

Rainbow Circle of Family & Friends (RCF&F)

Special Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday - September 26, 2023 4:00 pm PST

CTO: Rick Dowdle, president

A conference all line was set up by Rick Dowdle. Present on the phone were the following RCF&F: Rick Dowdle, Vicky Harrison, Wendy Brenner, Sheri Holbrook, Richard Hein, Jane Blanchard.

Purpose of this special meeting to get approval of board to have Rainbow Circle of Friends & Family participate in Palm Springs Gay Pride Parade on Sunday, November 5th, 2023.

Discussion: Rick met with Francesca Holabo, HOA Operations Manager and she said the club could participate but could only use the name Rainbow Circle of Family & Friends, Palm Desert. There could be no reference to Sun City or Del Webb.

Sheri said Lynn Greer has Zelle \$2000. to Rainbow Circle (RC) checking account to cover the cost of participation in the Pride Parade of Palm Desert.

Sheri reviewed the application to participate in parade: i.e. cost of sponsorship, car floats, driver's license requirements, car insurance requirements and banner sizes. It was determined that RCF&F would have to sign up as an "individual", as a Federal Tax Identification number (FTIN) of an entity was required. RCF&F operates as a chartered club under the SCPD HOA and its FTIN.

There was discussion of using our website & membership list to announce Rainbow Circle intent to participate in this event. Vicky pointed out that RC website is linked to Sun City Palm Desert HOA. And, this would require clarification from the HOA for RCF&F participation.

The members present of the group had several questions for HOA. Rick, Richard & Vicky agreed to meet with Francesca Holmbo SCPD HOA to ask relevant questions and seek clarification. This meeting occurred (see attachment Exhibit A).

****Attached is Attachment A of Richard/Rick's Summary of meeting with Francesca Holmbo of the Sun City HOA on September 27th, 2023.**

The \$2,000.00 will be returned to Lynn Greer via Zelle accounts.

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Attachment A

Wednesday - September 27th 2023

I would like to update you all on the findings from a meeting with Francesca Holmbo that was attended by Rick Dowdle, Vicky Harrison and Richard Hein on September 27, 2023.

It was the goal of this meeting to get a final and unbiased decision from the HOA on if the Rainbow Circle of Friends and Family could march in the Palm Springs pride parade and what limitations the HOA would or could impose.

The question was posed "Could the club use the phrase 'Rainbow Circle of Friends, Sun City Palm Desert' on a banner or wrist bracelets"? The answer was no. The HOA would not allow for any charter club to use the name of the association in any outside events.

We requested why and the answer was that per the Bylaws of SCPD Chartered Club Rules and Regulations Section IV. Section C and D that any charter club cannot bring the association in to the potential of any unfavorable light or questionable circumstance.

We questioned "How could walking in a pride parade be in a questionable circumstance". Answer was that even though mostly social, there is a political nature to the parade. The parade has both pro and anti LGBTQ+ marchers and protestors attached to the event. Any photography or video that could show the HOA's affiliation to either side would be unacceptable.

It was further discussed that any liabilities arising from a possible accident or emergency would then also be attributed to the HOA. Considering that lawsuits are never singular defendants in the State of California, any plaintiff would automatically seek out any organization or business to add to their action considering that those entities would carry a greater insurance coverage.

We questioned the fact that several different clubs and organizations use very specific clothing and accoutrement in other events without concern or question-ability from the HOA. We were reminded of the answer, that in tournament or group inclusion, there was no possible political or adverse publicity attached.

We questioned if it was because our group was based in the LGBTQ+ community. We were told "not at all". Examples that were given included no "Democrat or Republican" charter clubs were allowed to attend rallies under the community moniker. Another example was inside of the publication for Sun City wherein language had to be censored out from advertising so as to not have the HOA to appear to be backing, promoting or highlighting any company over any of the other advertisers or groups.

It was asked "How could club members march in the parade"? Answer was that the HOA had no intention of blocking anything of that nature as long as any group representation read, and only read " Rainbow Circle of Friends & Family, Palm Desert".

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Attachment A

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We requested if the website for the club could be annotated on anything? and the answer was once again no. There can be no connection between the HOA, property and public displays.

We questioned if a process was there, if started early enough, that would allow us to use an HOA affiliation in the future. The answer was that the bylaws would never be changed to accommodate that.

We questioned what the penalty would be if we, unintentionally, went against the bylaws. We were told that the charter group would have their charter rescinded and the group disbanded without further privileges. It was brought to our attention that other groups recently went through the process but at the 23rd hour were allowed to be maintained because they corrected what they were doing before the penalty actions were completed.

We reviewed the application from the parade promoters in detail and asked how we could get this to work. The final criteria would have to be met:

1. The name of the group read "Rainbow Circle of Friends and Family, Palm Desert" only
2. Parade application would have to be drafted from an "Individual" using an address or tax Identification from that sole individual ONLY
3. No promotion or publication of the event on any Charter Club Websites or community publications
4. Adherence to the stated Bylaw

We were thanked by Francesca for coming in to discuss this at length and working with them to make sure there would be no issues.

We now have a route to take to actually march with those that feel that they would like to.

Someone needs to take charge of this event and start the processes that need to be completed. Any printed materials (Banners and etc.) be submitted to our board to make sure that we are in compliance before they are printed.

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Since this event is only a few weeks away, decisions need to be made and made now.

My suggestion is that the funds that came into the club treasury be sent to whoever would be in charge of the outside project. They could get all of the necessary permits processed, banners and etc. completed. That person would then be responsible and account for all of the expenditures to the person that sent the money in, leaving no questions as to how the money was handled or spent.

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