

Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association Newsletter

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The Board of Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association met on September 18, 2012 to prepare the agenda for the Annual Meeting of September 27, 2012. All members were present and were joined by Howard Glass and Tom Micke who prepares the financial statements.

Holly Williams requested an early slot on the agenda to discuss with the Board the poor performance of grass seed that had been spread on her property due to damage from sprinkler repair and erosion. The Board decided to spread more seed and soil and continue frequent short sprinkling as the weather is more appropriate for starting grass seed in September.

The Board then reviewed the minutes of July 10, 2012 and Tom Micke distributed and reviewed the August financial statement and Year to Date Expense report. All were approved with little discussion.

Committee Reports: Two proposed budgets for 2013 were presented by Tom Micke. After review and discussion by the Board, the budget which did not increase the monthly dues was chosen to be presented at the Annual Meeting. The budget will be voted on at the November 13, 2012 Board meeting. Roof Committee: Fall inspections will take place on structures that have not been re-roofed yet.

New Business: Proposals for the Association's insurance for next year have been received from our agent. Howard Glass has reviewed them and noted a 7-8% premium increase starting October 1. He gave the Board a very comprehensive review of the coverages. Howard suggested that if twin home owners increase their loss assessment coverage to \$10,000 (HO6 policy) our new yearly premium would be comparable to 2012. The Association's deductible will be at the \$10,000 level. Howard will explain all these coverages at the Annual Meeting. The Board then voted to accept the proposal and sign and return it to the agent prior to September 24.

A new sprinkler company has submitted a proposal for service to our system. The Board voted to hire Aqua Engineering of Eden Prairie and will ask them to do an inventory of our whole system, perform the fall shut down and spring start up of the system, and do repairs or replacements as necessary.

Lynn Adams has been voluntarily inspecting and replacing damaged or buried sprinkler heads. He also has installed hinges on the pump houses so that persons adjusting the sprinkler controls and pumps can be assured that the roof will stay up. If a homeowner is aware of a nonfunctioning sprinkler head please bring it to the attention of a Board member.

The Annual Meeting agenda was discussed at length. In addition to the above items, those attending will have an opportunity to discuss putting out proposals for a new lawn care contractor. This contract ends in October 2013. The Board also got information on the pros and cons of a management company to handle all Association business and service. This type of company would replace the elected Board which is in effect now. No action was proposed or taken at this meeting.

The next **regular** Board meeting will be November 13, 2012 at 627 Bonita Circle.