

SADDLEWOOD HOA MINUTES

The January 15, 2011 annual meeting of the membership was called to order at 9:00am at the new Elizabeth library building by President Joe Petersen.

Members of the board present were Joe Petersen, George Kirwin, Mark Wessbecker, Dick Montgomery, Paul Sadowski, Terri Lenz-Becker, and Mollie Ferland.

Welcome: Welcome to the meeting was given by President Joe Petersen. The board asked residents to provide email addresses at sign in prior to the meeting.

Budget: The 2011 budget was presented by Treasurer George Kirwin. The 2011 budget remained the same as the 2010 budget with the addition of updates to the entrance signs and upgrades to computer equipment and software.

Board Membership: Paul Sadowski a long time Board member and past president resigned from the Board and we offer our thanks to him for his service. The board asked for nominations to the board from the members. There were no nominations and the current Board membership was retained.

Thank You: The board thanked residents for their continued work in the neighborhood.

Concerns from the Board:

Entrance Signs: The board presented plans to replace the entrance signs to the neighborhood, and explained how they have come to this plan.

Computer Software and Upgrades: George Kirwin spoke to the inefficiency of the current program and the need for updated software. There were some concerns from the floor about the dues collection process.

County Road Repair Campaign: The board presented the current email campaign to the membership about pressuring the county to maintain the roads. There was some discussion from the floor about specific problems and solutions regarding the roads.

Vandalism: The membership was informed of the vandalism at the kiosk and repairs that were made. Cameras have also been installed at the kiosk, and the membership was advised on the benefits of neighborhood watch.

Motorcycles and Speed: Some discussion was made by the board and the floor about motorcycles in the common area and speeding in the neighborhood. George Kirwin advised residents to take down license numbers and vehicle descriptions and call the police.

Board Activities: The board painted the kiosk in 2010 and is planning a repeat in 2011. The board called for volunteers to help with weeding at the west entrance, chipping, and monitoring dead trees.

Concerns from the Floor:

Pine Beetle Infestation: There are many opinions throughout the membership regarding the proper treatment of pine beetle infestation in the neighborhood. The board continues to maintain that the HOA spraying the entire neighborhood is not the best solution to the issue; however an absolute cure the problem is elusive.

Run Down Properties: A few residents voiced their concerns about run down, and poorly maintained properties in the neighborhood. Joe informed the membership that the board's enforcement powers must be balanced with the rights of the property owners and we are limited to the legal remedies provided for in the covenants which are very limited..

Other Concerns: Other concerns from the floor included that the north entrance sign was vandalized and has been kicked down, the neighborhood, has in the past placed Christmas wreaths at the entrances, and members wanted to know why this has been neglected recently. It was also suggested that the board also investigate alternative materials to the current plan to replace the entrance signs.

Directory: Some discussion was made about the lack of availability of neighborhood directory information. The board advised that members can email the board for this information and a directory can be provided.

Water Adjudication: Steve White, a member of the community is currently working with an attorney on a water adjudication project. Any interested members of the community can contact Mr. White. (This project is not sanctioned by the HOA.)

Elbert County Youth Program: A representative from the Elbert County Youth program was present to speak to the need for volunteers from the community to mentor children in our area.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am by general consensus.

UPDATE - Additional information addressing concerns from the meeting.

It was discovered that vandals had destroyed the Saddlewood entrance signs at the north and east entrances during the night of January 14th before the meeting. Following the meeting members of the Board investigated the signs and the one on the east was attached to the mounting posts the other one is in storage. The Police were called and a report was made to them. We contacted

insurance company and a claim has been made. On Friday February 4th Joe Petersen observed that the east sign had been vandalized again someone had kicked it apart and the police were again called and a report made. The Board is considering a \$500 dollar reward for the arrest and conviction of those responsible.