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October 2018

Highlights of September 12 Board Meeting Excerpted from "Unofficial Board Minutes" by Nancy Dobias

Reviewed by John Fitzgibbon, Board Liaison

If you were unable to attend the Sept 12, 2018 Board of Directors meeting, you missed an opportunity to weigh in on Board issues. One Board member (Peter Strauss) was not physically present but participated via phone. Below are my UNOFFICIAL MINUTES from that meeting. Consult the Rivendell website for the official minutes from any given meeting (www.rivendellcommunity.com).

MANAGER'S REPORT (Beth Miller): Beth indicated that the community is doing a nice job addressing the various non-compliance issues. Rivendell does have a lot of mailbox lights that are not working, but these seem to be on the boxes of absent residents. Beth would like to send out a reminder next spring to have all residents check 2 things before they leave for the summer: functioning mail box lights and trimmed trees.

The self-closing hinges for the pool bathroom doors have not arrived, but other issues have been addressed. The pool restroom plumbing was replaced, and a leak in the solar panels was fixed. Also discussed was pool chemical storage.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Larry Dobias): Expenses in August were \$31,539 indicating Rivendell is on plan. For the year Rivendell has spent \$241,011, and this is approximately \$18,000 under plan, but once mulch is bought, Rivendell should be operating on plan for the year. Larry took the 3 CDs that were getting a 0.2 percent interest, and rolled over every 30 days, and converted them into 1 CD that will get 2% interest and be rolled over yearly. This amounts to around \$60,000.

The Reserve Fund started the year with \$300,000 and has a current balance of \$217,347 after spending about \$110,000 on the pool renovation project. At the end of August Rivendell

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Document Review Committee Update

By Mike Bergman

A year ago, Joseph Sefack was appointed Chairman of the newly formed Document Review Committee. He was tasked with updating the **Rivendell Documents**, which are more than 20 years old. Joe obtained the help of several past and present board members and committee chairs. Over the past year Joe was joined by Ken Alarie, Mike Bergman, Steve Bragg, Carol and Ken Heckert, Gary Mruz, and Bob Thierfelder, along with oversight by most of the Board Members. After a year of scrutiny and review, the revised documents were appraised by our HOA lawyer, Paul Olah, and approved by the Board of Directors. The updated documents now meet the standards of the Florida Homeowners Assn. #720 rules. The standard for revision of updates is every 5 to 10 years, so we had fallen badly behind.

- The documents are now currently aligned with today's guidelines.
 - In addition, references to the Declarant (The original builder) have been removed.
 - Rules that are no longer enforceable have been removed.
 - Past amendments needed to be incorporated into the proper section of Declarations and Bylaws.
 - And now, the updated Documents are more user-friendly and easier to understand.
- Modifications will be made to the following Governing Documents:
- **Covenants:** Govern what a homeowner may or may not do regarding their real estate.
 - **Articles of Incorporation:** Basic information of the Association (Name, Location, Purpose).
 - **Bylaws:** How the association is run (Voting, Elections, Terms).

Changes to these Documents require the approval of 2/3

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Do you have any questions about the upcoming VOTE on Rivendell's amended and restated Bylaws, Declaration and Articles of Incorporation documents?



The Documents Committee will host an Amended and Restated Document Workshop for all Rivendell residents on
October 20th 2018 2pm at:
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2705 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis



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of the homeowners. Changes to the **Standing Rules** require only a majority of the Board. Who gets to approve the proposed changes to the Documents? **You, the Homeowners, do!** We appreciate your attention to these changes. We will appreciate your **VOTE** for the changes.

- By mid-September, Webmaster Gary Mruz will have posted the revised documents to the website. You may download these and print out a copy for yourselves.

- **On October 1st, Lighthouse Management will mail out a packet to each homeowner containing a ballot, proxy and copies of the 3 revised documents.** This is a legal requirement.

- The Document Review Committee will host a **Rivendell Amended and Restated Workshop** for the residents on **Saturday, October 20 at 6:00 PM, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2705 N. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis.** This is your opportunity to ask questions and share your feelings with the community.

- **On November 7th** the Board will hold a special meeting to collect homeowner votes.

