

# MAPLE LEAF HOMEOWNERS' MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY – DECEMBER 5, 2022

Presiding: Ombudsman Barry Holland. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with a moment of silence to remember friends and loved ones no longer with us, and the men and women who are serving in the world's troubled spots to protect our freedom.

1. WELCOME TO NEW HOMEOWNERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bruce & Kelly Morphy (#891).
2. MINUTES: The minutes of November 14, 2022 were accepted as distributed.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Mike Rooney: several Covid cases reported, please stay home if you're ill; Christmas tree lighting yesterday, decorations going up, see *Accents* for info on upcoming celebrations; hurricane repairs ongoing, please be patient; use caution when choosing contractors, get quotes, don't sign over insurance benefits; thank you to Fire Club for picking up excess metal; results of post-hurricane focus group to be reported in future issue of *Accents*; no report yet from insurance, no news on special assessment; asked homeowners to limit comments to 3 minutes and 1 topic; notice of annual meeting sent, open positions for director and ombudsman; management and finance committee working on 2023 budget, Board will vote on budget at Dec. 19 board meeting; stressful times, please be kind to each other; Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.
4. REAL ESTATE by Shauna Platt: welcomed snowbirds back, commented on Christmas lights at entrance; noted heritage homes sold for \$189,000 before the hurricane, now \$98,000; no information on newer homes; expect prices will rebound over time; 12 homes currently for sale, 6 pending, 1 vacant lot, all posted on web; reminder that a percentage of all sales is returned to the corporation.
5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT by Mitch Krach: hurricane season has ended; working on repairs every day – Charlotte Center roof this week, library contracted out; pickleball retaining wall and berm under construction, then drainage work, restroom and woodworkers building; thanks to all for the holiday decorations, things starting to look normal again; Fitness Center memberships, \$50/season; Jan. 2 is a holiday, office closed; homeowners meeting changed from Jan. 2 to Jan. 9; happy holidays and happy new year.
6. RESTAURANT REPORT by Mitch Krach for Jimmy Dihn: Tuesday happy hours continue to be popular, Wednesday events, Monday, Friday and Saturday tiki nites, Fish Fry, Thursday entertainment and dinner – please call ahead if planning to attend; Dec. 16 is staff holiday party, closing at 11:30 a.m.
7. GROUNDS UPDATE by Chris Spence: golf course has been busy, still working to repair some areas; thanked the ambassadors for their help; mulching, hedge trimming in progress; picking up yard waste from stump grinding; numerous irrigation issues, suggested homeowners purchase a hose as backup for watering lawns and landscaping; noted 3-year recovery period after Hurricane Charley; lawn mowing next week, then okay to put out decorations.
8. PRO SHOP REPORT by Nathan Wilson: member/member tournament held, email today with announcement of winners; thanked Debbie and volunteers for their help organizing; invited homeowners to volunteer as golf course ambassadors; new merchandise available in Pro Shop in time for holiday shopping; 9 & Dine on Sunday, slots for 2 teams left; golf course will remain open on Friday during staff party with tee sheet at starter shack; thanked Chris and the grounds crew for great work.
9. DIRECTOR REPORTS:
  - a) Elections, Walt Van Den Langenberg: initial notice of AGM mailed; please fill out and return attendance proxy;

Information Session scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 7, 4 p.m., in CanAm, for potential candidates; no obligation to run if you attend.

#### 10. CLUB REPORTS:

- a) Woodworkers, Ray Rudich (#302) – meeting is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. (not 9:30 reported in *Accents*).
- b) Flea Market, Pat McEvoy (#987) – Hootnanny raised \$1,000; dances coming up; funds raised will go to replenish the trees in the Park lost during the hurricane; efforts to be coordinated with the Garden Club, Mitch and Chris.
- c) Arts & Crafts, Lisa Oliver (#252) – thanked all for a successful holiday bazaar; 190 members signed up; class registrations on Jan. 7; membership drive will precede class registration; bazaar raised funds to purchase a new cricket maker; donated \$600 to Salvation Army, \$50 to Activities Club for Expo.
- d) Merrymakers, Connie Labbe (#11) invited all to join a fun group, lots of opportunities, see her after the meeting if interested.
- e) Veterans Memorial, Judy Sheehan (#941) – thanked all who attended; funds from sale of poppies went to Canadian Legion and American Veterans Home.
- f) Lawn Bowling, Frank Phillips (#758) – planning a fundraiser in January for new sunshade, more info to come; club is looking for new members, visit Monday thru Friday at 9:15 a.m.

#### 11. RESIDENT INPUT:

- a) Ila Stofel (#361) – *Accents* is only as accurate as the information provided by the clubs.
- b) Enid Lunt (#14) – read draft letter to Dave Watson, Charlotte County Utilities regarding the fence at the lift station near lot #19; requested homeowners sign at the end of the meeting; will also be left at Park Office for more signatures.
- c) Guy Papineau (#651) – commented on streetlights not working, stating some may be just bulb replacements, not damage; questioned where expenses are that account for restaurant/pro shop losses. A: financial reports are posted on the website.
- d) Terry Heinrich (#298) – asked for reasons why the woodworkers building is continually delayed, many rumors circulating. A: Woodworkers executives are fully informed and should address at their Tuesday members meeting.
- e) Kathy Provost, (#1042) – reported over 700 toys collected for Toys 4 Kids, goal was 500.
- f) Lorraine Smith (#564) – asked if temporary tents would be permitted in damaged carports/sheds. A: Board has this on the agenda to be discussed at Wednesday's meeting.
- g) Cheryl Larson (#284) – asked about plans for canal clean up. A: residents report issues to the Park Office.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:19 a.m.