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2010 ELECTION RESULTS

BOARD OF MANAGERS

The election for the 2010 Board of Managers for the GHEHA, Inc. was held on January 9, 2010, at the firehouse on Hwy. 21. Of the 154 members of the Association, 66 members cast votes, giving a total of 669.35 acres out of the 1255.11 acres in the subdivision.

The results of the election are as follows:

Ron Trupp - 454.93 acre votes
James Smith - 440.30 acre votes
Bonnie Hebert - 434.95 acre votes
Steve Roberts - 400.97 acre votes
Judy Coker - 350.33 acre votes

Votes received from other candidates:

Jack Ussery, II – 316.24 acre votes
Jack Ussery, Jr. – 216.36 acre votes
Jay Williams – 197.12 acre votes
Eric Lowe – 16.85 acre votes
Craig Guidry – 16.85 acre votes
Betty Shackelford – 5.25 acre votes
Thomas Vermillion – 5.25 acre votes
Mary Oliphant-Wood – 5.25 acre votes

The new Board of Managers elected positions as follows:

- ▶ President: Steve Roberts, 985-809-6279
- ▶ Vice President: Bonnie Hebert, 985-867-9137
- ▶ Secretary: Judy Coker, 985-893-0858
- ▶ Treasurer: Ron Trupp, 985-809-1180
- ▶ Special Assistant: James Smith, 985-809-5209

Any questions may be directed to your new Board of Managers

By letter: GHEHA, P. O. Box 395, Bush, LA 70431

By email: www.Grandehills.org

ANNUAL BUDGET

The 2010 proposed annual budget in the amount of \$ 10,237.00 was approved by 95% (requires 2/3's majority vote for approval) or 632.80 acres out of 669.35 acre votes cast. Therefore, each member's annual assessment for 2010 is \$ 2.81* per acre owned.

***NOTE:** The actual assessment for 2010 is \$8.15 per acre, but with the funds identified as surplus, the annual assessment is reduced to \$2.81 per acre.

ASSESSMENT DUE DATE

One of the proposals submitted for a vote at the annual meeting was to vote on a change in the assessment due date from December 31st to April 30th of each year. The membership **APPROVED** this change by casting a total of 318.27 acre votes or 50.7% of the total votes cast in favor of this proposal. Total votes cast for this proposal was 627.34 voting acres.

Your assessments will now be due by **APRIL 30TH** of each year and will become delinquent on **MAY 1ST**, not December 31st. The By-Laws will be

amended accordingly. This change will help your Association meet its expenditures.

The invoices for the 2010 annual assessment are enclosed with this Newsletter. The yearly assessment is \$2.81 per acre of land you own. We have expenses that are currently due and would appreciate receiving your payment as early as possible. Our Association depends on these funds for operation.

CURRENT BOARD ELECTION CYCLE

The results of the proposals on the 2010 Ballot are as follows:

Do you agree the current Board Election Cycle is adequate?

RESULTS: The membership voted for the current Board Election Cycle with 502.85 acre votes or 90.84% as adequate and 50.65 votes cast or 9.15% as inadequate.

*** The election cycle of the Board of Managers will remain in January of each year.

Do you agree the current Board Election Cycle is not adequate and would like to see it changed to a different time of the year?

RESULTS: The membership voted **47.14** acres voted that the Current Board Election Cycle **IS NOT** adequate and would like to see it changed to a different time of the year, and

354.30 acres voted that the Current Board Election Cycle **IS ADEQUATE** and **DOES NOT** want it changed to a different time of the year.

*** Considering the results of the election, the Board Election Cycle will not be changed.

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SUMMARY OF THE 2010 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our guest speaker was Mark Salvetti with the Crawfishman Triathlon. He summarized in a letter what was discussed at the annual meeting. He advised everyone that this year will mark the 5th year for the Crawfishman Triathlon to be held on **Sunday, May 2nd** on Dion and Christina McKinley's property in our beautiful subdivision.

Hello Grande Hills:

As you may recall from past years, the race starts early at 7:30 a.m. with a swim in the lake, followed by a bike ride on nearby Highway 40 ending with a run through the neighborhood and finishing at Dion's property on the lake. Last year we had over 400 athletes compete from all ages and over 15 states. Race proceeds go to benefit several local charitable foundations including the Have a Heart Thru Art Foundation and the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center. In addition, the race has made a donation to the Grande Hills Homeowners Association that has led to upgrades to the boat ramp as well as lake rejuvenation services.

