



**River Club Community Organization Board Meeting
October 17, 2018
Meeting - 7 PM**

Board Members present: Joe Banyar, Diane Stern, Bob Gilman, Gerry Vargo, Susie Pavek, Kathy Benson, Augie Emanuele, Mike Turner, and Tom Leis

Excused: Debbie Clatterbuck

1. **Call to Order** - 7:01pm by President Joe Banyar; Joe briefly reviewed the communication steps taken during the recent storms to keep the residents (both those who stayed and those who evacuated) up to date Kudos to the Bensons and Espes for also helping in these efforts and to Bob Gilman for his helping with the sand bags.
2. **Guest Speaker** Bob Postiglione - President of the LBTS Board. Bob mentioned the following during his remarks
 - a. LBTS is mainly responsible for the infrastructure (roads, bulkheads, security, etc.) as the HOA for River Club
 - b. The financing of the large list of “To-Do’s” for 2019 is is principal worry. The reserves aren’t there so alternative solutions to obtain necessary funds (6 % dues increase, a one-time special assessment (10% of annual amount) or a new HOA one-time payment (\$750 paid upon time of sale of property by buyer) will have to be explored before the June 2019 vote on a solution.

Open Forum - Membership Comments None

3. Approve Minutes from January Board Meeting: email approval completed
4. Treasurer’s Report – Gerry Vargo: The cash balance as of October 10th is \$8,182. The forecasted cash balance by year end to be \$6,076. This balance is before any members dues collected in 2018 for calendar year 2019. The reduction in cash is due to donations to Litchfield Beautification and end of the season party. We will go into 2019 in a good cash position. During the fourth quarter of this year, the Board will be preparing budgets for 2019. This will be completed in January 2019. As a point of reference, our cash balance has been reduced \$2,000 since the end of 2015. This has been a planned financial strategy of the Board.
5. Committee Reports -
 - **Communications** - Diane Stern: We have been using MailChimp for our email blasts and it seems to be working well. As we have said before, many people have asked if we could have both spouses email addresses in the system. Debbie has been working on that. We also have our website: RiverClubPawleys.com. At present we are encountering some difficulties updating the bulletin board but we should have that resolved soon.

- **Social Director** - Susie Pavak:

UPCOMING EVENTS-

Nov.2 - It's 5 o'clock Somewhere- PIT backroom

Nov. 4th - Beach House party

Nov. 11- Veterans Day remembrance -info to follow

Nov 14th- Ladies Lunch- Luna

Dec. 4- Ladies Xmas Lunch at Austin's

Dec. 7th- 5 o'clock Somewhere - location TBD

Dec. 13th- Holiday Singalong poolside

Contact me if interested in joining Social Committee...planning meeting for next year will happen in Nov.

- **Membership Director** - Debbie Clatterbuck-: 223 Members to date; 219 Paid memberships. To join the Riverclub Facebook page, send Debbie Clatterbuck an email requesting to join. Water Aerobics : Year-end Party is set for October 29.

- **Community Outreach Director** - Kathy Benson

- a) Welcoming new neighbors: Sue Parker & Liz Vargo
- b) Helping Hands: - Have provided and continue to provide support for a few neighbors over the past year
- c) Publish notices on RCCO Ladies Luncheons.

- **Grounds Director** - Bob Gilman- **Landscape and Grounds Issues:**

- a) Pool bathroom floors will be power washed
- b) Tree removal completed 10/12
- c) Sod list will be prepared for the Spring – current Zeon Zoysia not available until Spring
- d) Neighborhood signs – bushes will be trimmed for better visibility
- e) R&R red bud on median at 1668 Club Circle in Spring
- f) Fall community flowers (colorful Violas) to be installed by mid-November
- g) Vacant lots will be mowed by first week in November
- h) Finish trimming low hanging tree limbs on McKinley Circle
- i) Finish replacing the dead wax myrtles on Carrington Berm
- j) Continue trimming encroaching bushes and vines along outside of Club Circle
- k) Continue repairing ruts on medians
- l) Pine straw will be installed by mid-November
- m) Continue treating weeds and suckers in medians
- n) Finish cleaning up pine straw bed between pool fence and Club Circle
- o) Finish cleaning up common area near 120-152 Carrington
- p) Review options to improve look of front gate median between guard house and road
- q) Decide on survival of loropetalum on median near Old Carriage and Club Circle
- r) Thanks to Starwood for handling and removing storm debris and sand bags

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- **Security Director** - Augie Emanuele –
- River Club did not experience any home invasions/break-ins during the recent storms when large numbers of us evacuated. This was in contrast to other neighborhoods.
 - s) **Contractors/vendors entering River Club** are being given a handout reminding them that the speed limit is 25 mph and that parking on the median is prohibited.

- **LBTS- Liaison---** Ton Leis--
 - t) Petigru- Work (brush/tree clearing) is currently taking place. Once road with bike paths is complete, a fence by River Club will be erected with tree/shrubs as needed.
 - u) **Finances:** Adding to Bob Postiglione’s comments, the experience with Tradition’s use of a HOA assessment did not have a negative effect on sales of homes sales.
 - v) **LBTS Meeting:** Friday October 19 at 2PM at the Beach House.
 - w) **Violators of passes** will lose their bar code privileges

- **ARB** - Joe Banyar- meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. C. Leis is chairperson; New build to begin on Old Pointe. Most residents are maintaining their property after receiving our letter.

- **Old Business:** None

- **New Business:**
 - x) **Litchfield Beautification Foundation 2019 Membership Renewal:** Board unanimously approved our \$500 contribution
 - y) **Litchfield Beautification Foundation Flag Sponsorship:** Board voted unanimously to contribute \$250 for 2019.
 - z) **RCCO/LBTS elections:** Diane Stern, our Communications Director outlined the procedures to fill the 3 open Board positions (3 voting and 1 non-voting) for the 2019 Board year. Candidates not presently on the Board are required to submit a bio and picture to Gerry Vargo (chairman of the nominating committee, which also includes Debbie Clatterbuck and Kathy Benson) by December for the January elections.

Open Forum - Membership Comments

- Dave Salkeld of 1624 Club Circle complimented the Starwood staff for their work during the recent storms
- Gene Turner of 149 Old Pointe pointed out the need to address several pot holes and will send a list of locations to Bob Gilman.
- Rick Anthony-38 Old Pointe Rd. raised the issue of the work done in his backyard around the pond near Millbranch. The banks were almost clear cut when trees and limbs were removed. Rick wished the work plan had been communicated to him. Bob will look into this.
- Rod Reid of 1614 Club Circle: commented about the work on Petigru and the impact it has on him and his family; he also asked for clarification on the Board’s authority to donate to the Beautification Foundation. Joe responded and suggested he could choose to donate as an individual as well

Mike Turner – Secretary

October 18, 2018