

**Sugarland Estates Home Owners Association Meeting**  
**March 6, 2014**

President Jay Walters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Jay announced nomination committee member Dick Collins passed away on March 1<sup>st</sup>. A memorial service will be held Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The October minutes were in the newsletter. As there were no additions or corrects the minutes were approved as printed.

Steve Sproul reported the treasurer's report through February 18, 2014 was in the newsletter and asked if there were any questions. It was pointed out the treasurer's report did not balance. The board will contact Katie Griffin at Meridian LLC to find out why it does not balance. A question was raised regarding an annual audit as stated in the duties of the Treasurer in the by-laws. Tina Myers believed Katie performed the audit. As Katie is our bookkeeper it was moved and seconded to have a different accountant audit the books at year end. There was a tie vote. More discussion was held. Questions were raised regarding what financial charges would be incurred. This issue will also be addressed with Katie.

**Committee Chairs**

**A. Grounds – Dave Hamilton**

1. Dave reported we will continue to use Infinity for the mowing for the next year. There is no price increase.
2. Sue Pinkley reported there is still a bush on Sugarland Drive that needs to be taken out. It has been marked. Dave will look into this.
3. Elwood Umland questioned removal of the brush/trees at the pond located by his house. Dave will meet with Mr. Umland to look into this.
4. Trails – Lew Pinkley volunteered to work with Dave Hamilton on upkeep of the trails.
  - A.) Tina Myers reported Garret Sanders intends to do the trail work approved last fall this spring.

**B. Ponds – Rick Wagner** agreed to serve on the committee. The board needs to see if Sarah Rahe is still interested in helping. Other volunteers were solicited in the newsletter, but to date no one has volunteered. Rick reported:

1. He would like a mailing to go out to the homeowners requesting volunteers to serve on this committee. He would like 5 volunteers, 1 to oversee each pond.
2. He would like to have 2 pond work days – 1 in April/May and another in September/October.
3. His priority areas are the lily pads on the Weather Station Pond, work on the Valley View Pond and any trees growing on all dam faces.

**C. Nominating Committee – Betty Lynn Ward** reported:

1. A volunteer is needed to serve on the nominating committee.

**Old Business:**

1. Dues collection status – Only 8 homeowners owe last year's dues. Collection efforts are in effect.
2. Civil action – negotiations are in effect. The homeowner in question no longer lives in Sugarland.

**New Business:**

1. Motion #1 – The board recommends the following motion - The SEHOA Board of Directors will not be allowed to spend monies from the association emergency fund without the approval of a majority vote of the general membership in attendance at a regular scheduled or specifically called meeting. Announcement of intent to seek authorization of spending the emergency fund will be announced in the newsletter of special mailing. Such mailings will be postmarked no less than 15 days and no more than 30 days prior to the scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

2. Motion #2 – The board recommends the following motion – The SEHOA Board of Directors will deposit no less than \$2,000 and no more than \$2,500 into the emergency fund annually until the emergency fund totals an amount equal to the amount of dues scheduled to be collected each year. Once the emergency fund equals or exceeds the scheduled dues collection for the year, the deposited amount may be reduced to an amount needed to maintain the emergency fund account at a level equal to the annual scheduled dues collection. Amendment made to change “amount equal to the amount scheduled to be collected each year” to \$55,000. Amendment passed. Amended motion passed.
3. Gary Flansburg wanted guidance regarding a storm runoff water problem on his property. It was decided he needs to check with the city.
4. Tom Livingston reported Chris Koehler asked him to verify the procedures in place regarding absentee votes on issues that are being brought up at the meetings. The board will check into this.
5. Jay Walters announced Steve Sproul was resigning at the June meeting. Anyone interested needs to contact the nominating committee.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:50 Bennet/Livingston. Motion carried.

Tina Myers, Secretary