

Sovereign Oaks HOA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 3.14.23

Board Members Present:

Kirsten Kern, Mark Jordan, Mike Newton, Catherine Stelpflug, and Beth Kainic

Additional HOA Members Present: Brad Allen, Kristin Eggens

Others Present: None

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:53

No Executive Session

Next Meeting: 4.4.23, (First Tuesday of the month)

Topic	Notes	Next Steps/ Person Responsible
Previous Meeting Follow-up	The board approved the previous month's minutes.	
HOA Members Speaking to BOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brad Allen wanted to make a statement of appreciation to the board for filling the vacant position quickly, and with a well qualified candidate for treasurer.• Brad reviewed the process for getting Approved Minutes and Treasure's reports to the website through Rebekah.	
Treasurer	<p>Beth: Handed out printouts of the budget.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Beth dropped check off to Riceville Volunteer Fire Department, \$500 (they preferred one check).2. Reviewed past dues HOA dues, and follow ups needed.3. Discussed ideas for a late fee policy that adheres to our HOA covenants and guidelines.	
Committee Business	<p>1. Facilities -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Deteriorating sign on shed at entrance removed; a steel sign has been ordered; Mike has made a steel branch to hold the sign, as the wooden branch is also deteriorating.b. Broken gate update; this is still working through the insurance systemc. Discussion of a policy around Parade of Homes. Mike made a motion that we no longer have Parade of Homes in SO. Kirsten seconded, and the board voted unanimously in the affirmative.	

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	<p>2. DRC -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. One concept review; two concept review cancellations b. Can we give Valerie a raise? Currently at \$22.00/hr. Mark proposed raising her pay to \$25.00/hr; Mike seconded; board voted unanimously in the affirmative. <p>3. Trails & Landscape -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mulch bids coming in b. Mowing bids also coming in c. Concrete work at the pavilion site will be complete before summer d. Front fence repair plans: possibly some boards could be turned upside down; a few must be replaced; then at some point we will post a request for neighbors to help with staining. <p>4. Social - These are the plans for the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>March 18 - St Patrick's Day at Bamboo Grove</i> – 3-5 pm - BYOB and an appetizer to share ● Spring Hike at Warren Wilson College trails- details TBA ● <i>Wine and Appetizers</i> - Early April ● <i>Plant Swap</i> with coffee and pastries April 23 - The Galvin's carport ● <i>Italian or French Wine Tasting</i> - Late May or early June ● <i>Bee seminar and honey tasting</i> - date TBD ● Summer Kick-Off - June 10 Family event with ice cream sundaes, rock painting, swimming at waterhole ● <i>BBQ at the Bamboo Grove</i> - August 20 ● Chili Cook-off and Carved Pumpkin Contest - October 28 ● Trick or Treat along Wandering Oaks October 31 ● Cookie Exchange - December 	
Website	Catherine and Brad will meet to make sure all approved minutes are uploaded to website.	
New Business	None	
Hot Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you, neighbors! Thank you to all those who work to improve our neighborhood! After a rain delay of one week, the Adopt-a-Highway clean up 	

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	<p>happened on March 11th. Lisa and Moe Davis, Pat Monteferrante, Artie and Esther Miller, Jimmy Sullivan, and Sam and Kay Cooke were joined by three folks from Holly Hill and two from River Run. Together, they collected 5 bags of trash and 2 bags of recycling! Trails and Landscape folks also worked to make sure our entrance is well groomed. Mark Jordan, Jim Hoer, Nancy Hoer, Matt Kern, Dace Reinholds, and Charlie Remsen cleaned out an enormous amount of brush from the roadside and the bank at our entrance!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Bears are awake! Bears have gotten into several homes recently, so you may want to keep doors locked. Especially watch out for any doors you have with a lever handle as these are easier for bears to open.● Trail Shared with Neighborhood! Thank you to Art Mandler and Sarah Tambor for creating a trail across their land for neighbors to use to walk from the street to the Pavillion area. Please enjoy using this trail.● Dark Sky Light information: Our neighbor, Harry Koolen, has written a DRC Bulletin explaining the how and why of Dark Sky light fixtures. It can be accessed through the website.	
Next Meeting Agenda	1. Discuss a late fee policy	