

Schalamar Creek Mobile Homeowners Association HOA Member Meeting

May 8, 2017

The May 8, 2017 Member Meeting began with speaker Shelley Bostick representing Iceberg Air Conditioning and Heating. She provided an ice cream social before the meeting started as well. She told us that they provide 24 hour service for industrial, commercial as well as residential home needs such as ours. In Polk County they can be contacted at 863-632-7541.

The business meeting was then called to order by President Dick Rae. This will be the last meeting for the season, starting again in September. Board members attending: Dick Rae, Ray Mitchell, Norma Miller, Ginny Reid, Chris Eaton, Stan Kubik, and Russ Weiderman. Absent: Barb Griffin, Linda Gledhill, Marge Short, Ron Simmonds, Adrian Verwegen.

Secretary, Norma Miller- The minutes from the April Member meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer, Barb Griffin- Barb was absent but Dick gave some of the latest financial figures for her. Income for April was \$4,712, expenses for the month were \$1,621.78, with net income for the year to date of \$12,312.82.

Committee Reports:

Membership- Stan Kubik reported that there are 369 HOA members to date.

FMO- Russ Weiderman appreciated having an FMO report in the May Newsletter. Memberships in the FMO are available now, \$25 per year. He reported on the recent District meeting. The FMO is concerned about the lack of interest in their organization similar to many organizations now, but they are working on a Five Year Plan to increase interest. People are volunteering less than they have been in the past. There are issues coming up with the legislature in Tallahassee that we should be concerned with. An important one is the need to make permanent the 10% cap on property tax assessments on parks such as ours. We all need to send letters to our legislators regarding this, which needs a 60% positive vote by all voters to become effective. The FMHA, whose members are park owners, want to make a change to SS723 saying that new residents in a community will always receive the newest prospectus in their park, usually meaning an increase in rent. The current rule is that the original home owner's prospectus stays with the home and is passed on to the new owner. The FMO is our only advocate and we need to make it strong, especially when dealing with the legislature. Schalamar has a 13% FMO membership at this time. We need more members!

Activities- Sue Carroll gave a list of summer activities:

- Memorial Day Pool Party- tickets available on Saturday mornings in the Clubhouse.
- June 8- Pot Luck, at least 30 people are needed to sign up to hold it.
- July 4- Pool Party
- July 15- Dance
- August- Scavenger Hunt on Golf Carts
- Wine & Cheese Social in planning stage

There will be no May Pot Luck.

Karaoke- will be May 19.

Linda Liljequist stated that she had recently sent in a concern form regarding the expenditures of the Activities Committee. She commented that having raised prices on dances/events there is a surplus of money in the activities treasury and she wonders what is being done with it since she sees no treasurer's report. She feels that the excess should not go to outside charities, but be used in the community with a vote by the residents. Sue stated that they recently have given out monies to various places. Dick will look into this further.

Blood Bank- May 16- 1:00 – 6:00 pm. Ed Herring asked those donating to sign up downstairs. We have so few donors for a community our size. There should be many more participating in this worthy cause which benefits so many. Please come, even if you haven't signed up, they may be able to fit you in.

Crafts- There will be Open Crafting all summer long on Thursday afternoons.

Outreach- Rose Ann Peters has passed away.

Welcome- Ginger Kory reported that there have been several new residents in Schalamar recently. Kathy Bennett has been visiting them. New residents are given a free visit to Coffee/Donuts on Saturday morning.

Ray Mitchell- Coffee/Donuts will be May 20. The CAP program has received 5 new applicants but there is room for lots more especially during the summer when many go north for the season.

Old Business:

Board/Management issues progress- Dick reported the following:

- dry vegetation near #2 fairway is partially cleaned up now
- wetlands by entrance is mowed
- Murex has paid for the printing of the summer newsletter
- Wrist bands are being distributed to residents by management to be used for admission to the pool.
- New bases are needed for the new pool umbrellas
- Please take down and tie up the pool umbrellas at the end of the day, when you are done using them.

Concerns:

Lot #621- Who will be monitoring the new wrist band policy at the pool? Management states that residents and waitresses should be monitoring, we need more explanation.

Lot #694- Is the Caddy Shack being closed down on some days? Dick will inquire.

Lot #605- Concern about non-resident golfers bringing their families to swim at our pools. Dick will ask.

Lot #85- Is there a new manager yet?

Lot #725- Where will the answers to any of these concerns be given? Look on the HOA website or newsletters.

Lot #417- Any paving progress in the park? Management has stated at the end of summer.

Lot #526- Are there bobcats in our park? Yes, some have been seen.

Lot #829- Had an alligator in their carport, was reported to the proper authorities but they did not come out.

And, the Muscovy ducks are still here!

New Business:

Mother's Day Luncheon- May 13-Stan wished all mother's a Happy Mother's Day and, since there is no June meeting, A Happy Father's Day to all Dads, too.

Newsletter- The May Newsletter is now available on line, or in print in the Clubhouse.
Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Norma Miller, Secretary