If you are interested in volunteering for this year's race please email Kirsty Salvetti at kiwishark@msn.com as all volunteers registered will receive a special T-shirt. If you want to come out to watch and enjoy the party, the race starts at 7:30 a.m. with the final finisher completing by 11:30 a.m.

Thank you again for allowing our race to continue to prosper and provide a wonderful venue for local athletes. We at the Crawfishman Race Committee sincerely appreciate the opportunity you afford us year after year.

Thanks and hope to see you Sunday, May 2nd, 2010.

Mark Salvetti
Crawfishman Triathlon Race Director

The minutes of the last general meeting, September 21, 2009, were read and accepted. The motion carried.

Ron Trupp, Treasurer, gave a financial report to the membership. The Association has received \$632.75 in assessments since the financial statement was mailed to the members in December, for a total amount received in the amount of \$12,544.18 for 2009 assessments. There are still 12 members that have not paid their yearly assessment. Treasurer's report was accepted.

The Chair gave a report regarding the damage to the jockey at the front entrance. GHEHA has received a check for \$201.00 and a new jockey will soon be placed at the front entrance.

Linda Pippins gave an update on the new Grande Hills website.

The results of the annual election were reported.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Many thanks go out to this year's election committee, which consisted of Larry Pippins and Justin and Kristy Morgan. Great job!!

COMMITTEES

We are actively seeking volunteers for all committees.

Architectural Committee
Election Committee
Maintenance Committee
Landscape Committee
Welcoming Committee

Boat Launch & Lake Committee

Thank you members for your time and assistance. The Board is in the process of contacting the previous volunteers who have served on various boards to request their continued help.

BOAT LANDING UPDATE

We had an opportunity recently to take advantage of getting some much needed work done at the boat launch area at a greatly reduced price, excavating soil from the lake to rebuild the launch area bank. In addition, we have been able to get the Parish to deliver soil to assist in building up the bank even further. This has all been accomplished by using funds available to the Association through donations from the folks who run the triathlon each year in our neighborhood. The soil from the parish comes at no cost to us, and for this, we thank our Councilman Gary Cooper. A. J. Ostarly volunteered his time and equipment to spread the dirt. Thank you A.J. for your generosity.

REPLACEMENT OF JOCKEY (Front entrance)

As many of you have probably noticed, the jockey at the front entrance garden has been damaged and thus removed. A new jockey has been purchased, painted and added to the garden as this Newsletter is in print! We owe thanks to Ron & Pat Trupp, Art Price and Dion McKinley for the willingness to help with the removal and replacing of the jockey. This will be done at no cost to the Association membership.

GHEHA WEBSITE

You can now access our new website at www.grandehills.org. \$100.00 was saved to change this address. You will be able to review the Architectural

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Control Committee Rules and Regulations and print a Certificate to Proceed to submit for approval. Upcoming events will also be posted on the website, along with Newsletters and the Association's legal documents. The Board is still working with the webmaster on what changes can be made to make the website even more appealing and simplifying some of the forms that we use.

Emails can be sent to the Board as before. The website also has a photo gallery. Larry and Linda Pippins volunteered their time to take many pictures around the subdivision to include in the website. They encourage people to look at the site to see if their house is on it. Thank you Larry and Linda.

CERTIFICATES TO PROCEED

As stated in the Grande Hills Architectural Control Committee Rules and Regulations, all plans for building structures, additions, fences, pools, etc. are to be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for review in order for a Certificate to Proceed to be issued. Jack Ussery is the Chairman of the Architectural Control Committee and can be reached at 985-989-2889.

LEASH LAW REMINDER

We have received complaints from our members regarding stray dogs in the neighborhood. As a reminder, if you have a dog it must be on a leash or behind a fenced in area as mandated by the St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances SEC. 4-129.00 Leash Law. If you are attacked or see a dog not complying with the leash law, please call St. Tammany Animal Shelter, 25026 Highway 36, Abita Springs, Louisiana 70420, phone number 985-809-0183.

REMINDERS

Change of Address?

Please help the Association keep track of new ownership, changes of address, and telephone number changes. Any changes should be directed to Board Member Ron Trupp 985-809-1180.

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