

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 6, 2021

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Rancho Rialto Activities Club was held on December 6, 2021 at the Clubhouse. The meeting was called to order by Director, Penny Weigel at 8:30 a.m. The following board members were present: Penny Weigel, Rhonda Mittermiller (Treasurer), Pauline Morin (RV Representative), Dawn Cappleman (Manufactured Home Representative), and Sandra Thiesen (Secretary).

Penny welcomed everyone. She reminded everyone that we are to adhere to Robert's Rules of Order that apply to everyone, including the board. People who wish to speak must wait to be recognized, state your name and space number and try to keep your comments to 3 minutes so everyone has time to speak.

**Treasurer's Report:** There were copies of the Treasurer's report at each table. A question was asked about whether it would be possible to have a Profit and Loss statement for each activity. Ronda said she would look into it and report back. She is happy to answer questions at her home ( #116.) There was no objection to suspending the reading of the financial report.

**Resignations:** Ginger Morrison has tendered her resignation as Secretary. Penny indicated that we appreciated her service and the residents of Rancho Rialto wish her well.

Vickie Abston has also resigned as Manufactured Home Representative to care for her husband and manage his health issues. Vicki is still active and volunteers to help whenever possible. Her short time on the board was invaluable and we appreciate her service.

**Introduction of New Board Members:** Sandra Thiesen has agreed to step in as Secretary. She and her husband Ron moved to Rancho Rialto from Corvallis, Oregon in 2017. She has over 20 years of board experience and is currently serving on the Foster Care Review Board in Yuma. She has a master's degree in Special Education, has been the co-owner of two businesses, served two nonprofits as a secretary and grant writer.

Dawn Cappleman did not hesitate when Penny asked her to take Vicki's seat as Manufactured home Representative. She has been very active in the park managing Shuffleboard tournaments and the Steak, Pork Chicken dinners. She is also the "schedule lady" for all the events, dinners and activities in the park. She is full of energy and enthusiasm and will be an excellent addition to the board as the Manufactured Home Representative.

**The remaining board:** You met Ronda, our Treasurer earlier before she had to go to work.

Pauline Morin needs no introduction and is our RV Rep. She arrived from Canada just in time to take on the Welcome Back Party. She is familiar with all the activities and events and knows how to manage and organize them. She and Louie have been coming to Rancho Rialto for eighteen years, however, this will be their last year as they just sold their home to travel the world. While this is a huge loss to us, we understand and wish them well on their upcoming adventures.

**Director's Report:** Some of you have been wondering about the rezoning sign at the RV entrance. It's caused a lot of confusion and Kenny is here to explain what that is about.

Ken explained that the notice is about a zoning change request that will *not change any of the existing spaces*. If passed it will allow the RV part of the park to accommodate larger park models or small single wide trailers.

Some people who bought tickets for the spaghetti dinner were disappointed that it was cancelled, and we apologize. But without enough volunteers to manage events, we had no choice, Please, turn in your tickets after the meeting for a refund.

Because we only sold 9 tickets for the November 26<sup>th</sup> dance, I also had to give Brock and Sherry the option of cancelling, which they accepted. They will be playing for the New Year's Eve Dance and, hopefully we will sell enough ticket to make it work.

**The Craft Sale** had been cancelled but that was due to a misinterpretation of the 501 c (7) rules.

- A Craft sale is a "one-Off" and not a business. In addition to studying the rules, I went straight to the horse's mouth, so to speak, and on 11/26 I received a call from Alicia Hawley with the Arizona Department of Revenue confirming that Craft Sales are indeed allowed under the 503 (c) 7 rules. She also reminded me that one of the stipulations of a social club is to socialize, in other words to gather together to share common interest and enjoy events that benefit the park.
- The sale took place yesterday and was enjoyed by both crafter and buyers. We made \$60 in table rents. Given that we only had a few days to put it together, I got very good feedback. Thank you to Anne Griffin for helping me with the advertising and also Sylvia and her crew for decorating the clubhouse on Saturday and adding to the festive atmosphere. I hope for this record will pass down my findings so in the future it will not be cancelled for erroneous reasons.

