

Fraud and Lies

Dear Members,

This week, we want to share what appears to be fraudulent activity by the President of the Lake Lindero HOA, Mike Umann, Members David DiNapoli & Paul Bromley and CEO Christopher Barone.

Last week the minutes of our monthly general meeting were altered and posted on the HOA website. We have evidence that the revised meeting minutes do not reflect the actual record written by Hal Siegel Secretary. We have attached the original & altered meeting minutes from May through August for comparison.

Why Is This Important?

It means that our board President has committed several violations of the Davis Sterling Act by altering records.

Until recently the board failed to post the meeting minutes and now we have different versions from Mike Umann that don't state the clear activities of the HOA. Information has been changed. Mr. Umann also signed these new minutes including those of a meeting he did not attend. **This is illegal.**

They Are Breaking the Law!

It is a violation of the California Civil Code 1507, California Corporations Code 8320 and the Davis Sterling Act to falsify records of a homeowners association. The statute states, "Any officers, directors, employees or agents of a corporation who do any of the following..... make or cause to be made in the books, minutes, records or accounts of a corporation any entry which is false in any material particular knowing such entry is false."

We have proof that Chris Barone and Mike Umann are guilty of these laws by altering the meeting minutes and lying to us about our true financial obligations.

The truth is being hidden

Chris Barone & Mike Umann refuse to let you see the truth.

What we do have is the following:

As mentioned above you will find HOA corporate minutes that have been changed including who signed them **AFTER** they were approved by the board.

1. President Mike Umann signed the minutes for a meeting he did not attend.
2. Meeting minutes previously submitted have been altered with the Secretary's knowledge.
3. Notes on the court decisions have been changed in the Gonzales case. More changes to the Abraham case.
4. The July minutes have been altered by Chris Barone alluding to sabotage when that was never discussed in the meeting.
5. The July minutes falsely states that Hal Siegel is being blamed for the EZ link contract which the board failed to cancel. President Umann has falsely claimed that Siegel is at fault when in reality the entire board agreed to the purchase.
6. Also in July comments about finances were eliminated along with Gordon Osborne winning his case for the range golf balls. The cost to our club has increased from \$90 to \$900 due to Chris Barone failure to correctly handle this situation.
7. August minutes showed that \$60,000 was set aside for equipment and that Turf star was being paid.

This negates the claim that \$50,000 was needed from the Barone family for equipment.

8. August minutes, Hal Siegel's proposal for a committee to oversee the mini parks and lake was deleted and the number of years were increased that GPL didn't file taxes.
9. In reference to the "Camera Incident" in August; the revised minutes said security cameras had been used for years. This is false.
10. August: A member again asked about getting reimbursed for his equipment being damages while on loan to the club and in the edited version the implication was that the equipment was given to the club to get his grandson a job. This is blatantly false.

See the attached copies of the meeting minutes.

What Are They Hiding?

There is evidence that Lake Lindero Homeowners aren't being given a true and representative picture of the health of our Association.

Christopher Barone, our CEO, has been telling you for months that this HOA is in the best shape it has been in years. He tells you in his many video messages that we have more financial strength now than ever before. He claims it is because of him and the 3 members of the board - Mike Umann, David DiNapoli and Paul Bromley for their outstanding progress this year. But this appears to be another one of his lies.

They Aren't Paying the Bills

In July CEO Christopher Barone engaged in discussions with Lordon Management about the juggling of our finances and the priority of who can be paid and who will have to be placed on hold. Barone asked Lordon representative Donalea Bauer to move things around and withhold payments to certain individuals or firms that are

owed money. This is not a sign of economic stability and it appears that he is misrepresenting a true picture of our financial status.

In the email exchange Barone clearly instructs Bauer to alter the way they she is to handle the payment of outstanding bills. In fact, Chris appears to threaten Bauer with moving the entire account if she doesn't fall in line as a "business partner". There is further proof that Chris Barone is holding checks on payments to which we owe money to others.

