

Sugarland Estates Homeowner's Association General Meeting
Thursday, June 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jay Walters with 22 residents in attendance.

There were no additions to the March 4th minutes that were published in the newsletter. They were approved as printed.

Treasurer - Steve Sproul handed out an expense report. He explained that for tax purposes our balance sheets are reported on an accrual basis. If necessary, our accountant will come to the fall meeting to explain the report to the members. Our accountant suggests that it might be clearer if the report covered from the beginning of the fiscal year to the time of the meeting. A request was made to have more detail of expenses in the newsletter, but that would take up too much room. The expenditures for our fiscal last year (before June 1, 2014) were about \$45,000.00 with the trail commitment. Steve will finalize the budget for next year (2015) soon. There will be \$2200.00 per year added into our emergency fund until it reaches about \$55,000.00. We need to budget \$2,000 to \$3,000 more in mowings due to drought in the past. We generally end up with \$4,000 to \$6,000 left over at the end of each year to use for major projects. Lew Pinkley asked about payments to Infinity. They get paid as they do the work. They receive \$686.95 for each mowing and weeding. It was asked if we are in good shape financially compared to last year and Steve answered 'yes'. Steve said they were also looking at a leak in the rock pond and major work on the weather station pond as major expenses.

Steve Sproul resigned as Treasurer. Sue Pinkley was unanimously voted in as the new Treasurer.

Grounds Chairman - Dave Hamilton, said the grounds have been sprayed and they will pick up tree branches. Tom Livingston asked what Infinity is supposed to trim because it is not being done on the Rock Pond. Dave wants to be shown. Rick Wagner said he will cover ponds later. He said the by-laws state we have to maintain the grounds. The Mystery Hill pond already has riff raff growing after the pond cleanup day.

Trails - Lew Pinkley said Garrett has been working on the trails and new culverts had been put in on the south side. More culverts are to be installed on the north side.

Ponds - Rick Wagner reported on all the pond work (a copy of his report has been emailed to the SEHOA Secretary). Jay Walters stated that 30 people showed up for pond clean-up and did "a hell of a job". Tom Livingston said Sandy Bronson does a fantastic job picking up trash around the ponds and she should be recognized in the newsletter. Tom Livingston mentioned that Sandy Bronson was always helping to clean up around the rock pond and would like thanks expressed to her for her assistance.

Special Events Committee - July 4th parade will be held. If there are any suggestions contact a member of the committee.

ARB Committee - **no one from the committee was present.** It was mentioned that SE Facebook had a comment about poor house conditions and tall grass, and it says in the by-laws that is the responsibility of the ARB. President, Jay, said a better avenue would be to contact the city. Lew wanted to know if all HOA's are run that way and asked about contacting our attorney. Steve Wilson and Steve Sproul both said they had long discussions about with the attorney in regards to that years ago with no results. The city has ordinances about run down homes. Betty-Lynn Ward said it has been mentioned in the newsletter, and maybe there should be a stronger statement in the newsletter. Lew also asked about raising the dues. That requires 2/3 of membership vote. Steve Wilson said in his conferences with the attorney about that, the attorney said the covenants would have to be changed before he could pursue that.

Welcoming Committee – Arva Umland and Sharrel Allen have resigned. Arva recruited the new committee of Nina and Phil Brown. It was suggested Meridian can notify the committee of new neighbors.

Newsletter - nothing to report

Shelter House - nothing to report

Nominating Committee - Betty-Lynn said there are only 2 members now if anyone wants to help.

Old Business - New residents at 2002 Hidden Valley have not received their dues invoice. Meridian will be contacted.

New Business :

1. Motion #1 in the newsletter; Sue Pinkley stated she will not sign any promissory notes. A motion was made and seconded to table the amendment to be rewritten to apply to our association.

2. Rick Wagner said problems on Weather Station Pond are kids from Wildwood swimming in the pond and bringing in trash. They have been run off.

3. Rick Wagner and Dave Hamilton do not want adversary rolls between committee so Rick wants the board to authorize him to contact Infinity for weeding ponds. Treasurer suggested Rick write up a budget for ponds and come to the next board meeting. Rick says the ponds need to be sprayed now. The board can vote on that by email. There was also discussion on a boat parked in a driveway, and that is against city codes also.

4. Matt Logan the owner of the property located at 1413 Sugarland Parkway requested SEHOA homeowners not fish in the pond behind his house. It is not SEHOA property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Betty Lynn Ward and Sue Pinkley

Acting Secretaries