

Desert Cove Homeowners Association (DCHA)

Voting

Desert Cove Homeowners Association is a registered Society, and is managed by an elected Board of Directors. The members of the Society are given the opportunity to vote for and elect the people who manage the Association, the activities, the finances, and the assets of the Society.

The bylaws define what constitutes a Voting Member, as follows:

A member of the Society is either a Voting or a Non-voting Member.

- (a) *A voting member is a person who;*
- i. owns a home in the community of Desert Cove Estates,*
 - ii. resides in the community of Desert Cove Estates,*
 - iii. has paid a one-time, per household membership fee, and*
 - iv. has paid current, annual, per person membership dues.*

Only a voting member, whose dues are current, may vote at an Association meeting, or run for election to a Board position.

Voting is an important part of having a say in how things are done, so that the majority of members make the decisions on what activities are planned and how money is spent. Voting for Board positions is important so that members have the opportunity to choose who they feel are the best people for the jobs. When there is only one person who lets their name stand for a position, they may be elected by acclamation, and no vote is necessary. There may be a call for nominations from the floor during the meeting if not enough people have let their name stand for election.

Members are required to sign in prior to the meeting. If a member is not able to attend a meeting, but would like to have a say in decisions that may be made, our bylaws allow a member to submit a signed proxy to the Secretary prior to the date stated in the Notice of Meeting. Most voting is decided by a simple majority, however some decisions, such as changing by-laws, require a 2/3 majority.