Please **Vote YES** for the changes. A non-vote becomes a NO vote, so please VOTE.

Thank you.

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Ponds and Preserves Committee Activities July-August 2018 By the Ponds and Preserves Committee

- A motion was passed at the July 11 Board meeting to start the first Erosion-Control Pilot Project at Egret Pond. See September edition of *Woodlands Word* for details.

- Larry is working with Aquatic Systems, Inc. and the Planning Team to plan future projects, including the next pilot project at Bobcat Pond.

- The Committee prepared logos and slogans, three *Woodlands Word* articles, posters for community bulletin boards (about Egret Pond), two Website articles for a new Website button on Committee activities (visit: www.rivendellcommunity.com) and a sign for the pond. View the photos in color on the website.

- A special note of thanks goes to those who assisted the Committee with the preparation of these community-outreach materials: Gary, Barb, Marilyn, Linda, Pam and Kay on the Communications Committee for Website and *WW* support, Nancy Dobias for photos, Jean Freestone for artwork, Paul Remy for graphic arts and Beth Miller for posting the posters.

- The Committee is looking for volunteers to sample the ponds to track water quality and someone with a waterproof metal detector that will be used to help us measure future pond shoreline erosion rates. Even an occasional contribution to this community effort will be appreciated.





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6pm

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**Any changes to this date will be
posted on the website
www.rivendellcommunity.com**

**Next Ponds and Preserves
Committee Meeting**

**The Ponds and Preserves Committee
will meet October 2nd at 6pm
in the Cottages Clubhouse.**

This committee plans to meet quarterly.



Egret Pond erosion-control shoreline ~ photo by Nancy Dobias 9-2-2018

Working Together to Protect Rivendell's Wetland Preserves

By the Ponds & Preserves Committee



Rivendell is blessed to have 14 wetland preserve areas (94 acres) that provide natural habitats for plants, birds, reptiles and other native animal residents. Together with our ponds, these preserves are also an integral part of our storm water management system and add significant aesthetic value to our community.

Folks who live in homes bordering Rivendell preserves are in the best position to observe and protect our wetland preserves. If the land beyond your backyard property line has natural vegetation, it is most likely a Sarasota County designated wetland preserve area. The Rivendell Community Association (RCA) is responsible for maintaining these preserve areas in accordance with requirements by Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and Sarasota County Resource Protection Service (SCRPS).

As a reminder, cutting, mowing or removing any natural vegetation, adding plants, or building any structure in these preserve areas is not permitted and could result in legal trouble and/or fines imposed on the RCA by SCRPS. Only our preserves management contractor (currently Aquagenix) may remove the exotic and invasive plants there. Back in 2011, the RCA had to do extensive restoration of natural vegetation due to homeowners' incursions into our preserves. Closely monitored by Sarasota County, this restoration effort was time-consuming for our board and used up valuable community funds.

Together, let's enjoy and protect the beauty of our wetland preserves. After all, isn't that one of the main reasons we choose to live in Rivendell?

Note: A map showing the location of our wetland preserve areas as well as other relevant information can be found at www.rivendellcommunity.com

Next Maintenance Committee Meeting

The Maintenance Committee meets the last Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Cottages Clubhouse



Love Birds?

Help Us Track Rivendell Birds

By the Ponds and Preserves Committee

One important element of the Ponds and Preserves Committee is the Measurements and Records Team. One of the things the Team will be measuring and recording is the bird populations at Rivendell while noting fluctuations in the numbers of birds observed.

To facilitate this process, the committee is using eBird, an online database that helps to document bird sightings. It is a cool app that makes it easy to record the bird species seen and reference the ponds on which the birds are spotted. Dates, times, and length of observations are recorded. Available for free, download eBird from Google Play Store, or Apple Store. Once eBird is downloaded, data can be submitted to "Rivendell Osprey FL" at any time. This program was developed by Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

We encourage anyone in Rivendell to enroll in eBird and assist with our ongoing bird count. Our vision is to see the number and variety of birds in our community increase as we improve the health of our ponds. If you are interested in participating in the Rivendell eBird program, please email Norma Lee Rhines at nlrhines@gmail.com or Melle Lee Warren at melle_lee@hotmail.com.



