# **Burland Homeowners Association, Inc. Meeting**

## April 14, 2012

#### **Board Members**

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Mark Ruckman Roger Sawyer Mary Ellen Sawyer Diane Glover Melissa Hurich Carrie Maul Pat White

Jack Roberts
Jim Aitkenhead

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mark Ruckman and it was determined there was a quorum.

Minutes of the March 10, 2012 meeting were approved.

### President's Report

Regarding the two Director positions open, Mark introduced Jim Aitkenhead, a member who was interested in becoming a Director. Also, in attendance was Jack Roberts, a recent Director who indicated his interest in again becoming a Director. It was motioned, seconded and approved that Jim and Jack become Directors of Districts 9 and 7, respectively. In a realignment of District Directors, then, Melissa will move to District 2, and Carrie to District 8. We welcome both Jim and Jack to the Board.

Mark stated he had talked with Eric Lybarger, our investment broker concerning our investment account and whether or not we wanted to remain in our "balanced-conservative" category, or if we wanted to consider moving up a notch [more risk/possibly better return]. It was the general opinion that we should stay as we are and reconsider in three months (July).

Mark mentioned the slides at the Park which are extremely old and worn, and the possibility of replacing those. Everyone agreed that this should be done and Melissa volunteered to take on this project; research, obtain bids, etc.

Mark discussed and asked for ideas on making the HOA membership more valuable i.e., discounts with local businesses, matching donations to charities, etc. We currently have the discount with Splintered Forest. Snow plowing was mentioned as well as a possible discount with Shirley Septic. Mark asked that we give this some thought for discussion at a future meeting.

Mark stated it was his goal to have as many of the HOA documents as possible digitized i.e., stored online and accessible via a drop box site. (This would be for Officers/Directors only through password; not accessible to the public.) All available documents would be scanned by year and category. We would hire someone to do this. Discussion followed regarding payment and it was decided to put a \$1,000 cap on this, and then reevaluate for future payment. Mary Ellen and Roger will work with the person hired to do this in providing all available documents available for this process.

Pat reviewed her letter drafted for new property owners and will incorporate suggested changes for further review at the next meeting.

Diane provided an update on the community clean-up project and most recent phone discussion with Mike Schmidt (PCHS Principal). The proposed date for the clean-up is May 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 – 2:30; with rain date May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Carrie mentioned the Conifer clean-up/recycling day is also May 19<sup>th</sup>. We will need to purchase trash bags, gloves, vests, and food as well as obtain a liability waiver. We also need to have as many volunteers available as necessary to accompany the students, and to accept (and count) the bags accumulated. Melissa volunteered to dispose of trash bags collected at the Park. Mark suggested that initially we might consider covering the areas of Rosalie, Sleepy Hollow and County Road 72. There was lengthy discussion regarding this project, how to pay (per bag, per club, or?) and how much. Diane will continue to update as we go along.

Roger gave an update on the mail boxes with a review of what had taken place in the past i.e., the Bailey post office required 100% participation for lock boxes, etc. Roger spoke with the new Bailey Post Master who seems to be somewhat more positive and receptive to lock boxes and Roger is currently in discussion with Page Specialty who would coordinate any such project with the Post Office.

## Treasurers Report

The report was approved as read.

### Covenants

Melissa stated she has been in contact with a neighbor who communicates with the owners of the property on Little Spring that has been a problem for a long period of time. Melissa is investigating the situation through the neighbor and we may be able to offer some help in the repair/cleanup of this property. Melissa will keep us informed.

#### **New Business**

Our email address was discussed and it was decided to change it to <a href="www.burlandhoa.yahoo.com">www.burlandhoa.yahoo.com</a>. Roger will look into this possibility and make the change as allowed (by Yahoo).

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Mark Ruckman, President

Mary Ellen Sawyer, Secretary