**SAND CREEK ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes - Annual Meeting**

**December 4, 2014**

The December meeting was held Thursday, December 4, 2014 – 7:00pm – at the Ridges of Sand Creek

Golf course clubhouse

Approximately thirty people attended the supper meeting. All board members were present.

Welcome New Members!!

* Eric and Melissa Dvorak, 21576 Golfview Circle. Moved in during the holidays.
* Ken and Susan Warras / Matt and Mary Eckman, currently building on Golfview Dr across from 2nd green. Planned move in date March/April 2015.

Last meetings minutes (May 2014) were read and approved.

TREASURERS REPT-  Virgil Pint

Consistent with budget and past reports. Approved.

NEW BOARD POSITIONS TO BE FILLED –

Three open board positions due to resignations and term expirations: Corky Kerhwald, Barbara Johnston, Bill Taylor

Volunteering for open positions and unanimously approved by members: Eric Dvorak, Mike Salzwedel, and Bill Taylor

SOCIAL COMMITTEE -

The Halloween Party and chili cookout was a HUGE success and the committee is open to other ideas for the future.

National night out was one suggestion submitted, as was progressive dinners.

The committee is looking for a chairperson.

TRAILS COMMITTEE -

 - Trees were trimmed, and gutters cleaned.  Concern expressed about trees overhanging roads needed trimming

And that will be considered.

* Thanks to the trails committee for their hard work keeping the trails and roads clean!
* Scott Larson mentioned he will continue on the committee, but will be stepping down as chair. Committee will vote on a replacement in future meetings. THANKS SCOTT!

OTHER BUSINESS -

The golf course brush/burn pile was once again discussed by Scott  Anger, Bruce Hunstad, and golf course management.  **Until further notice residents are reminded that we are not allowed to use the burn pile**. Discussion with the golf course will continue. Conversation on the following related topics:

* Decision from last May that Association will repay golf course for half ($300) of the fire call fees experienced due to flare-ups post burn last year (primary cause is material placed in burn pile that is unauthorized). Members again agreed that the payment should be made to the course ASAP.
* Possible shared expense solutions to help keep all unauthorized use at a minimum. Private property postings and fence/gate options will be explored with the golf course to more clearly define the area, keep unauthorized persons out, and define what/where various items can/should be placed. Attached is an example of layout marking what should be placed where within the site, and possible locations for barrier/fence. We will discuss with course management and communicate all resolutions to members as they are finalized.

Mailbox maintenance was postponed last Summer due to the uncertainty of expense related to the erosion issues. After considerable discussion, members decided on the following course of action on mailboxes:

* Existing mailboxes were agreed to be good quality and consistent with the neighborhood needs.
* Maintenance will commence early Summer to refresh and refinish all existing boxes.
* Virgil Pint volunteered to construct new mailboxes when needed. Virgil will help coordinate the refinishing as well. Anyone wishing to help please contact him directly.

The erosion problem on certain areas of Association owned land was discussed. The extremely heavy rains that effected many areas of Scott County created some areas of concern, and we have addressed the situation with the Scott County Watershed Board and others. They, of course, are managing similar or more severe circumstances throughout the entire county, and our issues have been noted within their process. We will continue to work with them as their process unfolds to determine the possible issues and any help they may have to offer for stabilization and/or mitigation support.

* Due to the damage on some trails, “TRAIL CLOSED” signs have been posted and everyone is asked to stay off the trail in those areas.
* The Association will continue to monitor the process with the county authorities and advise if/when additional information comes available. We hope to gain their support and possible funding to help analyze the situation, establish root cause, and better understand possible options for repair or mitigation.

Golf Course etiquette/respect. Ridges is generally quite accommodating to residents, allowing us to use the trails, etc, but they do have some requests to help everyone enjoy a great experience:

* Walkers should be careful to stay off greens and tee boxes. Walking on these areas in cold weather can easily damage the grass – and the course asks all to be especially careful to avoid these areas at all times. Better to walk on the perimeter of the course if possible to avoid the more fragile areas.
* Dog walkers are asked to pick-up after their pets, and please do NOT place the waste bags in the golf course containers. Please be careful to pick-up all waste and all waste bags.

Pets. Some complaints surfaced about dogs which were being walked, were let loose to run and going into some yards, which was addressed. When walking your dog please always have a leash available to help avoid issues with other walkers, other property, etc.

Trash/holidays. Request made to advise a neighbor or a friend if you will be gone for a prolonged period of time, to help by moving your trash to the curb and back in your absence… hopefully avoiding prolonged waste receptacles at curbside for days at a time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm