Meeting called to order at 10:16. Quorum established. Members in attendance Linda Cautero, Sarah Quinn, Barbara Bracco, Denise Waite Milykovic, Sue Terrana, Tom Uzzo, Ginny Keller, Josh Grant, Jim Shea, Tom Nurney.

Draft minutes of January 9, 2014 meeting were discussed and approved as corrected. Reviewed minutes of December 13, 2013 meeting. They were approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Monthly Events

- **Cheeseburger in Paradise.** Set up tables differently. Flow is better.
- **Harry Maurer.** Tom Nurney said most the comments he had on the show were good. We had feedback from him that he is willing to come back again next year if we are interested. Josh said it was overall it was a success. However, we had great congestion at the bar. We need to look at a way to free up the congestion at the bar. We need to look at the option of adding a second bar because of the short window of the ½ hour to serve bar drinks prior to the show at that type event. We need to solve that issue prior to another event like that. Final comment on the evening…dessert was amazing!

Susan also mentioned an issue with special menu items. She had called for a special menu but, upon arrival items promised were not available. She was fine with what she was given but another “less flexible person” would have been unhappy to find out that the items promised were not available and they were given different items. Communication from the front desk of special menus to the kitchen is totally necessary and should be immediate when the request is made ahead of time.

- **Wine Dinner.** Tom Nurney said the event was well received. We had 48 people with synchronized service. The chef was out front. Tom Uzzo said he attended. He said the food was excellent but portions were too large and recommended we cut down on portions of food and add to the quality of the wine served. Linda also mentioned she heard that the wines to be served were not listed on the menu. Tom Nurney said, “We will be reflecting the wines on future menus. Also, it should be noted, we pour a lot of wine at our dinners!” Josh said perhaps we should cut back on the food portions and also perhaps we should look at cutting back a bit on the “pour” of the individual wines and perhaps make one particular wine stand out!. Tom Uzzo also asked about a table for 2 that was empty. Tom Nurney indicated it was a last minute cancellation. However, those individuals were charged because they cancelled within the 72 hour cancellation policy.

- **Birthday Bash.** We had 117 people the first night and 85-90 people the second evening. We’re very pleased with the attendance.

- **Wellness Wednesday.** Josh said we are getting good comments on the food. Larger parties are sometimes still finding their food is longer getting to their table but they are not communicating to their wait staff when they want their food to come out. Tom Nurney said we are working with our wait staff to have them solicit the people at the table when the food should come out.

- **Super Bowl.** Josh said we had a 70” big screen TV hooked up. We had about 40 people and food served was fine but we got the comments from those attending that the TV was too small and our impression they were expecting “an experience” which we could not provide. After discussion by the committee it was suggested, River Club not attempt to provide this again.
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- Jazz Breakfast. This breakfast received rave reviews. The music was great and the food was wonderful. This event was a success and we should do this one again.

One committee member expressed continuing resident concerns about rising prices at the River Club. Management response was: there may be price increases on food and beverage prices but management will do its best to balance the values to the prices. The goal in planning events is to ‘break even.’ It was determined committee members could refer residents to the website as budgets are posted online. All figures are posted in the budgets.

Susan asked about reserves. Jim said, yes, reserves are being created over time by the CDD not only for the River Club but also in other funds for maintaining the lakes and other infrastructure items within the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Events

Valentines Dance. Is sold out. We have 110 people coming with dinner and roses.
Dancing under the Stars. We are presently under sold. Presently we only have 82 people coming. We need to solicit people to come to this event. It should be a really nice event.
Dueling Pianos. Coming on April 5.
Themes under discussion: Wedding Crashers, Murder Mystery for next year. It was also brought up that someone had seen a Rod Stewart impersonator at another venue in the area as a possibility. It was discussed that someone like that should be observed to see if he was really worth booking and then investigated if he was reasonable to book. Another suggestion was something like the Marine Band perhaps for Memorial Day.

Discussion about ladies luncheons. It was decided we should end on a “high.” They’ve gone well this year but since most everyone will be leaving soon, we should end and wait until the fall to begin luncheons again.

Management Update

Josh mentioned he had bought a grill at Home Depot and they are going to try using it out by the Tiki Bar over the coming months to see how that goes.
Jim Shea said CDD board has approved the purchase of a geo thermal unit for the pool.

Linda mentioned she will be out of town for the April meeting and mentioned other members need to let us know if they will be out of town for any future meetings for planning purposes.

Also, all members need to make sure they have gone onto the CDD website and activate their email addresses on that website before the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.