

4/16/2024

TO: Linda Casey (President – Lincolnshire Resident's Club)

Linda,

I did NOT want to write/sign this letter; however, I have been unwillingly drawn into this resident's club drama (as have you).

In my effort to remain OUT of park politics, I requested a face/face verbal meeting with you, at which time I hoped to relate the below, and offer advice as to how to respond to the eventually signed letter from Harrold and Donna Tanner.

As you must know: There exist a rather extensive 'Information-Highway' in the park.

TEST: *Start a 'Juicy-Rumor' via 2-3 neighbors, then wait 2-3 weeks, and be amazed at how many people relate same back to you, and how it's grown per embellishment(s).*

This has now happened to the events of the coffee-hour-vote last November.

HISTORY: I attended that morning and was not aware of the event/meeting/vote.

I abstained from the vote. As a paralegal I questioned the scheduling because snowbirds were not here yet, and the show of hands vote on such an important topic, while those-in-power looked back at the raised-hand vote, as this may affect and/or intimidate some of the voting members. Most concerning to me (red flag) was that this action would be retroactive.

Due to Water Aerobics, I visit the mailroom bulletin board and the clubhouse postings daily and never viewed ANY announcement of a pending Club-Vote.

USA LAW/EXPO-FACTO EXAMPLE: If there is a rural crossroad unmarked and you drive through it without stopping, on Friday, and they put in a stop sign on Monday, they can't charge you with running the sign on the Friday when the sign wasn't there at the time. (RETROACTIVE concerned me because it effectively cancelled any officer election for 2024)

Upon leaving that morning, I stated to more than 12 +people: "You know you just re-elected the club officers for another year unopposed"? ALL of them replied: "No I didn't".

Forgive me if that was when the park info highway started.

Many residents hold the observed idea that the easiest way to WIN an election is NOT to have one, and 2-year term retroactive facilitates same.

I am aware that just before the Club received any letter, there was a targeted parkwide distribution of many copies of the documents as I received both letters on my golfcart.

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THEN: The Club made available the AMMENDED BYLAWS by individual paper signup at meeting.

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I could only reply "I don't have one". Having signed up at the meeting as requested, I contacted a Club Officer, and it turned out that my written email had been mistyped. This was quickly corrected.

NOTE: When I asked my neighbor (Club Treasurer) why the change from 1 to 2 years terms/elections: She said, "It's a big hassle to go to the bank and change the signatures on the accounts". Because it was my only information, I related this as the reason each time asked going forward.

BOTTOM LINE: The bylaws say that a copy will be given to every new resident upon moving in. I never got mine, years ago, and EVERYONE I'VE ASKED said they never received one either.

The Resident's Club is in fact a democratic government (Elected Officials/Member Votes).

NOTE: In order to amend ANY existing printed (document/law/etc.) a true copy of the document to be amended along with the amended document proposed (side by side) shall be provided to ALL voters BEFORE it is brought to the floor. FAMOUS USA HOUSE OF REPRESENTSTIVES QUOTE: "We have to past it to see what's in it". (Nacy Pelosi) Many also referenced current Trump issues.

Please forgive me because when pressed per the bylaws and looking into the law. I began suggesting that these residents look into Florida State Statutes Title 723.

MY PERSONSONAL CONCERNS PER BYLAWS REVIEW:

ANY/ALL business (voting) will be had at a REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. The president may call a 'Special Meeting' for EMERGENCY only. The November vote was NOT an emergency

Side by side documents were NOT provided.

Retroactive denies any election or opponents.

More than ONE issue per voting. (Popcorn machine)

HAND VOTE as opposed to SECRET BALLOT.

PARK CONVERSATION CONCERNS

Why did the club hold paper ballet vote for board members when the far more important BYLAWS issue somehow did NOT require same?

Why did the board visuallly observe a hand-held vote?

Why did the club NOT provide ALL members with the previous bylaws on paper along with the proposed amended bylaws to compare BEFORE calling for a vote?

Why did the club facilitate the 'change' and vote outside of a 'Regularly scheduled meeting'? (Note- Regular) Emergency only per bylaws. This clearly not an amergency.

Can they change the bylaws retroactive?

What about the snowbirds denied in the vote?

How do I get the yearend financial audit, and can I trust it?

FACT:

Past President Harrold was reelected year after year for a very long time. Many people didn't like him, as a friend and/or neighbor, but he got the job done, with little/no drama.

If the officers are doing a good job, they fear not a true/just/legal election.

GOING FORWARD

I suggest that the club and set this up for the next REGULLARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

I suggest an OPEN and HONEST group discussion, giving ANYONE time to address the assembly with the microphone and state their concerns and/or suggestions at meeting.

BETTER YET: Following the above, set an emergency meeting to address this issue. BUT: The actual vote MUST be conducted within ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.

IF the club takes this path, I pray that this will be a fully advertised and noticed event, allowing any/all residents to actually RUN for term office.

Anonymous PAPER ballots. Can be audited in the future. I assume the Board Member vote can be audited.

I also suggest that the Snowbirds be included as follows: IF we ask Tiffany (Office Secretary), or any 3rd party, to setup a unique e-mail that every resident (regardless of they are right now) will receive an invitation to vote and a cutoff return date. This will remove ANY/ALL suspicion(s) that the officers of the Club MAY/MIGHT control the results and allow voting to be anonymous.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter,

I await your written response,

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