



**Board Meeting Minutes  
Casa del Cielo Pool Ramada  
Monday, March 27, 2023 at 5 pm**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Krebs, Debby Castro, Paula Hoff, Ginny Bertoncino and Kathy Hippensteel

**HOMEOWNERS PRESENT:** Ed & Maureen Burke, Romane Roman, Pat Rennert, Carmen Padgett, Shirley Ekvall, Randy Vogel, Marcia Cherry, Ken Huettl, Joyce & Vince Wyles

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Casa del Cielo Board President Tom Krebs at 5 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of February 27, 2023, meeting were previously approved by the board via email and are posted at [www.casadelcieloscottsdale.com](http://www.casadelcieloscottsdale.com).

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Tom opened the meeting by introducing the board members and their positions. He requested that residents hold any comments and questions until the end and during the Homeowners Forum and asked that residents raise their hands, and state their name and address before speaking.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance**

Paula Hoff, the Treasurer, asked if homeowners have questions regarding our financials, to let her know. She mentioned there were outstanding receipts for purchases in January, February, and March that she recently received. She recommended possibly having a card that the Social Committee could use for purchases. A discussion was held. It was decided to keep the current process for reimbursements. A question was brought up about our reserve balance. Tom asked Paula to check with Gisele (IFPM) where our reserve balance needs to be and about the option of CD investments. Paula recommended the financials for January be approved as presented. **Ginny Bertoncino motioned to approve February's financials and Debby Castro 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.**

**Architectural**

Tom Krebs, Architectural Chair, reported he received approvals for 11 houses to be painted this year. It was noted that Scottsdale Ranch sent out letters to some residents asking them to paint their house. Ginny Bertoncino asked if we could have the Scottsdale Ranch Compliance Officer attend one of our meetings to share what they look for when reviewing the homes in our community. Tom said he will invite her.

**Pool**

No report.

**Landscape**

Randy Vogel, Landscape Committee Chair, reported that the lawns have been fertilized, and weed control (post and pre-emergent) is scheduled for April. Trees: 14 Olive trees were topped and trimmed, 85 Olive trees were sprayed to eliminate olives, and one Oak tree at 9265 N. 101<sup>st</sup> St. will be trimmed and thinned. Seasonal flowers will be updated at the pool (Vincas) and entryways (Lantana) as the weather warms up. The Sprinkler (above-ground shut-off valve) is scheduled for inspection in April. There was one complaint at 9265 N. 100<sup>th</sup> Place which was responded to with an email. A request was made to check if our landscaper Desert Villa had been paid for February. Ginny B. asked about the ruts in the lawn at the park and Randy said they will get filled in as the lawn burns out in July. A reminder was made to please use the Landscape Change form available online at [www.casadelcieloscottsdale.com](http://www.casadelcieloscottsdale.com) if residents have any changes to their front landscapes.

**Social Committee**

Shirley Ekvall, Social Committee Chair, reported that she has a calendar of events planned through the end of the year that she will share with Kathy Hippensteel/Communications Chair. She thanked Ginny Bertoncino for use of her and her husband's Glow Putt Mini Golf facility on February 28 and for providing the entry fee collected to the Social Committee. She noted she will help with the Welcome Committee but will need a budget. Kathy mentioned she will send Shirley those residents who are new to the community within the last six months. It was mentioned that a Block party was held at Mission Lane & 100<sup>th</sup> Place last Saturday which was a great event for neighbors. It was suggested to incorporate something like it for the Neighborhood Watch event.

### **Social Committee (Cont.)**

Residents were reminded if they would like to receive information about upcoming Casa del Cielo social events, please send her your email at [cdcsocial19@gmail.com](mailto:cdcsocial19@gmail.com) to be added to the list. The Social Committee is also looking for more residents to help on the committee. Please let Shirley know if you are interested in helping.

### **Communication**

Kathy Hippensteel, Communications Chair, noted she is working on the March newsletter and will get it out to residents soon. She reported some residents have seen swarms of bees in the community and to be on the lookout for them.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Neighborhood Watch: Paula Hoff is currently researching and gathering more information to present to the board.

Welcome Committee: Shirley Ekvall will be working with Ginny Bertoncino to proceed with a welcoming gift for new residents. Kathy Hippensteel is going to get the new residents' names to Shirley.

### **HOMEOWNERS FORUM**

It was brought up that people drive too fast through the community. Ginny B. asked about getting the speed limit sign changed to lower than 25 MPH. Tom asked to get an update from the City. Ginny B. said she will work on setting a meeting with the City of Scottsdale Street Dept.

Discussion was held about the option to convert front yards to desert. The board decided residents could submit a landscape change form that would be taken under consideration. Tom said a new policy will be coming out in April addressing lawns and artificial turf.

**Meeting adjourned at 6pm**

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2023 at 5pm at the Pool**