

COLUMBUS CLUB/HOME ASSOCIATION

**Meeting Minutes - July 21, 2021**

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

President: George Asmus **P**, First VP: Dave Kelley **P**, Second VP : Vinny Ruiz **P**

Treasurer: Don Bonato **P** , Recording Secretary :Dan Walker **P**

Trustees Present: Brian Owens Doug Stokely Larry DeFrancesco

Previous Officers: GK- Joe Nelly **P** DEPUTY GK - Tom Duffy **E**

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

LETTERS & COMMUNICATION

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Don Bonato compared our current assets to those 14 ½ months ago. Detailed reports are available.

Bingo and rental incomes have improved.

Chris Dill has applied to the Town of Guilford for a Financial Grant. Guilford 's First Selectman supports our application. Vinny Ruiz said any money received should be dedicated to Capital Improvement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Vinny Ruiz said we need to improve upkeep.

Rentals and Bingo attendances have increased. Some people have complimented our facility which illustrates our appearance is critical to our success.

White Elephant donations are coming here this weekend. Women will be here sorting @1:00 pm during certain days, so he plans to be during those times.

BINGO COMMITTEE

Carl Bergquist reported the first couple of weeks had 90-95 players. Bingo is now offered at some other locations too. Quickee games will be included during future evenings.

HALL RENTAL

Brian Owens said there has been an unusually high number of summer rentals. Renters have created some great reviews. SARAH recently held a successful community event.

CARNIVAL

Mike Tufano reviewed volunteers. Some positions are open which he feels will be filled as we get closer. Page's will loan to us a refrigerator and a freezer.

Two registers will take orders which should work better than taking them in front of the tent.

A few items on the menu have changed and most prices will be increased.

The pizza sauce we have used is no longer available. We will try a few different brands to select its replacement.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Vinny reported Charlie Combs has been hired to clean facilities at the hall weekly. If help becomes needed to clean and set up hall for rentals, we may have to hire some people to do so.

He reviewed the need for a new Board of directors.

Dave Kelly has recommended building responsibilities be managed by two people dividing responsibilities.

George Asmus asked that it be reviewed after the carnival.

Rich Falcone will send email seeking opinions about holding parking and tag sale at our place during the Guilford Fair. Vinny explained the Guilford Fair committee has objected to our offering parking here during days of the Fair.

Joe Nelly asked about carnival signs, including the progress of selling signs to businesses.

George Asmus has been asked to help upgrade the outside electric panel before the carnival. The project was discussed.

Vinny Ruiz reviewed the current list of Officers and Board to serve through 2021.

Two more members are needed.

**Officers:**

-President, George Asmus

-First VP, Dave Kelly

-Second VP, Vinny Ruiz

-Treasurer, Don Bonato

- Recording Secretary, Dan Walker

**Trustees:**

-Larry DeFrancesco

- Steve Heintz

-Doug Stokely

-Rich Falcone

**Alternate Trustee:**

These **Trustees** will manage the following areas and will not vote.

Brian Owens - Rentals

Mike Tufano – Carnival

Carl Berquist - Bingo

All present voted in favor of the candidates to fill positions

**Meeting Adjourned**