

Association of Royal Pines Country Club Estates Homeowners, Inc.

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Director's Meeting of January 5, 2017

ATTENDEES:

Board members present: Michael Johns, Dorothy Hodges, Bob Hilsen, Melissa Klingenberg, Karen Hardy, Al and Trisha Vanderspiegel. Bill Farrar, Joyce Hilsen, Brooke Gilson, and Trish Goldberg also attended.

A quorum being present, President Michael Johns, called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. He welcomed those who were attending for the first time.

Minutes from the December 1st meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Dorothy Hodges made available a printed copy of the Profit & Loss/Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2016. There were no questions and the report was approved as printed.

ARB Report: In the absence of Bob Kiessling, Michael Johns reported that there were few ARB requests in December, all were routine and all were approved.

It was suggested that the tree-removal application waiver that ended December 31 be extended to January 31. After discussion it was agreed to leave it as is. Karen commented that she had talked to FEMA and they plan to make one more pass near the end of January. The homeowner of #1 Royal Pines Boulevard has finally come forward and is cleaning up fallen trees. They also plan to join the HOA.

ONGOING/NEW BUSINESS

Thanks: Michael extended thanks to Greg and Carol Stannard of Rivers Court for transferring the county address list onto mailing labels prior to the sending out the Annual Meeting announcement.

12 Thomas Sumter: Michael recognized Brooke Goldberg, co-owner. She and her husband wanted to put up a five-foot fence, filled out an application, and were denied. They plan to replace an older, storm-damaged fence with a newer fence. Their dog has already jumped the current fence. They have noticed several neighborhood fences that exceed the four-foot height requirement. Why can other people have one but they cannot? Michael said that we are trying to maintain the open-vista look of a golf-course community. Michael explained that the HOA has only owned the covenants for the last two and half years and since that time we have been trying to maintain a uniform community look. Higher fences went up before we took possession of the covenants. Exceptions of all types had been granted or fences had been erected without permission. If a current fence is in violation of the height requirement and needs to come down due to obsolescence or style change, the owners must replace it with a four-foot fence. We are currently in litigation on this issue. The point was made that there are people who have large dogs and their request for a higher fence was denied. It is not fair to now allow an exception to a new homeowner when others were denied. The majority of the community feels that the four-foot height is appropriate. They understand that it is the owners responsibility to train their dog or provide a different containment system. After further discussion Michael read the guidelines. It was unanimously agreed by the board that the fence height should remain, and be enforced, at four feet.

Annual Meeting: March 7 at 6:00pm at the Lady's Island Country Club. We need candidates for secretary and two at-large board positions. Having two people share the ARB position is being considered.

Santa: Jesse Davidson, via Melissa, reported that the event went well. The Santa suit has been cleaned and stored.

Annual Christmas Caroling: Trisha reported that the event went well. There were five golf carts that went out. All pre-arranged home visits were made except for one house on James F. Byrnes. Residents enjoyed the visit.

Storm Related Issues: FEMA says there will make one more pick-up around the end of January.

Newsletter: Bill commented that they are always looking for more articles. The newsletter should be ready to go to the publisher around the 12th or 13th. A general discussion followed.

Saint James Place: Melissa has received a request from Saint James Place to join our association, although they already have their own. After discussion it was decided that we could invite Saint James Place residents to all open

RPHOA events. However, the time and expense of changing designations on deeds in order to join our HOA was not feasible at this time.

Children on Mopeds: One of tonight's attendees commented that she almost hit some small children as they weaved across the street on mopeds. It was dusk and she could barely see them because of their lowness to the ground and dark clothes. Is there anything that can be done? It was decided that we would check into county rules and place an article in the upcoming newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.