

Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Association
General Membership Meeting January 17th, 2023
Friendship Park 73 Lake View Dr. East Ocala FL 34482

Present: President Jim Bain, Vice President Mark Cooper, Treasurer Karen Reade,
Secretary Gena DeCamella

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. President Bain welcomed everyone.

There were no new members present.

President Bain accepted a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3rd meeting, The motion was seconded and passed.

President Jim Bain reported on the executive board meeting from January 10th stating that all topics covered at that meeting were included on the current agenda and that there were no new items.

Vice President Report: VP Mark Cooper stated that everything is running smoothly and provided an updated activity report on the behalf of Activity Chair Kim Cooper who could not attend.

Secretary Report: Secretary DeCamella reported that all meeting minutes have been typed but is waiting for the December minutes to be approved before posting to the website. All events have been posted as well as the newsletters.

Treasurer Karen Reade reported that there is \$9,417.99 in the bank, 194 current household members, all bills have been paid and all checks have been deposited. She updated everyone on her new email address of treasurer@mwfpoa.com. She reported that the process to print the directory from the new website is cumbersome and that the POA has ordered the new software for \$79 that will make printing the directory much easier. She will be on vacation from the end of March and most of April. Treasurer Reade also reported that the new website has the ability to host the "Neighbor to Neighbor" and asked if any volunteers were interested in doing that. No one volunteered.

President Bain reminded everyone that financials are not approved at the General Membership Meetings because that is handled by the board during the Executive Board Meetings, and that they were approved at the meeting last week.

Former President Jim Thomas had nothing to report.

President Jim Bain introduced guest speakers Scott and Eileen Wood who reside on Hwy 328. They wanted to update the neighborhood on the events surrounding the expanded Sand Mine. It was originally a 20 acre parcel but the mining company had recently purchased 40 more acres and they have already seen a huge increase in the amount of dump trucks going in and out of the facility. This is of concern due to several accidents that have already occurred as well as the destruction of the road and potential serious injuries that could occur from these fast-moving heavy dump trucks. Also of concern is the remediation process for closing out the original mine which has been depleted, and possibly filling the hole with hazardous items that could have a negative impact on our drinking water as well as the natural springs and Rainbow River. The Woods are looking for support from the neighborhood to address the issue with the County Commissioners at the meeting scheduled for February 7th at 2:00pm. Scott Wood stated that the commissioners are more likely to respond favorably if there are increased attendees at the meeting.

Following the presentation, President Bain stated that he offered them an opportunity to speak at the meeting after they reached out to him and to put together a short article for the newsletter which we will publish. A discussion was had regarding the POA getting involved in this issue. A petition was passed around for signatures. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by acclamation for President Bain to attend the meeting on February 7th at 2:00pm to represent Meadow Wood Farms in opposition of the new expansion of the 40 acres to the sand mine.

Control Committee – Dale Kennedy had no new reports since last week.

Beautification Committee – Chris Banks had no new reports.

Directory Committee was closed down at the Executive Board Meeting and the Website Committee was made official

Membership Committee – Frenchie Bisiaux not present

Refreshment Committee – Holly Roberts had no report

Newsletter Committee Chair DeCamella reported that all newsletters have been posted on the website and also that there were issues with Ocala Copy Center and that we are in need of a new printing company. Karen Reade provided quotes from various printers that she obtained: Office Depot, \$2.00 each, PIP \$1.59 each, Flip printing \$1.15 each, and Concorde Print shop \$.51 each. A motion was made, seconded and approved by acclamation to try out the cheapest printer, Concorde for a period of three months to see if they meet expectations.

Activity Report provided by VP Mark Cooper (Kim absent) food truck will be on 1/25/23 (Chowder Wagon) 4:30-7:30, Trivia will be held on 1/31/23 at 7:00,

Sunshine Committee – Jennie Adams not Present

Welcome Committee – Michele Shuler no new report

Maintenance Committee Ian Reade reported that the floor had been fixed in the shed and that he was coordinating a group to fix the fence posts at the park. He asked for early notification if anyone needed signs to be made since he will be on vacation from the end of March and most of April. He also asked for a volunteer to put up signs while he was gone, VP Cooper volunteered.

President Bain announced that the board will be holding a photo contest for photos of Meadow Wood Farms to be posted on the new website. Credit will be given on the website to the winning photographer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Website Committee Chair Karen Reade reported that 30 people have signed in to the website as members and been approved. Two people attempted to sign in as members but were not which prompted one of them to become a new member. She is looking forward to including the website information in the invoices for dues that are sent to all of the property owners.

Adding teeth to the deed restrictions – the POA is sending letters to those that are breaching the deed restrictions. One of the items being addressed is the real estate signs that are posted incorrectly (not on the property for sale). The realtors will be called to remove them or picked up by the Vice President.

Blue Stream Fiber was not able to attend and are now scheduled for the February 9th Board Meeting and the March General Association Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Bain reported that March 24th 7-10pm Donnie Middlebrook, "Trop Rock" band will be playing at Friendship Park. Entrance Fee \$10 per person, but may be higher for non-members.

Good in the Hood: Karen Reade recognized Gena DeCamella for working hard on the newsletter, secretary and website. President Bain then suggested that Karen Reade should also be recognized for her hard work and dedication that make his job easy.

"It Pays to Come to Meetings", member Janie Frius name was pulled but was not present so the \$25 prize was rolled over to the next General Association Meeting. The next prize will be \$50

Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

President Jim Bain

Secretary Gena DeCamella