

August 11, 2016 HOA Meeting with pre-meeting social meal

Attending: Denis Lesieur, President; Kelly Widner, VP; Linda Spates, Secretary; Jim Hughes, Treasurer; Carolyn Hughes (Grounds); Wayne Spates, Billy Hughes, Frank Prudent, Charles Jordan, Laura and Nathan Allen, Darlene Moomau, Pat Leopold, Joe Lucas (ARB); Matt Williams (Maintenance); Maggie Mills (Social), Ellen Bollinger, Barbara Lewis, John Hallman, John Hohnerlein, Glen Zimmerman, Rob Kimzey, Doreen and Larry Hudgins.

Our pre-meeting social began at 6:15. Thanks to Maggie Mills and Linda Spates for organizing the food, and for Ellen Bollinger for the delicious cookies! At 6:55 pm, President Lesieur opened the meeting. We welcomed new residents the Allens, and introductions were made.

A copy of the minutes was given to attendees. After a brief time to review, Billy Hughes made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Frank Prudent seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hughes reported that the community is in excellent financial status, with NO dues outstanding. He explained the two types of funds we have and answered a couple questions.

Presidents Report: Denis gave a report of the water line project that will impact us noise wise. Bids will be taken in September and construction will probably begin in early January 2017. The project is expected to take a year for full completion, including the work on Bees Ferry Road, however not all that time will be work near us. Denis has been attending the Neighborhood Council meetings with the Mayor. The most recent meeting was May 6, and of course one of the biggest areas of concern was traffic. The City is stymied by the State in many areas, for example getting lights, crosswalks, etc. Denis had asked specifically about getting a signal light or some other traffic control near Drayton Elementary School, the City has requested this several times but SCDOT keeps saying there is no need for it. There was some discussion, with Denis being asked to try to keep this topic going.

Grounds: Carolyn Hughes reported that there will be a tree check soon and to please let her know of any concerns. There was a question as to when pine straw will be put down, and Carolyn will check with Dabney, our landscapers.

Pool/ Clubhouse: Linda Spates reported that pool is running fine since repairs were done. Linda is obtaining costs for resurfacing of pool in the next couple of years. This calendar year there have been approximately eight clubhouse rentals, once a month book clubs, monthly HOA back porch parties, several back porch birthday parties, and our July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. There are five pending rentals through the rest of 2016.

Maintenance: Matt Williams reported that he has replaced all the rear exterior clubhouse lights with high efficiency LED bulbs. A roofer has come out and inspected around the faux chimneys. There is a little rotting wood and some flashing gone, Matt will be getting quotes for the Board for the repairs. The playground needs a refresh of the specialized mulch, and some of the border railroad ties need to be shored up. Please contact Matt if you would like to volunteer to assist on a project.

Frank Prudent reported that there is some settling of some sidewalk areas. The City will be notified of problem areas by our President. This fall, the marsh trail growth will need to be cut back and the area cleaned up a little. Matt will request volunteers when he decides on a date.

Social: Maggie Mills made a reminder that the monthly book club is the third Wednesday of each month; Jan Mele usually sends out an email to the community. The back porch parties are on the third Friday of each month, 7:00 pm. In general there is much more participation in community events. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July, from the morning coffee hour to the evening pot luck/cookout, was very well attended.

ARB: Joe Lucas reported that one person just resigned due to schedule conflicts, and that the remaining members are himself, Larry Hudgins, and Justin Barber. Joe is getting information on a new mailbox/parts

vendor, which will be placed on the website once approved. There is a metal fabricator in North Charleston who repairs the brackets, this information is already on our website. There have been some issues on trees and on fences, ARB is working on an updated website policy on fencing. A request has been made to install solar panels on the rear of a home on Shem Butler. There was some general discussion of solar.

Old Business: The issue of obtaining wi-fi at the clubhouse and the pool area was brought up again. A couple of residents said that if we had wifi available, they would spend more time by the pool doing work. Another suggestion was to get a large tv in the clubhouse and have football viewing parties. An objection to the HOA spending the money for monthly contract, or costs for hot spot usage or routers, was made. Denis will be talking to presidents of other HOA's to see if this is something they have dealt with. Various methods and costs will be considered by the Board.

New Business: a question was asked about rotating HOA meetings between Thursday's and Saturday's. Neither day normally gets large attendance, but the Board will consider it. Laura Allen asked about the possibility of getting a dog waste station both for residents convenience and in the hope that more people would pay attention to cleaning up after their dogs. Denis will pull past information on these. It was mentioned that a service could be used to do maintenance/upkeep on the station(s).

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Williams, seconded by Darlene Moomau. Meeting adjourned.

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