

OPEN MEETING

REPORT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 12, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Room/Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Horton, Chair, Elsie Addington, Maggie Blackwell, Annie McCary, Diane Casey, Cush Bhada, Dennis Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryna Rothberg

OTHERS PRESENT: Bunny Carpenter, Joan Milliman, Lynn Jarrett, Juanita Skillman, Cash Achrekar

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Gruner, Jennifer Murphy, Jackie Kupfert

Call to Order

Chair Horton called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Media

There was no press present.

Approval of Agenda

Director Blackwell made a motion to amend the agenda as follows: Tennis operating rules will be discussed before Garden Center operating rules.

Director Bhada seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Committee Report for April 14, 2022

This agenda item will be reviewed at the June CAC meeting.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Horton thanked the audience for attending the meeting and stated the Garden Center as well as the Tennis Center is governed by the Golden Rain Foundation and the trust. Most of the operating rules were changed for clarity. We, on this committee, take our jobs as volunteers very seriously. Leadership is tough whether you are a GRF board member, committee member or working for VMS. The Recreation Department has the hardest job of

all as the face of all amenities within Laguna Woods Village. She suggested that each resident member come to the CAC meeting with positive input instead of rhetoric. No outbursts will be tolerated.

Report of the Recreation and Special Events Director

Mr. Gruner stated the following operational updates: actively recruiting part-time staff; staff is continuing to work on the 2023 budget; a club president meeting will be hosted in June with details to follow.

Mr. Gruner stated the following facility updates: a new stainless steel outdoor sink will be installed at the bocce ball courts; a new projector screen is to be installed in the Clubhouse 1 ballroom next Tuesday; the Garden Center volunteer program has begun after training was completed; finalizing camera installation for added security measures at both Garden Centers; the Golf driving range routine maintenance project is underway and should conclude this week; VCF fundraising efforts for the Help the Herd program has raised over \$4,500 in the past month with a goal of \$33, 565; a professional training clinic was held at the Equestrian Center which had 25 attendees; new horse experience classes will begin tomorrow at the Equestrian Center; the Clubhouse 6 volunteer program has been successful; summer pool hours will go into effect Memorial Day weekend including the reopening of Pool 6 to allow for the Children's Swim program to resume; renovation continues at the Performing Arts Center which includes new flooring in both kitchens and billiards room and an HVAC system update.

Mr. Gruner stated Easter at Equestrian event was attended by over 500 people which included many families. The Health and Wellness Expo was hosted at Clubhouse 5 and had over 820 attendees making this the most successful Expo to date. The Fitness Centers hosted the Village Games for the first time since the pandemic. The Mother's Day brunch at Clubhouse 5 is sold out. Staff will conduct a site walk through at the Performing Arts Center to review the needs of a new sound system.

Ms. Murphy announced the following upcoming Recreation events: the new class Contemporary Jazz Dance requires registration of five classes for \$25 and will be held at the Clubhouse 5 fitness room on Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; *Coda*, the free movie on Monday, May 16, will be held at the Performing Arts Center at 2 p.m.; the Village Renaissance Faire will be held at the Equestrian Center on Saturday, May 21 from noon to 5 p.m. with a \$5 entry fee and free shuttle service will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from the employee parking lot above the Equestrian Center; the free Memorial Day event will be on Monday, May 31 and will host the All American Boys Choir at 1 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center (tickets are required (up to four per manor) and may be picked up at the Performing Arts Center box office which is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m. to noon); on June 4, the 8th annual Art Affair will be held at Clubhouse 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (entry is free); patio concerts return to the Clubhouse 1 back patio on June 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and tickets may be purchased at the Clubhouse 1 office for \$15 each; Splash Days

return to Pool 2 starting June 10, noon to 4 p.m. and tickets may be purchased at the Recreation office or Clubhouse 2 office for \$5 for those 2 years and older; Clubhouse 5 will host the Father's Day brunch on June 19 at 11 a.m. with tickets sold at the Clubhouse 5 office.

Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Members were called to speak regarding changes in Pool 1 rules to allow exclusive use during Aquadettes practice in the month of August; Pool 1 maintenance to be scheduled during October to March; billiards room tables in disrepair; limitations on open facilities due to lack of staffing; in favor of Kourts at the tennis facility.

CONSENT

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director McCary seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Table Tennis Operating Hours – Members were called to speak regarding the extension of the Table Tennis room operating hours.

Mr. Gruner stated the Recreation Department is working with the Security Department to begin recruiting staff.

Operating Rules

Tennis Center – Members were called to speak regarding in favor of Tennis Center operating rules and suggestion of edits.

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the tennis center operating rules. Director Blackwell seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously.

Garden Centers – Members were called to speak regarding opposition to the proposed Garden Center operating rules; fencing of tree plots; length of wait list; timers for watering; theft of produce; input from gardeners for operating rules; creation of a community garden; camera installation; operating rules edits; email notifications; wheelbarrow storage; disposal of food waste.

Director Blackwell made a motion to approve the Garden Center operating rules. Director Addington seconded. Director Blackwell rescinded her motion.

Director Blackwell made a motion to receive the Garden Center operating rules as updated, review and present at next CAC meeting. Director Bhada seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

Sponsorship of Miniature Horse at Equestrian – Mr. Gruner stated the staff recommendation to review and recommend a resolution of the donation of \$3,000 for the Laguna Woods Village Equestrian Center to be used for Sebastian’s care in accordance with the GRF Donation Policy.

Director Bhada made a motion to accept the sponsorship donation for the miniature horse at the Equestrian Center. Director McCary seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Golf Greens Committee Update – Staff was directed to keep this item under Future Agendas.

Club Insurance – Staff was directed to keep this item under Future Agendas.

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Committee Member Comments

None

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the GRF Community Activities Committee will be held both in the board room and virtually via the Zoom platform at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

___Yvonne Horton___

Yvonne Horton, Chair