

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

4:00 PM

<https://coralgables.zoom.us/j/82882960727>

Coral Gables Country Club

Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board

CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 11– Vice Chair Sherry Celesia, Chair Albert Sanchez, Board member Isis

Arenas, Board member Frank Andollo, Board member Don Slesnick III and Board member Peter Izaguirre, Assistant Director Sarah Espino, Division Director Lorena Sliva, Venue Manager Valerie Pinon, Athletic Club Acting Manager Daren Gilman, Administrative Analyst Ann Caroline Del Valle

Excused: 1 - Board member Yamilet Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY ISIS ARENAS AND SECOND BY SHERRY CELESIA. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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- **FY2025 Q4 Presentation** - Division Director Sliva advised the board the 4th quarter report needed to be finalized and would be presented the following board meeting.

a. General Country Club Division Updates

Athletic Club

- **Acting Manager Daren Gilman** provided the Board with an update on the Athletic Club, reporting a total of 1,701 members as of December 10. He also shared recent feedback regarding the need for additional storage space at the gym and noted that a new cubby has been installed upstairs. The addition has been well received so far, and he will continue to monitor its usage to determine whether another unit may be necessary.

- It was also noted that an AC leak needs to be repaired, which will require the gym to close for a minimum of eight hours. Division Director Sliva and Acting Manager Gilman confirmed that members will be notified once the repair date is finalized. Regarding the window frosting project, Daren reported that he has received two quotes so far and is awaiting a third before determining the next steps. Board Member Arenas also mentioned that one of the stationary bikes is not functioning and will identify the specific unit for Manager Gilman at a later time.

- Board Member Andollo asked about the previous items including parking and landscape. Director Sliva is in communication with Deena at Public Works to further discuss landscape matters and address all pending items.

- There were no new updates on the alleyway matter since the last meeting. This is an ongoing matter.

- Chair Sanchez asked whether routine checks could be conducted in the upstairs area of the gym, noting that towels and other items were being left on machines. He expressed interest in having staff perform regular walkthroughs to help maintain cleanliness. Acting Manager Gilman confirmed that he could begin implementing this practice.

Chair Sanchez also inquired about the membership cap of 1,800 and what would occur as the facility approaches that limit with the new year approaching. Assistant Director Sarah Espino explained that the system is designed to prevent membership numbers from exceeding the established threshold.

Venue

- Venue Manager Valerie Pinon updated the board on previous events as well as upcoming events including the Pancakes and Pajamas on Saturday, December 13 from 10AM-12PM which will be in both the Fountain Room and Courtyard.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

- Board Member Andollo asked for clarification regarding the free golf classes being offered to members. Assistant Director Espino provided additional details on the program. Board Member Andollo then raised concerns about pool closures and suggested exploring improved methods for notifying members when the pool reopens during inclement weather. The Board discussed several ideas, including establishing a notification system, while also considering the use of a temporary PA system in the meantime.
- Chair Sanchez asked about the online option to cancel classes. Assistant Director Espino went into detail about the way they can now cancel classes online as well as join waitlists and that process. Board member Arenas then went onto the website and showed the board it was indeed an option to now cancel classes online. It was mentioned that Manager Gilman and GSS Jake will put together a guide for the members on how to do so.
- There are no updates on taking Zelle payments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEMS FOR THE SECRETARY

Next Meeting Date is January 28, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:10 P.M. WAS MADE BY FRANK ANDOLLO AND WAS SECONDED BY ISIS ARENAS. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.