



SUGARLAND SENTINEL

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I have it on good authority that spring is just around the corner. That means the "spring" meeting of the Sugarland Home Owners Association is also soon. March 6th to be exact. It is always important that you, as home owners, attend. However, this spring it is especially important as there are 2 motions that will be presented that pertain to the money!

Motion 1: 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 or special mailing. Such mailing will be postmarked no less than 15 days, and no more than 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

Motion 2: 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 account at a level equal to the annually scheduled dues collections.

These are important issues and we need your input!

Also, as spring is almost here, (hopefully), the ponds will again become a center of attention. The ponds will also need volunteers as the weather gets warmer.

So please come vote, volunteer and meet your neighbors.

Sugarland Estates Home Owners Association Meeting
October 3, 2013

President Jay Walters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The June 6, 2013 Minutes were in the newsletter. As there were no additions or corrects the minutes were approved as printed.

Steve Sproul confirmed the Treasurer's Report in the newsletter which was current through August 31, 2013. Discussion was held on the Money Market Account.

Committee Chairs

A. Grounds – Dave Hamilton reported:

1. There will be approximately 5 more mowings this year.
2. Discussion was held regarding dead trees throughout Sugarland. Depending upon the number of trees involved, we will attempt to have these taken care of this fall. Please call and I will provide the paint or have you mark the trees so we can see what needs to be done.
3. Louis and Sue Pinkley were thanked for the volunteer work they did improving the signs into Sugarland. The lettering has been repainted and the signs treated.
4. Much concern was expressed regarding the lack of weed eating throughout the Sugarland common grounds. Dave will discuss this with Infinity.

B. Ponds – need chairman:

1. Much concern was expressed regarding the condition of the shore lines of the ponds. To date, the board has been looking for volunteers to oversee this committee.
2. Another homeowner expressed concern of the lily pads on what is known as the Weather Station Pond. This will be looked into.

C. Special Events Committee – Joyce Niebaum reported.

1. There will not be a Fall Fun Fest this year due to lack of attendance last year.
2. The Christmas Tree Decoration Contest will again be held this year.

D. Welcoming Committee – Arva Umland reported she has been delivering a lot of books. However, the problem still exists on how to know when a new home owner moves into Sugarland. She needs anyone who knows when someone moves into a house in their neighborhood to give her a call.

E. Nominating Committee – Betty Lynn Ward

1. We have been trying to find someone to oversee ponds but have ran out of options. After discussion Sara Rahe and Richard Wagner volunteered to oversee this committee.
2. The By-Laws state the Vice President and Treasurer are up for election at this meeting. As there were no nominations from the floor Steve Sproul has agreed to keep treasurer and Robert Hastings has agreed to keep Vice-President.

Old Business:

1. Civil Action – The association is continuing to pursue legal action on one case. The attorney said Cass County Circuit Court is behind on its docket and he is not sure when the case will be docketed. The second homeowner's voluntary bankruptcy was granted and the association should start receiving payments.
2. Facebook Page – Sugarland Estates Neighborhood is the Sugarland Estates Home Owners Association Facebook page. Scott Dummer is the Facebook page coordinator.

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New Business:

1. Trails – the trails need to be resurfaced. We have 1 bid so far for materials and labor. A second bid was solicited. The board is still waiting for the results. It was moved by Tina Myers and seconded by Tom Livingston to accept the B & S bid unless the second bid comes in considerably lower than the B & S bid. Motion carried.
2. Homeowners were reminded there is a SEHOA Violation/Complaint form available on the web site under Policy #4 – page 4 to be filled out if they see a problem. If a home owner does not have access to the web site they can call any board member and they will provide one. This gives the board written notice that there may be a problem to be fixed. After verification of the problem, the board will forward the information to the committee involved for resolution.
3. Dick Collins stated the entrance into the trails on Van Hoy needs to be reworked. He would like to have the entrance to be handicap accessible.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Tina Myers, Secretary

Christmas in Sugarland was yet another beautiful season as many of our residents decorated for the holidays. Four households were honored. First place winners were at 1506 Sugarland Pkwy. Second place winners were residents at 2011 Hidden Valley. There was a tie for third place for those who decorated at 1508 Sugarland Pkwy and 904 Horseshoe Dr. Congratulations folks, for your efforts. (Gift certificates were given).

Sugarland Estate Home Owners Association Treasurer's Report September 12, 2013 through February 18, 2014

Income:	
Membership Dues received	4,117.11
Interest Income	63.00
Total Income:	4,180.11
Expenses:	
Administrative Costs (Postage, Facility Rental)	4,313.71
Grounds Maintenance	6,712.58
Hospitality Expense	331.90
Insurance	0.00
PO Box Rental	0.00
Printing & Reproduction	0.00
Professional Fees	2,017.61
Utilities	302.76
Total Expenses:	13,678.56
Change in Cash Balance	(9,498.45)
Checking Account Balance, September 11	85,621.84
Checking Account Balance, February 18	73,989.16
Money Market Account Balance, September 11	30,029.73
Money Market Account Balance, February 18	30,092.73

RESIDENTS SERVING YOU THIS TERM		
President	Jay R. Walters	507-2776
Vice President	Robert Hastings	456-7478
Treasurer	Steve Sproul	529-1273
Secretary	Tina Myers	540-3930
Homeowner Dues	Meridian LLC	540-2769
Mowing & Grounds	Dave Hamilton	540-2769
Pond Maintenance	Sara Rahe	
	Richard Wagner	
Architectural Review	Mark Miller	540-5425
	Todd Franklin	392-1233
Shelter House	Jim Niebaum	540-4412
Welcoming Committee	Arva Umland	987-0381
	Sharrel Allen	987-0113
Special Events	Cindy Wilson	260-8907
	Joyce Niebaum	540-4122
	Marijo O'Malley	540-3635
Nominating Committee	Nola Boyd	540-6059
	Betty Lynn Ward	540-4777
	Dick Collins	540-5405
Newsletter	Betty Lynn Ward	540-4777
	Joyce Dechman	



Things to Consider:

- 1) Did you notice the bushes being trimmed this last winter at the front entrance of Sugarland? It sure made it easier to see when pulling onto 7 Hwy. This is a reason volunteers need to share a little of their time to help keep our area in tip top shape. Contact the Board or the Nominating Committee if you would consider assisting with improvements.
- 2) With Spring around the corner, we might want to consider how our homes look to neighbors and to those who might be thinking of becoming Sugarland residents. Does your house need painting? Does your yard need work? There are folks in Pleasant Hill that make their living doing home maintenance. Check the local newspaper for contact info.

The SEHOA General Meeting will be held March 6th at 7:00 P.M. at the Community Bldg. S.W. of town on 58 Hwy. Plan to attend.

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