

**HOLIDAY CITY CAREFREE
HOMEOWNERS CORPORATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 13, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Remembering friends and neighbors lost to us in our Carefree Community, as well as our service men and women, police, firemen and first responders. President Mecca made special inclusion of three community members lost in the last week.

ROLL CALL: President Mecca, here; Vice President Joe Palmerson, here; Secretary Debbie Nasce, here; Treasurer Cathy Stanton, here; Director Manny Remelgado, here; Director Bob Onofrietti, here; and Director Ron Delaney, here.

Director Nasce read the January minutes prepared by Director Stanton. After a motion and vote, the January Minutes were approved. Director Nasce continued by reading the February Minutes. After a motion and vote, the February Minutes were approved.

President Mecca continued the meeting with announcing that four sample new pool chairs are in the Woman's Card room. If you get a chance, stop in and see them. Test them out, and let us know of any feedback.

President Mecca called on Director Stanton for information on the Community financials.

Director Stanton reported that we have \$1,241,530.00 in our reserves. Of that total, \$265,232.44 is in a money market account. She thanked the shareholders who have paid the assessments in a timely manner and said she is hoping for another prosperous year. The accountants will soon be closing our books and reporting the year-end figures. At that time, we will transfer additional 2024 monies to our Reserve account. Director Stanton thanked the Bingo Board individually, and all the volunteers who work the floor each week, including Director Nasce. Director Stanton reported being very grateful to all our clubs and volunteers for helping to keep Carefree running so well.

Directors' Reports

Director Delaney, Director Remelgado, or Director Onofrietti had no new information to report.

Director Palmerson had Director Nasce read his report this month, after having an eye procedure earlier in the day. Director Nasce told the Community about HR-82 which is the Social Security Fairness Act. This bill relates to the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset which allows government workers with 40 quarters of social security their full allowance. Next is the Bill-4904 and A-5301 which was legislation actually introduced in 2023 by Director Palmerson that addressed the Property Alert System and extends the waiting period from two days to ten days to transfer ownership of property under the quitclaim deed process. Then there is HR-1040 which eliminates seniors from paying federal tax on their social security income. We are in support of this bill and need to take an active role in letting our Congressional representative know to vote in favor of this bill. Director Palmerson is working with Berkeley Township and the Police Department in getting speeding under control on Bimini Drive. It was also reported by Director Palmerson that Turf Tech, our new community landscaper will begin grass cutting the week of April 15th. Next on the Agenda is the report of the Club Activities:

- Hi-Rollers – Next AC trip is April 7th to Resorts Casino. Need to fill the bus, if interested please contact Fran Lucante. FYI less than 1/3 of the bus is filled with people from HCC. 2/3's is people from the surrounding communities. We need your support.
- Arts/Crafts – no report
- Bocce – Ed Pruzinskis – March 13th is sign-up for both Bocce and Shuffleboard. The schedules will be available April 10th. The games start on May 5th. The meeting of the Men's Club is 2/20. Membership is \$5 per year.
- Bingo – no report
- Book Club – Lynda Schmid – This month, our book is "I was Anastasia" by Ariel Lawson.
- Also, the Gazette is sponsoring a Painting Party on April 5th. The cost is \$20. Come on out and show your support and paint your own picture to take home.
- By-Laws – Lynda Schmid – I have met with the Board. My committee and I are hard at work updating the By-Laws as required. We hope to have them finalized by November so that the Board can vote on adoption.
- Chair Yoga – Carol Bendl – come out and join our classes. They are non-strenuous and easy for you to get your body moving
- Code – Anthony Mazza – no report
- Corn Hole – Sue Segovia – Spring Corn Hole will be outside. More details to follow.

- Dance Party – Rosemary Kosinski – no report
- Ladies Darts – Trish Monto Autore – We meet on Monday night from 6:30- 8.00. We are in the seventh week already. We have a full roster of 72 women playing Darts.
- Election – Barbara Tupper – The Carefree Election will be held on Sunday, November 9th. There will be two open spots both are 3 years. Please consider supporting the work of the Community. Director Ron Delaney is our Board Liaison.
- Financial Advisory Committee – Dick Abanto – our committee is responsible for the financial statements of the community, audits of the clubs and bingo, review of bids and proposals for project. Our Board Liaison is Cathy Stanton. What about the Pickleball Courts?
- Free Care – John Stanton – If you need any type of medical equipment on a temporary or even permanent basis, please check with us as we have wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, etc. “Care Givers of Central Jersey” cover us for liability if someone comes to your house to fix, repair, etc. Also, they are located on Hooper Avenue in Toms River. We also have Emergency Cards available for you to fill out and post in a convenient place in your home in case of an emergency. Please let me know if you need one.
- Fran Newsome – Galavanders Club – Many upcoming activities are planned. Watch the bulletin boards or the Gazette for information. Next up is “1776” on May 17th at the Algonquin Theater, bus will leave at 11:45 am, and Dinner will follow show at the Shrimp Box in Point Pleasant. Then coming up on September 3rd will be “Buddy Holly”. More information to follow.
- Gazette – Joan Quinzer – The next Flea Market will be May 3rd. Tables are \$15. The Gazette committee is also running the Paint Party on April 5th.
- Line Dancing – Jackie Price
- Library – Lynn – a big thank you to all the volunteers who assist in keeping the library functional.
- Mah Jong – Janet Cooper – no report
- Neighborhood Watch – Joe Palmerson – Director Nasce again spoke for Joe. The next meeting is Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 1 pm. I encourage all residents to attend. I have invited a number of politicians, police and fire department personnel, a few town council members and the Ocean County Senior Services group. Your participation makes it possible for these individuals to join us and talk about the various programs available.
- Peggy’s Team – Joyce Costine – the women are hard at work knitting and crocheting hats, scarfs and gloves for those in need.
- Ladies Shuffleboard – Ann Krey – Meet on Wednesday night. Thank you so much to the Director Remelgado and the Board for getting the Shuffleboard table fixed in such a timely manner.
- Sit and Stretch – Pat Lewandowski – half hour class. No charge. Held on Monday and Thursday.
- Skee Ball – Bob Kennedy – Session is ending soon. Pizza party will be held on April 11th at 2 pm. Sign-ups for September will be in August. Look for announcements.
- Social Club – Mary Puleo – on April 3rd we will have Agnes Joan Negra as our speaker.
- Welcoming Committee – Mary Lou Galiano – Director Nasce reported that we are bringing back the Welcome Breakfast for new residents. The first one will be on Saturday, May 31st at 10 am. Residents who closed on houses in 2023 and 2024 will be invited first. We will have another breakfast in early fall. This will then be continued in the future.
- Woman’s Club – Sue Pruzinskis – Our next meeting is Thursday, March 20th. This will be our annual Saint Patrick’s Luncheon. We will also be collecting Easter goodies for the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need in Toms River. In April, our speaker will be from Deborah Hospital. Don’t forget we are sponsoring a Country Western Hoedown on April 26, 2025. Cost is \$20. Ticket Sales will be in the library. July 19th will be our Community Pool Party; more information to follow. On Saturday, August 26th, the Woman’s Club will sponsor our Second Gift Auction. More details will be forthcoming.
- Woodshop – Karen Erlenmeyer – we will be updating our Veterans’ Plaque in the lobby. If you know of someone who should be added please let us know.

Thank you to all the Clubs for making Carefree the Community we all enjoy.

President Mecca asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. He asked if anyone had any questions.

President Mecca announced the next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10th. If there is no further business to come before the Board. I adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Nasce, Secretary