

# LAKE SIDE NEWS

## Community Watchdog



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### The Importance of Accurate Minutes—

Accurate and concise Minutes are of vital importance to your Association as well as at the Presidents' Council meetings. Why? They are the official history and legal record of everything that happens and discussed before your Board .

Minutes are an invaluable reference and the Courts give them great weight as evidence. Auditors depend upon them for proof of authorization for important expenditures. And they should reflect what was actually said and what was voted upon.

Having said all that, I have been trying, for over one month now, to get the Presidents' Council to reflect the minutes accurately as to what the former Clubhouse Committee voted on regarding drink at our pool. I have phoned. I have written a letter. To this day, I have had no reply to get this inaccuracy corrected. Since this request has been dismissed as obviously "trivia;" or considered nothing more than a nuisance, I will attempt, via this newsletter, to set the record straight on what our Committee said and voted on because the Minutes of Feb 28th are wrong. And I want you to know that.

1. Under Clubhouse, Pool & Area, 1<sup>st</sup> para: *You state that on January 1 the Committee met again and felt that plastic bottles of water were okay.* The Committee never said that bottled water was okay. We had one member on the committee, Nancy Hotchkiss, who thought bottle water should not be a problem.

The Committee voted to keep the rules as is: NO food, drink at the pool of any kind.

2. *That same paragraph you state that the rules were made to protect (you did not say what they were protecting).* We believe that rules are in place to protect the majority from the minority (that is what was said) who when given an inch always want to take the mile or essentially abuse the rules.

3. *In your 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph you state that Roger met with our Committee and we said that the cost of a new fountain was 'cost prohibitive.'* We (the Committee) did not say that the cost of a new water fountain was "cost prohibitive." We said that it was expensive. The truth of the matter was, we were looking into getting a state of the art water fountain, cleaner and more pure than bottled water.

A simple request to correct Minutes should never be taken personally. Accuracy should be the top consideration. The President's decision to record future meetings is a good one but in this case, the Council knew how we had voted and still would not correct the Minutes to reflect that decision.



**LAKE OSBORNE  
at dusk**

### CITY OF LAKE WORTH NEWS

The most important decision from the last meeting was the PB County Utilities proposal to the East Central Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility. The Commission agreed to allow Samy Faried, Utility Director, the vote to hand-over our waste water to FPL. This is a 30 year contract and states that we "could" make \$115,000 a year. Mr. Faried recommends allocating 100% of our allotted affluent to ECRWRF, never considering that water will become more valuable because of its **scarcity**. Commissioner Jennings asked to explore other options. Golden voted against it. Of course, it passed with the same 3 to 2 vote, (Lowe, Clemens & Vespo) with Lowe, stating twice that she had no comments, and Clemens and Vespo backed by City Manager Baldwin's "win, win" scenario. Why is something as important as our water put on this agenda under the City Manager's Report without any other options to consider and no public commentary allowed? We have no Water Conservation Plan and we are running out of water and now the City gives it away.

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