Maintenance Committee Report

By Larry Dobias

Tree limbs were trimmed along Old Venice Road at the entrance to the community and behind Egret Pond.

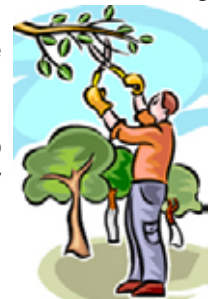
West Bay removed the dead foxtail at the entrance and a dead maple tree on Crane Pond.

After a third leak in the Pool's plumbing occurred, the building was re-piped.

Leaks in the Pool Solar panels were repaired and a fan/motor on the electric pool heaters replaced.

Plantings were added to the entrance to the community and along Rivendell Blvd. by the Cottages.

The committee reviewed and prioritized projects for 2019.



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had approximately \$231,000 in operating funds. This consisted of CDs and money market certificates. The money market certificates (\$119,000) represented our checking account that is used for expenses.

Larry also indicated that he would like to increase the amount of money being put into the reserve fund for ponds.

Lighthouse Property Manager Beth Miller said that Lighthouse will meet with their accountants to form a 2019 preliminary budget for Rivendell. The Board will have a Budget Workshop on Oct. 3. The Board will present the 2019 budget at an HOA meeting for approval. Thirty days prior to that meeting, residents will be sent the proposed budget to scrutinize and, if there are concerns or questions, they can address them at the Budget Adoption HOA meeting.

ARC No report.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Larry Dobias): Larry reported that he and Greg Volack have trimmed trees behind Egret Pond and some trees along Rivendell Blvd. They planted new flowers at both entrances and along Rivendell Blvd. A 2018 project that has yet to be done involves mulching.

Board President Ray Capuano said that the Bridge Project is still being considered. Bids were obtained from Green Topps, Hazeltine and MRT; he and Scott Christie have examined the proposals. He added that some of the bricks on the bridge columns are starting to come loose because of crumbling mortar. A mason will be needed to fix the mortar problems and this cost will be included when the Bridge Project is finalized and presented.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE (Barb Gahry): Barb recently discovered that one reason why Rivendell residents are not reading the *Woodlands Word* is because they are not receiving it in the Observer. 500 newsletters are produced but less than 200 are making it to Rivendell homes. Some of our newsletters were going to Willowbend and Park Trace homes. This issue will be addressed by someone on the Observer staff.

Barb reported that the committee continues to wrestle with an incomplete database. They ask residents to update their contact information. Reaching residents during emergencies drives the need to have a complete database.

DOCUMENT COMMITTEE (Joe Sefack): A finalized version of the **proposed** new document for Rivendell will be posted on our website **September 13**. Both the new and the old versions will be available, giving residents the opportunity to compare them. On **October 1** this proposed document will be mailed to Rivendell homeowners. Included with the document will be a ballot and a proxy. Before the new document can be official, 2/3 of the homeowners need to vote to accept it. The Committee meets Sept 27 to discuss ways to reach residents and to convince them to return their ballots.

A few residents felt that the Board should summarize the changes in a letter. Ray indicated it would be difficult to summarize a 60-page document.

PONDS & PRESERVES COMMITTEE (Frank Freestone): Frank explained that the overriding goal of the Ponds and Preserves Committee is to explore and implement policies which help extend the life of Rivendell ponds and lakes. Egret Pond was chosen to be the first pilot project for the group. It has high visibility and because no homes are on the pond,

it gave the committee a better means to control what was happening on the pond's shorelines.

