



BOARD SHORTS

*A Quick Recap to Members of the
At the May 2011 Board of Directors Meeting*

House Rules

We had a good huge response of comments from many owners regarding changes in the house rules. We'll try to explain the process: The House Rules are subordinate to the By-Laws, which are subordinate to the Declarations, and all of them are subordinate to Hawai'i State Law.

We have been going through these one at a time to get them all to agree. The House Rules can be changed by the Board. **But the By-Laws and Declarations (BL&D) have to be changed by a 67% vote of the community.** This is tremendously problematic. The Committee has spent maybe 100 hours trying to get the House Rules to a point that they're usable. If they don't agree with State Law and the BL&D, they're simply unenforceable.

So here's the problem. We have a House Rule that says you can only have two animals, but we have a By-Law that says "a reasonable number." The result is that we have to change the House Rules for a short time to the wording in the By-Laws, while we work on getting the By-laws updated.

Why? Why can't we just start with the By-Laws? The simplest reason is that 67% vote. But we also have House Rules that

need to legally be changed by July 1, 2011 or we'll have no laws governing solar installation and a host of other technical issues.

The House Rules Committee, headed by Judy Mackenzie and composed of Diane Ackerson, Greta Richardson, Rita Cammalleri and Vince Dydasco really took on a herculean job in trying to merge the House Rule docs, the lawyer's recommendations, and then bring them into accordance with our other governing documents. The bulk of the credit really must go to Judy Mackenzie who kept this project on course and on schedule.

Unfortunately, this is only the first step in a process that will continue at least throughout this year. After we get the House Rules issued, then we have to go back and update the other docs, put them out for a vote by the community, then re-issue a new set of House Rules.

Carpenter Bees

While the Carpenter bees are a seasonal nuisance, the folks at UH would prefer that we leave them alone. Over 80% of the wild bee population in Hawai'i has died out, and we're left with very few animals to pollinate our flowers. If 'live and let live' doesn't work for you, you could try a tennis racket.

In addition, our pest control company frowns on killing any variety of bees. Our entomologist says that a good way to control the problem is by covering up the holes that they make in the wood. He suggested putting steel wool in the hole and closing it with putty. However, if you cover the holes with duct tape, that seems to work equally as well.

When they can't get in their holes they become confused and die, but it's one bee at a time as opposed to mass spraying.

It is a seasonal problem that occurs primarily in odd-numbered years. The problem should be gone by July whatever your response.

New Office Employee and Office Hours

Beginning June 1st, the new hours for our employees is 7:00am to 4:00pm, Monday-Friday. The Resident Manager's office will be open from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Fencing and Parking

The Special Projects Committee has been exploring fencing options of vinyl and composite material that will have a



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