

COVERED BRIDGE HOA MEETING

March 15, 2022

The March meeting of the Board of Directors of the Covered Bridge Association met in the Clubhouse, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, with 64 people in attendance. In the absence of President Tom Taylor, Patty Hynes, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., beginning with the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. In addition to Mr Taylor, member Cliff Hangle was absent.

New residents Louis and Connie Charles of 10468 Highgrove and Ralph and Diane Gruenefeld of 10495 Highgrove introduced themselves and were warmly received by the other residents.

Secretary Rick Kennedy, read the minutes of the February meeting and they were approved as read. Treasurer Leigh Russ reported a balance of \$107,348.75 in the operating account and additional figures for other accounts which are attached. Her report was accepted as presented.

Comments by Patty Hynes included that the water service would contact us with the “go ahead” when our current boil alert has expired, and the water was “safe” again. Unwanted recycle bins can be returned to Waste Connections, at 5151 Kenilworth Blvd, in Sebring. The “Celebration of Life” would be held March 26 at 2:00 p.m. And due to lack of response from “Dog Park” proponents, that issue is currently dismissed.

Rick Kennedy, speaking for the shuffleboard improvement project, noted alternate plans were being studied which should shave off considerable cost and meet the needs of the folks playing.

Some discussion of the 35th Covered Bridge Fair was presented, and it was noted that the net profit from the Fair was \$24,967.35. Leigh Russ reminded everyone that \$8,145.00 of those funds were raised by Jerry Ziegelbauer, while he was in charge and his efforts should be much appreciated. Residents heartily agreed by applause. Leigh Russ complimented Donna Palmatier and Bobbi Snow on the success of the Fair, and residents applauded their agreement to that as well!

Patty Hynes also reminded residents to water lawns on the correct appointed days and for the “Snowbirds” to have someone assigned to oversee their lamp posts, watering, trimming, and to have a house key while they are gone for the summer.

Under new business, Rick Kennedy mentioned the need for roof repairs in the compound as a concern. Herman Bott responded about the fragile roofs and the need to stay off them, but that fibrous roof coating is effective and can be pursued in the near future.

Ron Cobert reported from the Architectural Committee that there were 18 requests that were approved since the last meeting.

Herman Bott thanked volunteers for the very successful workday and Patty Hynes concurred.

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Cindy Hubbel thanked folks for their outpouring of support for her during her illness. She reported on numerous upcoming events and explained them to the group.

Bobbi Snow strongly encouraged residents to turn out for entertainment groups if they want to continue them in the future.

Bill Burse asked those using the compound to make sure they have all required paperwork submitted. He explained the concerns about a couple of trailers that he says need to be removed.

Claire Leffler asked for "Fair" name tags to be turned in and commended everyone for the success of the Fair.

Bobbi Snow explained that preparations are being made for next year's Fair and work has begun.

Rick Kennedy encouraged volunteers to step up and help Bobbi and Donna with the furniture pick up each week through the summer and fall. Volunteers are needed.

Kathy Melia mentioned the pool deterioration and Patty Hynes stated that we need to get Frank Brown involved.

Donna Palmatier requested some missing tables be returned.

Carol Cobert reminded snowbirds to clean out their refrigerators when they leave.

Tom Wacker talked about improvements made in the restrooms with automatic motion sensor light switches and that a lingering odor problem has been resolved.

Barb Brigante asked about a new water cooler and shared that the odor from the water plant continues to be very objectionable.

Ed Cunningham encouraged folks to attend an upcoming meeting of the Public Service Commission. Where US Water will be asking for another rate increase.

Jim Stanton brought up the idea of connecting to city water to get lower prices and better quality. Other residents mentioned a previous effort and the cost was \$4 million to make such a change.

With no other business to transact, Cindy Hubbel made a motion to adjourn, and Leigh Russ seconded the motion. Motion passed by general consent. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.