

## Steeplechase Committee Meeting

September 24, 2013

Minutes Recorded by Cynthia Cash-Greene

The meeting began at 7:02 with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey facilitating the discussion. Minutes from the past meeting were distributed and read by those in attendance. There were 14 volunteer committee members present.

Jeff (Mr. Bailey) stated that the collection of the dues will solve most of the concerns raised. This year or the last 18 months 1500.00 were collected and 4400. Is the current balance after the most recent deposit.

Letters with balances will be distributed by addresses. The goal is to get this done by Saturday. Carey and Alicia will pull this together.

It was agreed upon that the covenant should be reviewed by next Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was stated that the covenant addresses the following: sheds in back yards, boats in front yards, cars on blocks just to mention a few of the obvious things.

Jeff suggested that once funds are collected that we should consider getting Mr. Bennett to return and continue cutting the front entrance, the commons area and cutting the shrubs for 500 he previously charged. There was a request to collect other bids to compare the current cost.

The suggestion to buy a lawn mower came with concerns: Where will it be stored, who will do the cutting and who will have access to it for personal use.

Jeff also stated that there should be a 5,000.00 reserve in the account above the balance.

The current committee or bookkeeper stated that sharing the use (transparency) of funds is not an issue.

Cynthia requested that a cost analysis for a one time edging of the main throughway during the winter months be done. The grass will be dormant. This will bring uniformity to the neighborhood.

The mail address was provided: PO Box should be utilized to communicate with all residents: Steeplechase HOA PO Box 291525 Columbia, SC 29229

It was also suggested that the website and emails are other means of communicating

JP provided information for the website. The attendees reviewed the information for the initial setup of the website and decided as a starting point that the website should be Steeplechasecommunity.com

Shawn agreed to develop a template for the newsletter.

A question was raised about the annual backflow water inspection.

The water for the gazebo area is currently off.

The electricity is still being paid which totals approx. 25.00 per month. The front irrigation is on a separate account.

Jack requested the election of the Board happen sooner than previously discussed. The volunteer committee agreed to hold two additional meetings and move to Board election. There are five positions; President Vice President, Secretary and two members from the neighborhood.

The last Board election took place in 2010. Board members are elected for two years; thereby; making the current Board vacant.

There should be 5 members elected. The treasurer was not a part of the five member Board. To combine this position with the Board there has to be a change in the By-Laws. To be elected, the nominee must be at the meeting.

In reference to the dues: When letters go out, it will reflect the most current records. If there are discrepancies, you should bring documentation. The records are unclear from July 2010 through August 2011 due to multiple bookkeepers.

If the weather is extremely bad, the committee will be notified of location change (possibly the library)

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 with plans to reconvene at the gazebo.