

Property Owners Association General Meeting

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the President, Elaine Dredame, at 7:00PM.

Present: Elaine Dredame, Bill Garner, Jerry Ferlisi, Carolyn Reichel, Ken Copp, Sal Torname, Ron Husted, Frank Carr, Myron Henry, Ray Banks, Jerry Vicenti, Paul Fusco. Excused: Mary Paulsboe. Residents: 325

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as read.

Jerry Ferlisi gave the Treasurer's report: Receipts were \$12,326 with ad revenue the third highest since inception, dues were \$4,440, donations \$1,119, and expenses \$8,694 running higher with the longer Bulletin. The report was approved as presented.

Jerry Vicenti presented the Membership report: The last yearly mailing has been completed. Currently we have 5100 household members, 1200 ahead of 2011, with Jerry's goal being 5500 in 2012. He thanked members for their support of our efforts to represent the interests and needs of residents.

Betty Cunningham, SHINE Local Coordinator, reminded attendees that SHINE is a free service provided by trained counselors who guide beneficiaries in making the appropriate Medicare decisions for them by knowing the rules and differences between policies. SHINE has counseling sites in the Villages weekly. See listings in the SUN.

Elaine pointed out the representatives available at the tables in the back of the room available for individual questions includes: SHINE, Senior vs. Crime, Villages Community Development District representatives.

Three lucky attendees held the tickets to receive \$30 each in our cash raffle.

Open Forum: Rich Lambrecht assisted President Dredame in fielding the questions:

A resident requested a traffic light rather than a 4-way stop at the Del Mar and Rio Grande intersection. That decision is made by the county.

A resident noted that signs posted by residents in their front lawns are currently not allowed north of #466 when they were allowed in the past. Elaine explained that they were not allowed in the past, and were removed only in response to a complaint. Now it has been determined, after discussion, that one 12" by 12" sign, professionally designed, will be allowed in one window of the home. It seems that this decision has not satisfied all residents. Evidently, this decision was made in haste, and not reflective of the overall wishes of residents. Elaine will investigate options available to revisit this decision.

The Deed Restrictions Office resolves questionable violations of deed restrictions. In the Villagers, violations of Deed restrictions are complaint driven only. No complaint and the issue is never addressed. A complaint may be made anonymously. Every complaint is investigated by a member of

the staff to determine the validity. If found to be valid, the homeowner is notified and given a date by which the violation must be brought into compliance. If the issue is not addressed by the homeowner, a fine can be imposed.

Another resident stated that she cannot see to drive safely around some circles due to the height of the landscaping. Elaine reminded all that general complaints can be addressed or directed to the appropriate department by Customer Service at 753-4508.

A question arose about repaving. Repaving of County roads is scheduled by the County Commissioners.

A suggestion was proposed to assign an ID to golf carts. The problem is the golf carts are driven by residents and non-residents, by drivers who enter the Villages from roads connecting to the Villages, and there are few laws regarding golf carts on the books.

A resident complained about the young children living on her street. Notify the Deed Restrictions office.

A resident brought up the issue of sink holes. Our speaker next month will be an insurance agent who will address that exact topic. Please join us at our July meeting.

Another request focused on the safety of the golf cart path and the road in front of Colony Recreation center. Now that golf carts are entering that road from both sides, the traffic has become even more intense. The issue should go before the District board involved.

Speaker: Tim Babiarez, Esq. spoke to the group about golf cart safety and what residents need to understand about golf cart insurance. Tim has a web site, golfcartsafety.com.

-a golf cart that runs less than 20 mph is classified differently than one that runs greater than 20 mph

-a LSV, low speed vehicle, runs above 20 – 25 mph on the roadway

-a golf cart owner is responsible if he/she loans their cart to another

-to protect yourself, it is recommended that you have: bodily injury, uninsured and underinsured motorist, and medical payments coverage.

-check your policy to determine if your cart, specifically, is covered – check the declaration page to determine

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Ollie's frozen custard sundaes were available to all after the meeting – those who left early need to know that others had seconds – thank you.

Respectfully Submitted, Carolyn Reichel, Secretary