

COVERED BRIDGE HOA MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2022

The August Board of Director's meeting of Covered Bridge met on August 16, 2022. Five members were present. Tom Taylor called the meeting to order, said the pledge of allegiance, and then a moment of silence. Two new residents, Cathy and Dave Foucher, introduced themselves and were warmly welcomed.

The Acting Secretary, Claire Leffler, read the minutes of the June meeting. A correction re: "Divine Ice Cream truck hours are Tuesdays, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.", was made and approved.

Leigh Russ reported that the account balance, as of July 31, is \$102,931.02, and is posted. We are \$12,000 over budget but will make it up with the return of the snowbirds.

Tom Taylor thanked Leigh Russ for her courteous yet frustrating handling of the overdue maintenance accounts. Leighs' patience with the residents' circumstances continues. Four property liens fall into this category.

Tom Taylor reminded us that in these stressful days, people are quick to anger and having negative thoughts, so we need to find good solutions for all concerned. Tom pointed out that the HOA Board appreciates accurate reports that uncover problems in Covered Bridge with facts that may be investigated. Tom referred to two problems here, the propane tank and the neighbor issue. Tom stated that we pride ourselves by respecting the opinions and choices of others and he feels that our community looks good overall by:

1. Not parking on the grass
2. Parking RVs for three days only
3. Putting trash out on Monday nights.

Patty Hynes reported that the many calls about Jack Creek (watershed) have been stalled, the calls were made to the County, State, Federal agencies, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Herman Bott added that some time ago all parties denied responsibility regarding Jack Creek. Patty

Hynes will keep calling. Those residents living along Jack Creek have received letters from the water district which will be investigated.

OLD BUSINESS

Pool - Tom Taylor has been waiting for replies from pool vendors. He is still looking for an expert.

Liens - As mentioned earlier, the four liens. The next step is the attorney.

Roads - Cliff Hanglely reported that last Friday the interested asphalt company took a core sample. We are waiting for their report. If the bedrock under the road is good, it will cost less to repair. They will start on Pinecrest and continue down Venetian to the clubhouse first.

NEW BUSINESS

Clubhouse – Tom Taylor noted that the noisy air conditioner clutch needs to be replaced.

Architectural Committee - Ron Colbert reported that two requests were approved, and there are three pending.

Buildings/Grounds - Tom Taylor reported no major issues, but we are getting estimates for a sprinkling system improvement. Tom reminded us that the Board or Architectural Committee should be contacted so that any suggested changes can be explored.

Compound – Gene Fischer reported that the compound is in good condition except for the damaged gate.

Neighborhood Watch - no current report. The new signs are supposed to discourage vandalism. Tom Taylor reminded us to keep our eye on our neighbors' property. Patty Hynes also reminded us to call 911, **NOT** Neighborhood Watch or HOA Board members if you are unsure of the seriousness of a situation. They will gladly check it out. You may see more Sheriff citizen Patrol cars patrolling Covered Bridge.

Social Activities - Cindy Hubble thanked those few who showed up for workday. A lot was accomplished. Cindy also reported the upcoming events:

Buddy Party - Sept 3rd at 5:00 p.m., it will be a drive thru
Bunco - First Thursday of the month
Labor Day Pool Party - Sept 5th, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo – Starts Oct 11th
Halloween Dance – Oct 31st
Thanksgiving Dinner – Nov 24th
Ladies’ Christmas Luncheon - Nov 29th
“Who Dunnit?” Play - Mar 1st

The Social Committee meets the Tuesday after the Board Meeting. Anyone with ideas is welcome to come. Volunteers are always needed.

Be sure to sign up for your event of choice, at least one week prior.

RESIDENTS’ COMMENTS

Lisa Hughes reported that our Christmas tree ornaments will be homemade and a different theme each year. Volunteers will be needed for input, design, and labor.

Barb Brigante encouraged residents to participate in a School Supply Drive, a Thanksgiving Food Drive, and a Christmas Toy Drive for our Lake Placid community. Details to follow.

Donna Palmatier announced that the Compound is open to shoppers on Fridays from 8:00 -10:00 a.m., for large items and donors (of most items). For pickups, please call 607-624-8447.

Bill Fowler asked about 164 Woodside. We are working with the resident.

Cliff Hanglely made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Patty Hynes. Motion was passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Acting HOA Secretary, Claire Leffler

Approved Date _____