**More good news!:** Penny is so excited and happy to announce that Barbara Gunderson has agreed to become Proceeds Coordinator for Bingo. She is, not only a business person with accounting experience, but also a bingo enthusiast and a long-

time park resident. Now that we have a manager and proceeds coordinator, we need some volunteers for assistants so Bingo will get under way again. If you would like to volunteer, or know someone who might, please talk to Anne or Barbara.

**Board Plans:** We plan to reverse some of the other changes made due to misinterpretation on the nonprofit rules, one of which allows volunteers at every meal to enjoy a free meal for their efforts, and for some activity chairs to have a modest budget rather than come to us for every nickel.

Penny added one more thing: As a board our goal is to move away from history, pettiness and the “my side-- their side” atmosphere that has existed for too long. This is, after all, a 55 and over park, so one would think that at our age, we are adults capable of putting personal feelings aside, squashing gossip and supporting ideas and each other for the good of the park.

**I am told that there is a hope that we fail as a board, that people are being encouraged not to attend meetings or events. *If we fail — everyone fails.*** We have all worked so hard so that we can enjoy our golden years in a peaceful, fun, supportive atmosphere. **Let’s not let the few ruin it for the many.**

**Board Comments:**

Sandra: There has been a committee that has worked very hard to look at our present bylaws and update them to comply with present laws and to make changes that they believe will benefit the park. Penny and I, with Ginger, have worked with that committee and very soon we must all begin looking at their recommendations. The plan is to print a version that has the existing bylaws in black and the proposed changes below printed in red. We will need to take some time at each meeting to accept, amend or reject those changes. You will get an opportunity to make “rules” to improve how this park functions.

Pauline: Tomorrow is the Welcome Back Party and we’re sold out. We’ll have live music, games, prizes and a chicken dinner all for only \$1.

Dawn: (Dawn got up at 3:00 am to make it here from Tucson.) I love this park! I want to make activities a success.

**Activity Reports:**

Ron Thiesen: Last year, Arizona’s hot line reported 21,000 calls of domestic violence, child abuse adult sexual assault and elder abuse. There were 2300 cases reported to

Amberly's Place. There is a flyer on every table reminding everyone that Amberly's Place will have a truck in front of the clubhouse on December 17 from 10:00 to noon to take your donations and save you a trip to town. There is a list of items they particularly need on the flyer. If you have furniture or other large items to donate call Amberly's Place at (928) 329-2989 to arrange for pick-up.

Biking: *Ron Biggs* reported bikers meet at the South Gate on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. We bike approximately 5 miles and end up at Mr. Fish. The biking group is open to all.

Book Club: *Beth Osowski* Not here; no report.

Carvers: *Wayne Davey* reported that the Wood Carvers meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. We need carvers and everyone is welcome to come.

Card Bingo: *Ron and Marinell Baird*. *Marinell*. reported that Card Bingo begins Wednesday evening at 7:00. Be there no later than 6:45. It costs \$3.10. Bring exact change because we distribute all the money back to the winners. Last week we had 67 players, so the payouts are getting bigger.

Couples Bunco: *Ron and Judy Miller*. *Judy* reported the next Couples Bunco is Christmas Eve. Be there by 6:45 and we start at 7:00 p.m. Couples do not have to be spouses, but there does need to be two people to play. There is a sign-up sheet on the west wall counter. We are selling tickets. Bring your own beverages and a snack to share.

Cribbage: *Janet Farchione*. Not here; no report.

Golf: *Gail Zacharias*. Not here; no report.

*Tim Heinz*. Not here; no report.

Hand and Foot: *Marinell Baird*. We play Fridays at 12 noon.

Mexican Train: *Lanna Davey*. We play in the card room on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Pickleball: *Beth Osowski* Not here; no report.

Potato Bash: *Linda Hansberry* Not here; no report.

Poker (Texas Hold-Um): *Roger Middleton* Not here; no report. They play Tuesday evenings in the Satellite Building from 6 8-ish.

