

COOCVE Board of Directors Meeting –
February 17, 2009

Newly-elected President, Steve Fine, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m., and led the directors in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Newly-elected 1st Vice President, Charlie Parness, and re-elected 2nd Vice President, James McLear, joined Steve on the dais, along with Parliamentarian, Gene Goldman.

President Fine called for a reading of the minutes of the last meeting of January 20, 2009. Directors unanimously called to waive the reading, as the minutes appeared in the February issue of the *CVE Reporter*.

Bob Bender of the Civic and Cultural Committee asked to add the following to the minutes: “Mr. Bender, from the Civic and Cultural Committee, moved adoption of the Committee’s Final Report. President Steve Fine noticed the absence of a quorum, commented that the report was important and deserved the attention of the full body and would be published in the *CVE Reporter* prior to the March meeting when it would be on the agenda.”

As Sargeant-of-Arms, Art Dove, confirmed that a quorum was present (156 in attendance), the directors proceeded to vote on approving the minutes with this amendment, which they approved.

Cathy Combs of the Sheriff’s Office spoke next. She mentioned that CVE resident, Charles Goodman, was still in jail, facing 11 charges, including felonies. She noted that Goodman had operated unlicensed businesses under several names: A-1 Handyman, Mr. Fix-It and Mr. Bob’s Repair Handyman. She advised the associations to clear these ads from their building bulletin boards.

Jeff Chester asked Deputy Combs if any Deerfield Beach resident doing business in this city needs a license. Combs said, “Yes they do, for any business conducted outside the home.”

On the subject of correspondence, President Fine said that after a search of the COOCVE files, no correspondence was found. He asked the Directors to please resubmit any correspondence to COOCVE and it would be read at the March meeting.

Steve then proceeded to the President's Report. He noted that each association was supposed to file, in January, its 55+ Community Compliance Form, involving a \$20 fee, otherwise they risk getting sued for discriminating against younger people. Steve said that Master Management will help file these forms from the associations this year. Next year, it will be the associations' sole responsibility.

Steve mentioned that there is another annual form that needs to be filed, the associations' respective Annual Statements, with a \$61.25 fee and that Seacrest has agreed to file these forms submitted by the associations that have engaged Seacrest, whether for Maintenance and Management or for Maintenance alone.

President Fine will then make his final decisions on who will comprise the committees, and they will be contacted.

Ken Barnett gave the Treasurer's Report for January 2009 noting that, so far, COOCVE had collected over \$50,000 of the total \$68,000 annual fees for 2009 due from the associations and that the only other transactions in January were the monthly rent and administration fee of \$4,000 that COOCVE pays to Master Management, plus \$9 in office expenses. COOCVE had approximately \$330,000 in the bank, as of January 31. Other assets were COOCVE's advance to, and investment in, the *CVE Reporter*, totaling about \$73,000 and the approximately \$18,000 of dues still to be collected from the associations. The credit side consists entirely of equity and the portion of annual dues already collected and allocable over the rest of the year.

Director Paul Teicher asked for a summary of how COOCVE is doing financially. Ken explained that COOCVE has few transactions, principally, the annual dues it collects as revenue and the \$4,000 monthly payment to Master Management and as such, operates on basically a break-even basis.

Fred Sherman asked how COOCVE could have accumulated as much as \$330,000 in cash. President Fine said the money had accumulated over a period of years.

Steve then moved on to the Old Business segment of the meeting. COOCVE has received an annual premium billing of \$3,500 for its stand-alone Directors' and Officers' Liability Policy, which we need to pay right away as our current policy will soon expire. Steve asked for a motion to allow him to pay this, which directors made and seconded.

Jeff Chester said that Florida Statutes hold that directors of Florida non-profit corporations cannot be sued civilly, only officers, and asked if the liability policy took into account this limitation. President Fine said that the policy could be cancelled at a later date if it was not necessary

A director offered a friendly amendment to take care of this eventuality changing the motion to the following:

“Move that COOCVE pay the \$3,500 annual premium for its Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance on the condition that it cancel this policy subsequently if it determines that the policy is not necessary.”

New Business: Bob Bender moved that the *CVE Reporter* publish in its March issue the Civic and Cultural Committee's Final Report for 2008-2009, which Bob had presented at the COOCVE Board of Directors' previous meeting of January 20, 2009 so that this report could be put on the agenda for our April meeting for adoption.

Jeff Chester asked if we could put on the March agenda the election of directors for the Board of the *CVE Reporter*, but President Fine said that it is done at the April meeting of the COOCVE Board of Directors. Jeff then asked about selecting the Editorial Board of the *CVE Reporter*. Steve said he is planning to ask the Advisory Committee, once constituted, to advise him on the correct process.

Going back to Bob Bender's motion, Steve Fine, speaking as Editor-in-Chief of the *CVE Reporter*, said he had meant to publish the Civic and Cultural Committee's Final Report in the February issue. It was a simple oversight, and, in fact, it had not appeared it would be publish next month, thereby satisfying the intent of the proposed motion.

A director then made a motion that COOCVE establish a committee to investigate the problem of white fly and the treatment of same to see that it is properly addressed.

Different directors noted that this problem will cost the Village thousands and thousands of dollars over the years and that aside from the damage done to our shrubbery, there is a risk that certain pesticides can poison the ground and the water. Several directors noted that other agencies are working on this and similar problems, state agencies and a private station in Redlands, whom we should consult or ask to be part of their programs. Lucille Baskin of Richmond F announced that the Village's Nature Club would be hosting a presentation this Friday at 10:00 a.m. in Room A, for the Broward County Commissioner in charge of water quality.

After discussion concluded, the directors then approved the motion for COOCVE to appoint a committee to investigate in depth the problem of the white fly and the treatment of same.

A director asked for a motion that COOCVE's Board of Directors take disciplinary action against an officer of Master Management, which President Fine ruled was out of order. When a director challenged the Chair's ruling, the directors voted overwhelmingly to uphold the ruling so no motion was made.

Rabbi Paul Teicher of Upminster C asked that COOCVE include in each meeting's agenda any motions that it knows of. President Fine said he will do so if motions are submitted in writing in advance, but that the majority of motions come from the floor.

Open mike/Good-Will and Welfare ensued. One director questioned her association's insurance deductible for non-wind damage of \$5,000. President Fine stated that this is an association matter. Every building has its own policy, and not all are the same. Charlie Parness noted that there were at least three insurance brokers operating in the Village: Community, Plastridge and Wells Fargo. A former member of the Insurance Committee recommended that the new Insurance Committee publish its minutes. President Fine said he wanted to

see that this was done in the *CVE Reporter*. Fred Rosenzweig complained that the last Insurance Committee had reported late to the associations, giving them no choice but to sign up with the broker recommended by the Insurance Committee. Fred also recalled that last year many associations had signed up with the National Group for hurricane remediation, but have found it difficult to work with National's policy that requires up-front payment of the insurance deductible amount before they begin work. Fred noted that Seacrest offers hurricane remediation and recommended that associations look at this and other alternatives.

President Fine said that the associations will be informed about any official mail addressed to the COOCVE office, until the associations make other arrangements with their property management company or legal counsel.

Dan Glickman advised that it is easy if one is internet-savvy to log on to www.sunbiz.org, Florida's Department of Corporations, to enter your association's Annual Statement and arrange to pay the \$61.25 filing fee.

Don Winston of Westbury F offered the name of a gardening firm who had done a great job restoring his building's shrubbery.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Barnett, Secretary