



Coves at Wilton Creek E-Bits

May 18, 2015

Board Meeting Highlights:

Fourteen community members attended the May meeting of the Board of Directors. One question was asked in relation to the wine tasting social. Laurie King responded to, "Did the Coves pay for the wine that was served?" She stated that wine was provided by the participants.

President: Ric Bauer gave no report; however, he did offer recognition of the volunteers involved in two "first ever" initiatives: the cleaning of the water storage tank and the publication of the Coves Members Directory..

Vice-President: Barbara Ettner reported that she had continued to work with Committee Chairs on Committee Charters. The results have been distributed to Board members. She plans to convene a group to discuss how the information will be used in the future. Barbara will continue to work with the Document Review Committee to develop guidelines for Clubhouse use.

Treasurer: Jack King reported that we are tracking well with the overall budget and noted that the clubhouse maintenance was high this report period due to \$804 for chimney work and \$1,200 for tree and branch removal. Jack plans to reactivate the Finance committee and he asked for volunteers from the Board Members. The committee will have an early focus on 2015 Reserve Study. John Koontz and Carolyn Schott responded with agreements to serve on the Finance Committee.

Secretary: Carolyn Schott reported that she had performed the normal duties plus provided information to Amy Wygans for disclosure packets, co-signed a letter to Sydnor to provide new billing information, responded to a request for research on Clubhouse Office file keys and a separate request for verification of March meeting information.

Communications Committee: Carolyn Schott presented a report including all the E-Bits, email announcements and notices that had been distributed since the last BOD Meeting. Her report focused on the Community Directory which was delivered by mail and in person by Committee Members. She thanked the committee members: Bill Goettle, Maggie Hurt, Pat Marchant, Peg Meushaw, and Betty Middleton for their time and dedication to this project. Carolyn gave an in depth report on the website and reasons for continuing the partnership with the current web host

Social Committee: Laurie King reported that Phillip and Patty Franklin have volunteered to host a southern barbeque pot-luck on Saturday, May 23rd, Memorial Day Weekend. She continued to say that the Social Committee is very excited to assist in such a spontaneous demonstration of enthusiasm for Coves Social harmony by residents.

Approximately thirty people had a great time and ate delicious food at this wonderful event. The pictures below depict the beautiful decorations and some of the ways everyone had fun. Thank you Phillip and Patty!!!!



Figure 1 Johnson Brothers



Figure 2 Phil's Sangria and "friends"



Figure 3 Laurie, Trudy and Mary after setting up



Figure 4 Ken and Paulette--Ketchup and Mustard

Water /Sewer Committee: John Koontz stated that the septic contract was renewed at the same price with the same scope. Dosing tank #1 will be pumped out this summer and he reminded **everyone to continue observing the Coves and County regulations to pump out our individual tanks every 5 years.** Additional positive accomplishments are: wells 7 & 8 are on line and functioning; storage tank has been successfully cleaned, plus other improvements to the tank; SmarteLight low storage water level monitoring system is being procured; (At the time of this writing, it has been installed and a report will be forthcoming.); less sediment in the recent system flushes; flush valve at the end of Wilton Coves Dr. has been repaired; Cross-Connect Survey is complete; air release valve by Heron Pond was repaired; the addition of a shut off valve is being considered to reduce the number of homeowners affected during outages; lot 69 meter vault is ready for water meter; and current usage has remained consist with historical data since last meeting.

Building and Grounds: Scott Campbell reported that Harvey's Tree Service completed trimming trees on Wilton Coves drive and around the clubhouse; the work on the tennis court will be postponed and that little or no support was received for the suggested sports complex proposal.

The committee consulted with an HVAC company, a pool company and did further research before recommending that the pool heat exchanger using our current heat pumps would not be in the best interest of the community.

Clubhouse painting revealed a rotted beam over the front door and is being repaired.

A proposal was made to replace the entrance road lights, and the Board agreed to request a sample light to be reviewed and tested at no cost. The proposed replacement project is estimated to cost \$4000 plus installation.

Further research into the dog park proposal revealed that space was not adequate for the recommended separate areas for large and small dogs.

Residents are reminded not to park in the turn-around area at the boat ramp or on the ramp.

Dams & Ponds: The recently held discussion group on ponds and dams was reported on by Ric Bauer in the absence of Dave Marchant. This meeting discussed four possible solutions to the low water level in Turtle and Otter Ponds: 1. Fill and close off the riser stand pipe and outflow line; 2. Study the street-side ditch elevations to evaluate the possible improvement of increasing runoff into the pond and to estimate the cost; 3. Investigate pumping creek water into the pond and the cost. 4. Investigate the possibility and cost of installing a liner. Future discussions will be held at pre-announced meetings.

Architectural Control Committee: Ann Wickwire reported that work on the Galloway and Livingstone homes continues. There have been no additional requests made to the committee

Old Business:

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to rescind a previously adopted motion regarding the inclusion of committee reports in the minutes.

New Business:

The discussion regarding the initiation of "Late Payment Charges" for late payment of Storage Lot Fees was discussed and will be revisited following more research.

Other "Bits"

- Spring is here and we are looking for ways to remove the grass from our driveways. John Koontz has shared this **Weed Killer Recipe** from his aunt:

"1 gallon of vinegar, 1/2 cup of salt and a couple of squirts of dawn dish detergent... Kills weeds and grass in less than two hours, and it's safe for kids and pets and less than \$5.....that is all"

- New Complaint Procedure is available on the website along with the necessary forms.

Condolences

The Coves Family sends our deepest sympathy to Sherry Koontz for the loss of her father this past weekend.

Contact Your Board: Please keep in touch with your Board Members. Let them know your concerns, thoughts, suggestions and ideas.