

MEMBER MEETING

Rockingham Conservancy, Inc.

July 16, 2018, 7:00pm

MINUTES

Attendees: Wes and Dawn Worrell, Steve Johnson, Ed Williams, Sarah and Gary Baker, Melinda Hohn

Wes called meeting to order at 7:00; Ed seconded

Gary, Sarah and Melinda walked in and signed in.

Wes asked if everyone wanted to read previous meeting minutes as they were a few pages long.

Members read minutes.

Ed made the motion to approve 7/16/18 meeting minutes; Steve seconded

Dawn read the Treasurer's report. Wes made motion to approve, Steve seconded.

Ed showed nature trail and Huck Finn Park signs to members.

Wes brought up mowing of nature trail and reminded everyone that if they notice the trail's grass getting high, please let him know so that they will call the landscaper to mow.

Steve provided update on the status of the common area. Supposed to start work the week of July 23rd and completed by the 25th as the Block Party is scheduled for the 29th.

Sarah suggested to provide a rain date or to move it to the front dry pond.

Steve wants to put the sign out front to inform the neighborhood of the party.

Sarah stated that she will create flyers.

Ed asked Sarah to email them to him and that he will print them out.

Sarah will distribute through the neighborhood.

Wes updated the members on the schedule for the permanent lighting at the sign. Wes stated that the pad will need to be picked up as it is outside of the scope of work of Jaffe Electric. Ed stated that he will call about the pad and make arrangements to have it picked up or delivered.

Sarah stated that she will plant flowers after the sign work is complete.

Wes updated on the Bylaws committee survey responses. 84 homes were sent a questionnaire and 23 homes responded.

Dawn read the responses:

No

Yes

Undecided

Gary stated that the questionnaire wasn't worded properly. Most people don't know what should be changed. He feels that he can walk around the neighborhood to gain acceptance of needed changes.

Gary stated that the bylaws need to be enforced; otherwise it can create a legal nightmare later.

Melinda stated that she agrees that everyone should follow the bylaws, but also feels that those with Boats and Trailers are singled out as the HOA sends out complaint driven non-compliance letters.

Dawn suggested sending out a letter to provide everyone the opportunity to turn in Architectural Requests to get their homes "in Compliance". This was done in the past and there have been many projects done without an Architectural Request submitted throughout the neighborhood. This will help should anyone decide to fight a non-compliance letter legally.

Melinda agreed to that this should be done and that the Board should shift away from sending out the complaint driven letters.

Wes stated that there could be issues because there may be some changes done that completely violate the Bylaws and they will be forced to approve it.

Dawn asked if there was anything in the neighborhood that he has seen such as this and Wes stated that there was not.

Ed stated that he thinks that the Bylaw questionnaires need to be given to the Bylaw Committee to give them something to work with.

Gary stated that he isn't sure he wants to be in the committee anymore. He wasn't happy that the location, times and dates were dictated by the Board. He stated that the participation of members has declined because of this.

Steve reminded Gary that the Lawyer suggested the meeting places should be public so as not to leave anyone out. He stated that the meetings were moved to the same dates as the Member Meetings as to help drum up participation of the neighborhood.

Gary reminded everyone that there was no one else at the meeting.

Ed stated that he can get the fire hall for the committee anytime.

Melinda brought up the Social Committee minutes in which she brought a copy from the first meeting. She stated that the Social Committee had a list of ideas for the neighborhood and that the social committee was never provided a schedule from the board.

Wes stated that he had not received the minutes. He stated that the first meeting went downhill once the social committee was told that they do not have a budget.

Melinda and Sarah felt that the Board Members didn't want anything to do with the committees.

Dawn stated that she wasn't at the meeting to explain the budget so it became a misunderstanding. There is no budget for a social committee. If the Board decides to reimburse or pay directly for a community function, it comes out of the operating account, but no budget line exists.

Ed agreed with Dawns statement. He stated that if the Social Committee needs funds for an event, the committee should make a formal request and the Board can decide to contribute with operating money or through community donations. Ed stated that the member dues may have to go up to fund this.

Steve stated to move back to the Bylaw Committee question. He wants to move forward with the Bylaw committee.

Ed asked about members who are interested in the committees. Sarah stated that everyone backed out of the committees.

Ed stated there should be a working model drawn up from the Board to clarify the spending questions and to outline what is acceptable for the committees.

Moving forward, the Board will provide a working model.

Ed put in motion to change party from July 29th to August 12th same time 1:00-4:00 pm. If community park area is not ready, party will be held in the dry pond on Hoot Owl.

Sarah asked about the benches and if the Board needed help as they have access to a tractor. Steve stated that they need some help digging holes.

On August 6th, the bylaw meeting will be held and the Ed will brief the committees on the working model.

Sarah will proceed with helping with the Block Party after this meeting.

Wes motioned to adjourn at 9:02pm. Ed seconded.