A future pilot project the Committee hopes to start will be on Bobcat Pond, which has repeated problems with algae. It is hoped that a new way of maintaining the lake and its shoreline will correct or control this problem.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Rivendell attorney Paul Olah indicated that no Board member should be involved in any nuisance complaints. The state of Florida protects and manages the wildlife. They are the ones who should receive and deal with wildlife complaints. If it's a nuisance alligator, residents should contact SNAP (State Nuisance Alligator Program). If it's any other wildlife, residents are to contact the FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE DIVISION. If the state decides to act on the complaint, they will contact Lighthouse for permission to enter our community and to deal with the complaint. Neither Lighthouse nor the Board will call-in nuisance complaints. Complaints are between the state and the individual homeowner.
2. A resident asked that these numbers be posted in the newsletter. Lighthouse can provide the phone numbers if requested, but Lighthouse will not take action. That is the responsibility of the resident who complains.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Since several Board members and our Property Manager have been out of state, the 2 homes that were slated to be fined for non-compliance should be put off until the next meeting.
2. Pool security was discussed because people are coming in after hours and leaving garbage or a broken bottle. Several monitoring options were discussed and will be investigated.
3. Better communication to deal with storm/emergency situations was also discussed. Gary Mruz and Beth mentioned a system that could send out a type of robo call to residents. The Board needs further information and consideration.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

1. One resident asked if the Board would authorize a community garage sale. She said that the mobile home park near us has a nice one every year, and she asked that Board authorize Rivendell to have one too.
2. A resident complimented the Board for the nice pool renovation project and wanted to publicly thank the Board.
3. A resident wanted to know how to access the newsletter once a person was on the website. The newsletter is not password protected. If you want a past or current newsletter, go to the RESIDENTS section of the website, (www.rivendellcommunity.com) and choose NEWS.
4. A resident suggested that an IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KNOW box should be in every newsletter containing the phone numbers for police non-emergency, nuisance alligators, and nuisance wildlife. She added that she is impressed with the Pond Committee articles published in the newsletter and looks forward to seeing their plans for Rivendell.

Next Board meeting: Oct 3 at 6:00 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2705 N. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis.

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I explained, one spaghetti sauce isn't better than another it depends on the person eating the sauce as to their preference. I then explained there are five major manufacturers with good reputations for building a quality product. By sampling from the five major manufacturers, she would likely discover the sound she prefers.

Anita is a very active woman, owns a company with many employees, is active in her community, has a large family and is part of a band.

Based on her lifestyle and prior hearing experiences, I recommended two manufacturers: Oticon and ReSound. The first one has a crisp sound quality and the latter one has a more mellow quality.

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Kay Mruz's Folded Book Art By Marilyn Probert

Kay and Gary Mruz came to live in Rivendell sort of by accident. They had been staying in Siesta Key and were looking at houses in this area. One day they decided to drive through Rivendell and there they saw a lovely house with a "For Sale" sign. They bought it, and the rest is history.

Kay grew up in Nebraska and Illinois. One of her early jobs included working in a pet store. She also did secretarial work at the IRS and worked in the circulation department of the Decatur Public Library. She met Gary on a double date at the movie "Friday the Thirteenth". Although they weren't a couple that night, they soon became one. They now have one daughter and two granddaughters.

Kay became a Folded Book Art aficionado sort of by accident, too. She was scrolling through Pinterest and saw some examples of this exacting art form. Her interest was piqued, and she has since created dozens of works of art. She sells her creations at Copperfish Books at 103 W. Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda.

To get started, Kay goes to used-book stores and selects books that are in good condition. Then she sets to work. There are several types of folding patterns available. One is



Mark and Fold Technique

"Mark and Fold," which has 2 measurements. She painstakingly marks each page as the pattern shows, She then goes back to the beginning and folds each corner, page by page, as the marks indicate.

Another type is "Cut and Fold." Again, she marks each page, but with this pattern there can be numerous marks on each page. Then, with a pair of scissors, Kay cuts in 1 centimeter at each pencil mark and folds it back. It takes a lot of patience, but the result is worth it. And it's a great way to repurpose books.

If you'd like more information, or to custom-order a book, please email Kay at siestakeysunset6@gmail.com.



Cut and Fold Method ~ photos by Kay Mruz



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Rivendell Residents

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You Don't Need A Flood To Have A Wet Walk

By Nancy Dobias with photos by Nancy



Viewing Station



Boardwalk through the Cypress

If you ever wanted to walk on the wild and wet side with little fear that an alligator will devour you, you might want to check out the organized Wet Walks held at Ft. Myers Slough Preserve. When we visited the park, the Wet Walk was not being held. According to the park's schedule the next ones are to be Sept. 29, Oct. 13, and Oct. 20. Participants are advised to wear long pants on the walk, and tie-up shoes are mandatory. You'll be walking in fresh clean rainwater up to your waist. When you finish the walk, you won't be muddy, but you will be wet, so bring along a change of clothes.

