

# **Hidden Valley Lake**

Property Owners Association

Board of Directors Meeting

December 18, 2008

APPROVED

**Board of Directors Present: Bob Starks, John Fruin, and Bill Blantz, Karen Shell, and Donna Lask.**

**Community Manager Present: Bruce Keller:**

President Bob Starks called the December 18, 2008 Board of Director Meeting to order at 7:03p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**President's Report: Bob Starks read the President's Report:**

I would like to thank everybody for coming tonight. I would also like to recognize one of our Deputy's Tony Hudepohl. Bill and Margerie Smith sent us a nice card to let us know that Tony helped them through a bad experience. They come out of Willie's and their tire was flat on their car. Tony helped them out and kept an eye on their car overnight. Our employees often go out of their way to help others and when they do its nice to see them recognized.

**Treasurer's Report: Donna Lask read the Treasurer's Report:**

Income was right on budget for November and expenses were under budget with a \$32,000 favorable net. Capital expenses for FY 2009 will be \$100,000 for the roads, \$5000 for striping, and \$10,000 for the lakes. Security - Speed bumps will be put in at the pool, and traffic sign rules for the entrances are funded. We have to buy an anti-entrapment device for the swimming pool. We have our principal payments that we have to make on this building of about \$38,000. Total capital and principal payments in the budget is \$211,560. Budget in line with this year, and we're keeping expenses as low as we can. Wage increases will average about 2%.

**Motion made by Donna Lask to approve the 2009 budget. Karen Shell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Secretary's Report: Karen Shell read the Secretary's Report:**

**A Motion to approve the November 20, 2008 POA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes was made by John Fruin and seconded by Bill Blantz. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Community Manager's Report: Bruce Keller read the report:**

I would like to explain our snow removal process:

1. Our snow removal team leader, Rick Manion, will be notified by the HVL Deputies when there is ice or heavy snow on the ground.
2. Once our team has been activated, our first area of concern will be hills and intersections. They will be salted when slick.
3. Our second area of concern will be level streets. In the past we have gone out and simply salted everything. Now we will avoid wasting salt on areas that have less than an inch of snow and are on level ground. If they ice up, we will put salt down. Please understand that our trucks cannot scrape snow that is less than one inch.

Our snow budget has increased 25,000 dollars this year as a result of salt price increase.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Parks and Recreation Committee Report: Dan Putterbaugh:**

The following projects were given capital funding.

- \$5,000.00 Design Plan for the front entrance.
- \$5,000.00 for installation of a new soccer field at 77 Acres.
- \$2,500 for the continued development of the 77 Acre walking paths.
- \$1,500 for hiking trail signs.
- Future goals include the creation of an amphitheater and writing grants.

In 2008 the Athletic Club spent nearly \$12,000.00 for development in the Park.

#### **Deer Study:**

9 residents have been selected to participate in the study.

#### **Q & A to pursue:**

1. Determine Population?
2. What is the impact of doing nothing?
3. What action can be taken?
4. What will actions Cost?

Deadline for Data is July 2009.

After much discussion on Deer taskforce those interested were encouraged to contact the community manager who in turn would get the request to the task force. Donna Lask objected to the closed meetings to be held by the task force and asked who was on the committee. Task force members were not disclosed.

#### **Fitness Center:**

Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 the fitness center will be opened from 5:00a.m. – Midnight. With the addition of Zumba and extended hours membership has increased.

#### **Pool :**

We are taking Concession Applications now until March 13, 2009.

The pool will open on Saturday, May 23, 2009 and close on September 7, 2009.

**Judicial Committee Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Lakes Committee Report: Dave Patterson:**

A local builder came to the last meeting to discuss dredging. We asked that he be aware of rules and work close with the community manager. Committee approved his request. Contractor will contact other lot owners close to his work site.

The Lakes committee is studying the cost of renting docks as compared to the cost of operating the lake.

There was some discussion on dredging with emphasis on the fact that as of 1 January, 2009 we will only have 30,000 dollars put aside for dredging. A dredging program is still several years out.

**Architectural Committee Report: Jeff Fuell**

The following Performance Bond Returns were read by Karen Shell:

<b>Lot #1973</b>	<b>20071 Cravenhurst Drive</b>	<b>Wagner Home Builders</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Lot #1629</b>	<b>19582 Knollwood Drive</b>	<b>James &amp; Christina Bojack</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>
<b>Lot #2577</b>	<b>20264 Alpine Drive</b>	<b>Gary J. &amp; Stephanie Niemeier</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Lot #0108</b>	<b>20175 Longview Drive</b>	<b>Edward &amp; Mary Orear Jr.</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Lot #1572</b>	<b>19437 Newcom Knoll</b>	<b>Dirk &amp; Karen Goodwin</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>

**Karen Shell made a Motion to approve the Performance Bond Returns and Donna Lask seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion for approval of the modified Property Maintenance rules and to allow them to be placed with the January bills along with a survey was tabled.

**John Fruin made a motion to Postpone the 1<sup>st</sup> reading until the results from the survey come in and Donna Lask seconded the motion. Passed.**

Sammy Gutzwiller was upset about the new rules and how they came about and the fact that there had been a meeting to discuss the proposed rules to which she was not invited. She was reminded that it was not an official architectural meeting and that the proposed rules had been submitted to the architectural committee at their next meeting and voted on at that time. She was present at that meeting when the vote was held. She subsequently resigned from the Architectural Committee and asked that it be noted.

**Political Action/Future Planning Committee Report: Don Wittekiend:**

Our request to be relieved of property taxes was denied by the county. Our lawyers are preparing the paperwork to appeal this ruling to the State.

The Future Planning Committee has taken on the task of evaluating the budget process.

**Civic Club Committee Report:**

No report.

**Finance Committee Reported: John Reiniger:**

No Report

**Safety, Security & Elections Committee Report: Bob Sypniewski:**

Linda Estes said last month was an exceptional month as far as security goes. The 2009 budget includes money for portable speed bumps. (Possibly speed strips).

Changes to the Election Rules (**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**) The new rules will read as follows.

## **In Section XI. Elections Rules, E. HVL POA Board of Directors' Election Procedures**

**Rule XI.E.1**

A copy of the nomination form for the HVL POA Board of Directors' elections and the notice of registration deadline shall be published in two consecutive issues of the HVL Echoes prior to the registration deadline.

**Rule XI.E.2**

Nominations shall be closed and forms received in the HVL POA office by mid-February (the POA office will set that day and time near February 15). In order to be valid a current photo and resume of the nominee must accompany the nomination form.

**Rule XI.E.10**

Upon completion of the voting tally, the vote summary shall be given to the President of the HVL POA Board of Directors in a sealed envelope. The results will be read at the HVL POA Annual Meeting. No results shall be announced by the HVL POA Safety, Security and Elections Committee to anyone prior to this time.

**John made a motion to approve and Karen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Bill Blantz suggested the person running for office should personally bring in the nomination form. The Safety, Security and Elections Committee will look into this possibility.

Request that the POA Board allow an increase in the maximum number of members on the Safety, Security and Elections Committee to 9 members.

**Karen made the motion to approve and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

The committee recommended that the POA Board approve Larry Rohlings as a new member of the Safety, Security and Elections Committee.

**Karen made the motion to approve and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously**

**Streets Committee:**

No report

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:** Bob Starks commented that Donna's been telling everybody what a great job we've been doing on the budget and really the whole staff deserves a big round of applause. Bob presented Bruce with a Christmas Card.

**Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm**

**Minutes Prepared by Judy McAdams**