Pinochle: *Ginger Morrison*. Not here; no report

Pegs and Jokers: *Jan Buikema*.

RC Model Yachtsman: *Ron Baird*. We meet at West Wetlands park at 10:00 am on Tuesdays

Recycling: *Warren Ward*. Not here; no report

Scratch Art: *Helen Howe*. She showed an example of scratch art and told us they meet Tuesdays from 10-12 in the Satellite Building. The cost of materials to participate is \$20.00.

Sewing: *Diane Wade*. We're not meeting tomorrow because of the Welcome Back Party. We normally meet at 1:00 on Tuesdays. There is a copy of our next project on the bulletin board in the craft room.

Shuffleboard: *Dawn Cappleman*. We normally meet at 9:00 at the shuffleboard courts. We are lacking shufflers. Right now, the courts need to be re-done so we will not meet again until they are ready for play. We've already had our annual Turkey Shoot. The Ham Shoot is December 18. Last year we introduced 25 people to shuffleboard. There are tournaments in other parks going on all over. See me for more information.

Threads of Kindness: *Terri Snyder*. We meet Wednesday mornings from 9:00 – noon. We sew quilts, crochet and make many other items to help seniors and nonprofits. The missing cutting boards and rotary cutters have been located. We thank the board for working with us. Lora Munsterman has just finished crocheting **50** blankets. In addition to the things we make, last year we were able to donate 67 pair of new girl's underwear to put on after their medical exams.

Tai Chi: *Janet Farchione*. Not here; no report.

Trivia Night: *Beanie Phillips*. Not here; no report

Wii Bowling: *Lanna Davey*. We bowl Tuesdays at 1:00. It's free. Come join us.

### **Old Business:**

1. Sign-up sheets for meals and activities can be found on the counter by the pool.
2. Event calendars are on the website. The password to get into the Members Only part is: 7Rialto#9
3. Jean Pool wanted to know why we charged \$5 for tables for in-park vendors. (Please see the earlier information about the Craft Sale.) We only found we could *have* a craft sale less than a week before it was to happen so there was no time to recruit other vendors. The 501(c)7 rules require that events that charge must benefit the whole park, so we had to charge in-park vendors this time.

### **New Business:**

1. Until last week there was nothing on the website, if you could find the link. Mitch Oliver has taken over the site and has posted a beautiful calendar.
2. We think there may be many reasons that residents are not getting information, so *we are going back to putting information under rocks*. We will be dividing the park map into manageable sections and asking for a volunteer from each section to deliver information and updates. If you would like to help, *we could use volunteers*. Please let any of the board members know.
3. We will also be setting up a Facebook page specifically for Rancho Rialto Events because we think most of us visit Facebook more often than we do the website.
4. Jean Pool announced that she did not want information left at her house (#12).
5. Tom Meeker expressed concern that the price for TAD show tickets have gone up to \$25.00. We will discuss it at the next board meeting.
6. Couples Bunco needs boards in the laundry rooms

7. Ron Miller reported that we are charging \$8 for dances while other parks are charging \$6 in park and \$7 out of park. The board will look into this.
8. Jean Pool was unhappy that her notice about medical equipment available to loan was removed from the counter by the pool. She feels that someone should have called her. Sandra responded that now that it was clear what the intent was, she would type the message for Jean so it could be posted today.
9. Jan Buikema reported that the back gate is closed at 6:00 pm on Monday. Tuesday – Friday it is closed at 7:00 pm and it is closed on the weekends.
10. Tickets will be sold after the meeting for Happy Hour @ \$4. Tickets for New Year's Eve will also be sold. Brock and Sherry will perform. Please help get the word out.
11. On December 18 we will again have a Hayride. Meet at the Clubhouse at 6 p.m.
12. Ron Thiesen will sell hot dogs and hot chocolate will be available.
13. The Christmas Party will be on December 12. Marilyn Cave will play her guitar.
14. We have many exciting new ideas but some of them will require a vote. We cannot vote on anything unless we have a quorum. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to come to the next meeting on December 20.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra Thiesen  
Secretary, Rancho Rialto Activities Club