Mosquitoes are not a problem since a slough involves constantly moving water, and mosquitoes like stagnant waters. It's advised that you be in reasonably good health, and do not have problems with your knees or balance. Participants have to be at least 10 years old to do the walk. Here's a link to the Wet Walks scheduled for 2018: <https://www.sloughpreserve.org/events>

If you don't like the idea of the Wet Walk, they do have a 1.2-mile boardwalk for everyone else. The preserve is made up

3500 acres of wetland, and the job of the slough (pronounced slew) is to filter the rainwater as it makes its way to Estero Bay. The water in the slough is constantly flowing as it makes its journey through the wetlands, so expect to see lots and lots of green. There are several benches along the 1.2-mile boardwalk for those who like to sit in the "woods" and listen to the sounds of nature.

The boardwalk zigzags, but it's very well marked and you will have no trouble navigating it. Occasionally you will see people coming toward you, but the boardwalk is wide enough to accommodate everyone. At one point the boardwalk will only have one side-rail, but because it is so wide, it won't be a problem, either.

The boardwalk is scheduled for some repairs so if you think you may go, consult this website first: <https://www.sloughpreserve.org>

Admission is free, but you do have to pay for parking. Remember to put the parking pass on your car before you go out exploring!



Volunteers needed for Haunted Trail at Oscar Scherer State Park

Contact Jerry Grens

941-320-4490 or e-mail

jerrygrens@me.com

or sign-up online at

<https://www.halloweenhauntedtrails.com/volunteer>.



Book Group Schedule



On October 8, *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes will be discussed at Lesley Sterling's home located at 1064 Mallard Marsh Drive. If you plan to attend, please call Lesley at 703-919-0744.

The Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm.

All Rivendell residents are welcome; please notify the month's hostess if you plan to participate. Books are selected based on recommendations from group members who have read the book. Members take turns volunteering to either lead a book discussion or host the group in their home. Following is the future schedule:

November 12: *Sing for Your Life: A Story of Race, Music, and Family* by Daniel Bergner

December 10: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly

January 14, 2019: *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland* by Jim DeFede

Architectural Review Committee Meeting Report August 28, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m. and concluded at 6:37 p.m.

Quorum present: Maureen Emmons, Richard Jurik, John Greco, Wayne Davis

Absent: Susan Lanza

ARC Requests August 2018

	Request	Address	Assigned To	Seconded By	Status
1	Paint front door – palette	1115 Mallard Marsh	Wayne Davis	Richard Jurik	Passed
2	Remove/replace bushes	685 Clear Creek Drive	Richard Jurik	John Greco	Passed
3	Landscaping project	763 Shadow Bay Way	Maureen Emmons	Wayne Davis	Passed
4	Landscaping project	916 Eagle Isle Court	Maureen Emmons	John Greco	Passed
5	Pool cage and pavers	742 Shadow Bay	Wayne Davis	Richard Jurik	Passed*
6	Remove Oak tree	855 Placid Lake	John Greco	Maureen Emmons	Passed
7	Hurricane shutters	979 Scherer Way	Maureen Emmons	John Greco	Passed
8	Irrigation well	960 Scherer Way	Maureen Emmons	Wayne Davis	Passed
9	Window installation	986 Scherer Way	Committee	Wayne Davis	Passed
10	Landscaping project	561 Meadow Sweet Circle	Maureen Emmons	John Greco	Passed

*The new pavers are not to extend beyond the pool equipment and not interfere with the drainage easement.

Next meeting is **Tuesday, October 30** at 6PM at the Cottages Clubhouse. Request cutoff is **October 23**.

Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

The ARC meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the Cottages Clubhouse

**ARC applications are due to Lighthouse Management
seven days prior to the meeting.**



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WWW.RIVENDELLCOMMUNITY.COM

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Submit articles and information to Marilyn Probert
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 by the tenth of the month.

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