See the actual discussion - attached to this email.

If we are so healthy then why is Barone not paying our bills on time? What is he trying to hide

Is there a risk for us to face even more lawsuits against the Association by Chris Barone not honoring our financial obligations? It is worth your concern.

More Lies About the Lawsuits

Attached is the list of 17 cases in which Chris Barone has been involved. Several are yet to be determined and several have been dismissed, all of these are costing the HOA money.

Why are we paying for Chris Barone to file lawsuits against our own members? Chris is using our HOA dues to file personal lawsuits for his own personal reasons and he's losing many of them!

Of the cases listed

- Mr. Abraham won his case against the HOA because of Chris' poor handling of the situation. This cost us money.
- Mr Osborne won his case against the HOA because of Chris' poor handling of that situation as well. This also cost us money.
- 2 Temporary Restraining Orders have been dismissed for Chris' failure to follow procedures at court. Both filed by Chris Barone and/or Mike Umann.
- 3 Temporary Restraining Orders and one lawsuit have been dismissed with prejudice and cannot be re-filed. All filed by Chris Barone and/or Mike Umann.or Judee White, an HOA employee. . Lack of evidence from Chris or proper protocol, were the main reasons for dismissal on several of these cases.

All of these cases, including the GPL lawsuits and the \$15 Million assault/defamation lawsuits filed against us by Marco Gonzalez, ALL involved Christopher Barone!

More Lawsuits - \$97,000 in Legal Fees?

Chris has spent hundreds of hours in Los Angeles County courtrooms with lawsuits against members, patrons and others that we do business with at the club. Is most of this necessary?

We have paid over \$97,000 year to date (September) in legal fees!

How can he do the business of the HOA when he is in court so often?

More Fraud and The \$50,000 question

Additionally, there has never been a clear or logical explanation for why Mike Umann, David DiNapoli and Paul Bromley took a \$50,000 payment from Chris Barone to pay for club equipment when the board had already allocated and set aside funds to make the purchase. They refuse to explain the necessity taking the money or the terms of this loan to the club. In fact, this loan should have been voted on by the membership but it was hidden from all of us! It was never discussed in open meetings and no record of it exists.

In addition, Chris Barone has refused to use a corporate credit card and the board has allowed him to mix his personal finances with club expenses. There have been over \$140,000 in reimbursements to Chris Barone, and others for expenses!

What HOA does this kind of business?!

What are they hiding? Where is the money?

Hiring Christopher Barone Was a Mistake

The board made a mistake when it hired Christopher Barone to be the CEO/Manager of our club. He had no experience in running a business, which he admitted at the January meeting. He has no financial business background. He has no legal background. (Filing frivolous lawsuits against others does not count!). And he has no experience with laws pertaining to employment/HR law. This is all costing us a lot o money!

It is clear that board members Mike Umann, David DiNapoli and Paul Bromley have failed to provide any oversight and many say that Chris actually tells them what to do.

Chris Barone has filed frivolous lawsuits and restraining orders against HOA members and Umann, the board President, has signed off on them and we are all paying for this nonsense.

The Madness Must End Now!

The 3 rogue board members; Umann, DiNapoli and Bromley are complicit in all of the above fraud and they have turned against the two other members of the board who are demanding accountability and oversight. The sham Legal Committee run by Chris is his way to exclude the honest members of the board from participating or even knowing what they are doing in private.

Stop Lying to The Members Chris!

Anyone who asks questions is labeled a "GPL supporter" by Chris Barone in a "them vs us" war game which he is using to divide our community.

Nobody is supporting GPL and David Smith.

Christopher Barone is using baseless accusations, lies & lawsuits to intimidate our members into silence. It's not going to work.

We are fighting for this situation to NEVER happen again in this community!

We are asking other members to speak up.

Make YOUR voice heard. Ask questions!

The next General Membership Meeting is this WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20th at 7:30 at the club.