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MEETING:	House & Activities Committee
DATE:	October 16, 2018
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Joel Macher, Chairman; David Shifrin, V.Chairman; Nancy Berkowitz; Jeff Getelman; Pamela karol; Lane Klein; Susie Lehrman; Judy Remis; Joan Schepps; Vic Schwartz; Barbara Sneider; Enid Winikoff. Attended via Conference Call: Arlene Citren; Judy Echenberg; Murray Perelman
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Terri Axelrod; Linda Moskin
PARTICIPANTS:	Christina Kelly, Director of Activities; Thomas DeLouise, Clubhouse Manager; Ira Kasten, Director of Food & Beverage. Guests: Matthew Linderman; Howard Boilen, BOG; Chares Wo
FOR INFORMATION:	The Board of Governors
ISSUED BY:	Joel Macher
ISSUE DATE:	October 24, 2018
NEXT MEETING DATE:	Friday, November 16, 2018 at 3PM in the Boardroom

Chairman Joel Macher called the meeting to order at 3PM.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

Chairman Macher welcomed our General Manager, Matt Linderman who wished to make some opening remarks. He took time to introduce the newest member of our management team, Ira Kasten as the new Director of Food & Beverage. He then shared what goes into a search for just the right person and hopes Ira, with his previous experiences and desire will excel here at Boca West.

Chairman began this part of the meeting asking each member to introduce themselves again as we have a very large turnout for our first meeting of the season.

Prior to getting into reports and topics for committee discussion, the committee addressed some housekeeping chores, including members accepting our Code of Ethics and a commitment to confidentiality.

Activities Report by Christina Guilianti:

Our Bridge program will be in full swing starting in November, with Duplicate Bridge and supervised Bridge play every Thursday.

Singles nights begin in November we will be hosting twice this a month, we will also offer a captain's table and a singles table on wine nights, dinner dances & Thanksgiving.

Our educational series with Robert Watson, a series of four lectures is sold out.

On November 9th our season opener theme night is "Imaginarium". We needed a lottery for this event with 635 confirmed and 269 on wait list.

We are hosting a Veterans Day Breakfast Monday November 12th with over 240 reservations.

Watch our magazines for information on upcoming Cabaret nights in January, February and March 2019.

Our carnival will be on Saturday, December 29th, as last year's was well received, it will be the same format and will start at 4PM and continue into the evening up to 9PM.

Be sure to also watch for our classes being offered; Bridge, Canasta, Painting, 3D art, and more.

Food & Beverage Report by Thomas DeLouise

He reported that the redesigned valet parking entrance at the sports center has been widened for safety. This provides additional room those parking and getting out of their cars. The additional space also give additional room so as not to be too close to the water features in the landscaping.

The offering of a Pre-Fixed menu, which was recently added to dinner at Panache has been very successful and very well received by our membership.

Trivia night has been added, and has been very well attended and our members' comments are wonderful.

We have added additional bar seating in Prime Cut, by widening the communal table, which will allow us to accommodate more members.

Our international staff is starting to come in beginning Oct. 15th, although delayed one week.

Mr. D's will be open 7 days a week with Happy Hour starting on October 22nd.

Grand Central begins Sunday Breakfast & Lunch on November 4th and we will have Football in Onyx and in Grand Central. Grand Central will be open for drinks and lite fare Friday and Saturday evenings beginning November 30th.

We began switching over to 90% biodegradable cups and lids. The Logo on the cups are forthcoming. Management is keenly aware of moving towards being more "Green". The committee thanks M. Linderman and T. DeLouise for a great beginning.

The Chairman prepared in advance a list of several topics for the committee to review, discuss, and where appropriate offer suggestions to management for their consideration. Several of these topics will be works in process.

Members suggested on Friday evenings that we consider offering as an adjunct to our menus a traditional fare possibly consisting of Chicken, Matzo Ball Soup, Challah, Chopped Liver, etc.

Members also suggested we review our breakfast and lunch offerings during our summer inter-county golf league to golfers from the other clubs. Several said we limited our guests choices while a more abundant selection of food was being offered at the other clubs, and all golfers paid the same.

Members asked if we could consider reciprocal dining with sister clubs during summer season. Several sister clubs offer this which could limit its use not to over-burden our restaurants, while showing off our club.

Also expressed was a desire that we offer healthier choices on a more consistent basis in our restaurants, whether it's menu items, or in the living room and or Onyx prior to dining. Grilled hot vegetables were an example and a suggestion.

Members asked about our dress code in season and during summer months, we will review and discuss this at a later meeting.

Members discussed our lottery system for dining and events; some would like a better understanding how Activities manages this and ask about any alternative ways to handle this. Once suggestion was to possibly add more second nights to events.

Members working with T. DeLouise are on the same page to expand the future use of Grand Central as a Sports Bar and we all agreed management is doing its best to be forward-looking on how to accomplish this. Chairman thanked all in attendance for their input and efforts on behalf of our committee.

Prior to Chairman closing the meeting, Chairman reminded all members of the committee to pass along the "message" - respect and courtesy to one another and to our staff. We have the best of both here. We are very fortunate.

The meeting was adjourned at 5PM.