

Springbrook Community,

It has been asked by people in the community to give a statement about the dismissal of John Brazee from the SPOA Board of Directors. As a board we all take the responsibility to serve our community very seriously and have always and will always want the best for the whole community. This means from time to time we have to make decisions that will upset some neighbors for the good of others. Every board member has the responsibility to look out for the well being of our community, as does every community member. The decision to remove John from the board is one we did not want to make but was made by the choices John decided to make.

We first and foremost want everyone to know, no one on the board believes or thinks John Brazee did anything financially inappropriate as Treasurer of our community. His dismissal had nothing to do with his ability to handle the finances of our community. As we will explain below, John's dismissal was made necessary by his inability to produce correct records, give a rationale for negotiating with property owners and refusing to comply with direct votes taken by the board. As a board we tried to get John to give us the answers we asked for but he constantly wanted to give excuses to why he couldn't or wouldn't comply.

The following is a timeline of events that lead to the dismissal of John Brazee from the board. It highlights some communication but is not a complete list of all communication between board members during this timeframe.

During meetings in May and June the board noticed the delinquent lists John emailed out and passed out to the board had discrepancies. There were some names left off or names of people who do not live in the community any longer. Little things that made us wonder how John was keeping the records in Quickbooks. We asked him questions and he would always say he would have to look into it.

The board asked him to hold all late fees and to print out all delinquent files for us to look over. He did and when board members looked at the files we found many of them that had the wrong names, wrong addresses, and many of the invoices were different in format. This made the board question again how he was keeping the records on Quickbooks.

June 7th, 2022

John sent out a text stating that negotiations have been made and all backed assessments have been settled with a property in our community and that he has already taken the lien off the property. This took all the board members by surprise because we had no idea he was negotiating with this property owner. We were not informed that it was settled, what the settlement was or the rationale to why he negotiated with this property owner. We asked John for a rationale to why he did what he did and did not receive anything to explain why this was done.

June 15th, 2022

The board asked for John to bring the computer and place it in the office for us to look at the records. This request was made by text message in a group text where many things get discussed by the board on a daily basis.

June 16th 2022

Asked for the computer again on the 16th

June 17th 2022

John sent a message asking for Opie and himself to sit down and go over every transaction John has made in his six years as treasurer of the community. Opie's response was to ask for the computer and the rationale to the negotiations. Opie also responded that he didn't care about what happened six years ago and that he only cares about the things John was asked to do and asked about.

June 18th 2022

Asked for the computer again

June 20th 2022

Mike May asked if we need to vote on John bringing the computer to the office

June 20th 2022

Opie made the following motion via email as agreed upon by the board in earlier meetings.

"I would like to make a motion that John Brazee bring the SPOA computer, power cord, and any passwords to get into the computer and any passwords needed to view financial records. The computer needs to be brought to the office by 5pm on Tuesday June 21, 2022. I will need a second and if I get a second then we can discuss. If there is a second, you will need to vote by 12pm on Tuesday June 21, 2022"

Mike May seconded the motion and on June 21, 2022 Opie informed everyone via email and text that the motion passed 3 to 0.

June 20th 2022

Opie sent a text explaining to John that the computer was not his property and that the office of treasure worked at the discretion of the board. Opie also explained to him that we were concerned about the records and that he would not be on the board come October (due to the communities policy that you can not run after being voted to two consecutive terms) and that we need to see what the records looked like before this happened.

John Brazee did not bring anything up to the office.

June 21st 2022

John stated to the board that he refused to bring the computer to the office because there must be "checks and balances" and as treasurer it was his duty to safeguard the financial records. Cindy Stockdale disagreed with this over text. Opie Dodrill disagreed with this over text

June 21st 2022

John asked us to check with the Lawyer

(Opie called Jay Bush the SPOA lawyer on June 27th and talked with him on June 28th)

Lawyer was concerned why John was not letting us look at the computer and stated there is no legal reasoning for John not to let fellow board members access to the computer. Jay said for there to be checks and balances, one person can not have sole access to the records.

June 21st 2022

Opie sent this out to the board to vote on with adherence to the already voted on ability to make motions and vote on things via Email

"SPOA Board of Directors, It is my opinion that the community of Springbrook Lakes Estates and the working of the SPOA Board of Directors, will be best served if John Breeze is removed from the position of Treasurer and Secretary. In my opinion he has used his own personal agenda to block actions taken by the board, He has not given answers to questions raised by the board, he has not produced a corrected list of members that have backed assessments after being asked multiple times, he has gone against the boards wishes in handling backed assessments, He has removed financial liens without board approval, he has written and signed a check over \$250 by himself, and in general makes it very difficult to move forward with business of the community. According with the bylaws of our SPOA Page 14/16 2. Removal of Officers. Any officer or agent may be removed by a vote of the majority of the entire board whenever in it's judgment, the best interests of the corporation will be served thereby.

I Make the following motion I make the motion to remove John breeze from the positions of Treasure and Secretary for the community of Springbrook Lakes Estates according to page 14/16 paragraph 2 of the bylaws for the following reasons: using his own personal agenda to block actions taken by the board, He has not given answers to questions raised by the board, he has not produced a corrected list of members that have backed assessments after being asked multiple times, he has gone against the boards wishes in handling backed assessments, He has removed financial liens without board approval, he has written and signed a check over \$250 by himself, and in general makes it very difficult to move forward with business of the community. The removal will be imediat and all Files, electronic records, equipment and supplies that are being held at John's house be returned to the office within 5 days of this vote."

Mike May Seconded the motion

June 23rd 2022

Motion passed 4-0

June 28th 2022

At this point it had been 5 days since we voted for John to be relieved as the Secretary and treasurer of the SPOA. It is at this point Opie talked to Jay the Lawyer and was assured there isn't any legal reasoning the computer should not be turned over.

At this point John was still a board member but no longer the Secretary or Treasure.

June 28th 2022

Cindy Stockdale was voted in as the new Secretary for the SPOA Board of Directors

June 29th 2022

Opie sent a text asking John to comply with the vote of the board. Opie gave John the option of resigning if he did not want to comply with the will of the board.

July 5th 2022

The Board of Directors met and the first item of business was to ask if John had complied with the vote and will of the board. He had returned all the property but had not returned the computer. After John finally returned the computer, Mike May made a motion to remove John Brazee from the board with cause. Eddy Holloway seconded it and the motion passed 4 to 0.

As this has explained, we did not dismiss John for financial wrongdoing. We dismissed him because he refused to comply with multiple legally voted on motions of the board and requests for information about business items. None of us are perfect, we all have made mistakes and this is understandable but to willfully refuse to comply with the will of those who you serve would be grounds for termination in any situation. No one on the board wanted John to be removed. This is why we left him on the board and just removed him from the offices of treasure and Secretary. This situation is hard on all parties involved, including the community. This is the report from the board as to why John Brazee was removed from the SPOA Board.




Robert "Opie" Dodrill

Eddy Holloway



Mike May



Cindy Stockdale