3 bids].

Bingo volunteer Sam Zarro – stated that he was a volunteer prior to Rich Dalbo and “Bingo has never been better”, we “average 120 players a night and each player spends between \$70 and \$80 a week.”

The majority of attendees felt that the entire issue was miscommunication between Rich Dalbo and the entire Board of Directors. Conclusion: The Board of Directors will not meet or discuss any Bingo issues with Mr. Dalbo unless his entire Bingo Committee and two independent volunteers are present to ensure that there is no misinformation or any misunderstanding of what is discussed. This procedure will avoid hearsay. All future meetings and discussions with Bingo will be recorded. All in attendance including the entire Board of Directors agreed. Mr. Dalbo was asked to provide the names and numbers of the committee members and appointed bingo volunteers that will attend these meetings the following day. One volunteer suggested regular meetings with the Bingo workers and the Board to discuss any concerns. The Board agreed to her request. Future meetings will be scheduled.

Marie Persichilli “Moving forward we will address your entire committee and appointed volunteers. As secretary of the Board, I will ensure that everyone one of you will be aware of and receive every piece of information that Mr. Dalbo gets”.

Bingo is very successful as is the Bingo kitchen. A big thank you and round of applause was given to Barbara Tupper, Leslie and all the kitchen volunteers. People are coming in just to eat and not play Bingo.

Tim O'Donnell said a prayer of gratitude for all present.

Volunteers thank the Board for the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Marie Persichilli, Secretary

Carefree Board of Directors--May 29, 2023- Condensed minutes-Transcript available of entire meeting.

Attendance list, Director Stanton's presentation and exhibits recorded to the official Board minutes.