

Sycamore Springs News

March 2007

Annual Board Meeting Highlights

SSHOA Annual Meeting was called to order by President Tom Andrews at 7:30pm on 19 March 2007 at the American Legion. A motion to dispense with reading of the annual minutes from 20 March 2006 was approved and the annual meeting minutes of 20 March 2006 were approved.

REPORTS:

1. **President:** Tom Andrews expressed his appreciation for all the great cooks in the community who made Chili for the "Chili social" prior to the meeting. He introduced the Board members and HOA management to HOA members present and reminded all homeowners present that we are all volunteers...Board members included. He then reviewed significant things accomplished during the past year:
 - We prudently managed HOA funds, increasing our investment income for the year over \$4,000, and ensuring no increase in our HOA dues.
 - We performed the road sealing project that sealcoated all common-area association roads and enabled 22 members to get their drive-ways sealcoated at a reduced rate.
 - Over 190 Tons of Rip rap were spread over areas of high erosion by resident and Board member Geoff Mann.
 - We established a violation hearing process of CCR violations to include establishment of a master violation notice database. We also hired legal counsel to confirm what authority we have for enforcing CCR's.
 - Our Website has been continually maintained and upgraded by Bob Dahms and is becoming an excellent means for our residents and friends to learn about our community activities.
 - Our Community Affairs Committee has conducted many activities this year, to include a garage sale, several social events, a garden tour, a Christmas decorating contest, and organized community clean-up.

Tom then outlined plans for projects to be worked over the next year.

- We will continue erosion control efforts, to include concreting the areas around our cuverts
- We will continue our work to upgrade our gate entrances, to include enhancing ur gate signs
- We will continue to obtain better understanding and documentation of our property boundaries and right-of-way easements.

Elections were then held for the two Board positions (currently held by Geoff Mann and Mario Vasallo) coming vacant. Both Geoff and Mario offered to continue on the board, and when the ballots were counted, both were re-elected for another two-year term by a large majority of the votes (there were only two write-in candidates, and each received one vote). Tom congratulated the two re-elected Board members, and explained that Board positions will be determined by the Board at the next meeting, as the membership elects the Board of directors and Board of directors elects Board member positions.

1, Tom addressed the roof sealing project. He has been working to get a contractor to come into the area and give home owners a reduced rate for sealing their roofs by having several customers in the same area. If you are interested in participating in this effort, please contact Tom at TRAndrews@aol.com to sign-up.

2. Treasurer: Mario Vassallo provided a copy of his annual report for posting on the HOA website. Log-on to view the details @ www.SSHOA.INFO.
3. Website: Bob Dahms briefed everyone on the available options set-up on the website. New updates to the website include a section where residents will be able to post recommendations or non-recommendations for contractors they have hired. This will be a great benefit to those looking for reliable contractors. Log on and see what is new!

OPEN FORUM:

- Alison Mead announced there would be an annual clean-up on 31 March at 7AM.
- A Community wide garage sale will be held 28 April. If you are interested in partaking please contact Linda Elling at lindaelling@cox.net.
- Someone mentioned the assorted heights of mailboxes along Sycamore Ridge Trail. The Board of directors will look at possibly hiring a contractor to give residents a reduced price for installing masonry mailboxes.
- Several residents are unhappy with the new 2-day pick-up schedule from Waste Management. Tom stated a letter has been sent to Waste Management complaining about the new schedule, and the Board of directors will continue trying to work this issue.
- Alex Argueta mentioned that the Pima County Board of Supervisors has approved \$4.3 Million for improvements to the Sahuarita Road and Houghton Road intersection, and since design is complete, work should start in the near future.
- Some members primarily living in the south of the neighborhood complained that at times there is low water pressure.

Community Calendar

- SSHOA Book Club: The Book Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30. Anyone interested in joining, please call Linda at 762-1387 or lindaelling@cox.net. Newcomers always welcome.
- Heard through the Grapevine: A Bunco group is forming and will meet monthly beginning in January. For information, call or email Linda at 762-1387 or linda-elling@cox.net
- Bridge for fun? Anyone interested in playing Bridge for fun? Contact Pamela Thompson at 762-8109 or e-mail: JohnLTAZ@MSN.com
- Next HOA Meeting: 17 April 2007, 7 PM @ the American Legion.