SAND CREEK ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes if the Semi-Annual Meeting

May 8, 2014

President, Bill Taylor welcomed the Member of the Homeowners Association, after a brief  
Social gathering at the Ridges Golf Course. Approximately thirty members were present.

Members of the board were present with the exception of Nick Dahlen and Barbara Johnston.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Virgil Pint advised that there was nothing to add to the previous report. Expenses are tracking to budget, and another thanks went out to the trails committee for coming in under budget for 2013.

A list of the members was provided, and it was requested that they advise if they wished to have Reports through the mail, or if Evite could be used. The list should be reviewed, and returned with any corrections needed to be made. Of the residents stating a preference, all preferred email communications (or marked “no preference”).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Trails/Grounds:*

Scott Larson mentioned that due to the weather not much has started yet this year. Plans to continue to maintain and stay within budget as in 2013. Homeowners expressed thanks to the committee for their hard work and budgetary restraint.

Bruce and Virgil brought up the subject of the burn pile, and it was suggested that the HO Assn should make an offer to help pay for any fines that might be incurred for fire calls the continuance of same as several members use it. Course also expressed concern that refuse and inappropriate materials continue to be placed on the pile. Motion was made to offer to pay 1/2 of the expenses the golf course incurred due to the past flare–up issue post burn ($500 charge from the Jordan Fire Dept). Motion passed.

**UPDATE:** Golf course has requested homeowner’s stop using the burn pile at this time. The burn pile is specifically designed for burnable yard waste such as small tree, bush, brush, and yard burnable waste - NOT for logs, fallen trees, and absolutely no building materials or other wood of any kind. Recently there have been additional instances of building materials placed on the pile… therefore the golf course has revoked our privilege for the balance of this year. We will continue to talk to them and hopefully we can mend the situation, but for now we must no longer use the pile at all.

*Architectural Review Committee:*

Scott Anger mentioned that plans had been approved for Dvorak home to begin construction this year on Blk 12, Lot 2, Golfview Circle.

*Social Committee:*

- Summer Golf/Neighborhood Event. Preliminary plans discussed to create a golf and social gathering this summer. Nick Dahlen (absent from meeting but mentioned prior) will work with others to plan details.

- Halloweed Hayride. Bruce Hunstad will again be hosting the event this year. Given Halloween falls on a Friday, plans are to expand the event to all, possibly including a chili feed… etc.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

*New Association Website:*

Www.sandcreekestates.com – NEW Association Website. Many thanks to Joel Haugen for establishing the new site, and putting some preliminary information there for our use. Website can be used for communication of association events, documents, etc. Meeting agendas and minutes have been posted, and other uses like polling for neighborhood issues, reference lists for services, etc.

*Mailboxes:*

Once again the mail box issue was approached, and Tony Tieben advised it would cost approximately $8,000-$10,000 to replace all of the boxes with new maintenance-free ones, based on some preliminary investigation. An additional suggestion was made to use ones made from paintable PVC material. While a budget could be created over the years to accommodate a new mailbox purchase, consensus among those attending was that a better plan might be to create a one-time homeowner assessment to pay for a new box plan – possibly $100-200/homeowner depending on the ultimate cost of new boxes.

A number of other homeowners felt additional information was needed as several members felt that they wanted to retain the existing wooden boxes, and that a long term maintenance plan (funded by the association) might be a better.

After considerable conversation, and referencing the meeting notes from the last Homeowner’s Annual meeting in Nov 2013, the plan was again established as follows:

- Current mailboxes will be maintained and refreshed for 2014. Bruce Hunstad and Jim Pratt has volunteered to survey all existing boxes and repair/refinish those in need for this year. (Bruce was in attendance, Jim was not – Bruce would discuss details with Jim and go forward). Consideration into a long term ongoing maintenance plan will also be discussed.

- New mailbox possibilities. Tony Tieben and Kim Soeffker will work with 2-3 different possible companies to create options for new mailboxes. Goal is to have this complete and options established by the summer golf/social event – and samples/pricing available for neighbors to peruse and understand.

- Mailbox issue will be finalized at the Homeowner’s Annual meeting this fall, after all information and costs can be understood. We will vote on future direction and cost approval.

*Streetlights:*

An additional street light was also discussed. Bill Taylor advised that he had checked into The cost an found that the installation would be $850 per light, with a cost of $30.00 per foot for the wire and $120.00 per year for power. Further Discussion will be needed. Discussion centered around neighbors directly effected by a light (or need for a new light) would be consulted and plans made accordingly. Key component of justification for any potential new light would be safety concerns.

*Trash Collection:*

Trash collection consolidation was discussed. Carriers expressed little interest based on the current business and lack of potential gain for their businesses. Topic was tabled.

*Roads:*

The township successfully filled the potholes last year. Discussion on needed street sweeping and township help in areas that hold water and deteriorating asphalt as a result. After meeting the township was contacted – they will sweep roads later in May. They will also conduct a thorough “road survey” with the board and roads team – we gave them the exact addresses/locations noted to take a close look.

*Housekeeping:*

Housekeeping memo sent to all residents as part of meeting announcement. Also posted on website.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Corky Kehrwald  
Secretary