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## **2013 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the membership for electing a five member Board of Managers and approval of the 2013 Annual Budget will be held on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2013 at 12:00 NOON.** The meeting location will be at the Bush Fire Station on Hwy. 21.

The voting will be in writing by those members authorized to cast votes. To assist you, a ballot is enclosed with this Newsletter that has been personalized with your name(s), the lot(s) you own and your total voting acres.

According to the By-Laws, Article II, 5, before any meeting can be held a quorum of 40% of the voting rights present or represented by a notarized proxy must be present. The Association has had in place for years a method of determining a quorum beforehand in order for the annual meeting to commence promptly at 12:00 noon. Enclosed with your ballot is a numbered envelope which when used in mailing your ballot will help determine the acreage votes submitted to reach a quorum of 502.04 acres. This will also alert the Association that it is a ballot to be submitted to the Election Committee.

ANY ENVELOPE RECEIVED

WITHOUT A NUMBER WILL BE ASSUMED TO BE SOMETHING OTHER THAN A BALLOT AND WILL BE OPENED.

Ballots will be considered by the Election Committee as invalid if:

- \*\* The ballot is not signed.
- \*\* The ballot has more than 5 candidates selected. You must vote for up to 5 candidates.

In voting for the Annual Budget, another copy is enclosed.

In accordance with the By-Laws, Article V, 6, enclosed is a copy of the 2012 yearly itemization of expenses and amounts received.

## **ASSOCIATION'S BOOKS**

The Association's books will be available for inspection at 10:00 a.m. until meeting time and after the membership meeting, if necessary.

## **ELECTION COMMITTEE**

The counting of the ballots shall begin at 10:00 a.m. You may vote by mail-in ballot or in-person by delivery of the ballot on the date of the Annual Meeting. Mail-in ballots must be mailed early enough to be received at the post office on Saturday, January 26, 2013. **In-person deliveries of ballots are to be submitted between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., on January 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

- \*\* Elimination of plant growth in our lake.
- \*\* Update on pending lawsuit against the homeowners association.
- \*\* Additional membership meetings.
- \*\* Pros and Cons of a Select Committee to review any disagreements in the community.

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

The guest speaker for the Annual Meeting will be Mr. Steve Sperier, Crawfishman Triathlon.

## **GHEHA ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE**

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 Travis and Jessica St. Pierre, Chairpersons, at (985) 886-6038 for a Certificate to Proceed to be issued.

## **BOARD OF MANAGER MEETINGS**

If any member has a matter that needs to be brought before the Board, please call one of your Board of Managers for the date of the next board meeting so you may attend.

With family commitments, school activities and full-time jobs, it is very difficult to schedule ahead of time monthly board meetings for the year. For this reason, the Board requests that you give us a phone call and we will gladly let you know when the next board meeting is scheduled.

## **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.

**Any questions should be directed to your Board of Managers:**

Steve Roberts, 985-809-6279  
Bonnie Hebert, 985-867-9137  
Judy Coker, 985-893-0858  
Ron Trupp, 985-809-1180  
A.J. Ostarly, 504-258-7626

**GRANDE HILLS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.  
ITEMIZATION OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 2012**

Balance Forwarded from December 31, 2011	<b>\$9,179.26</b>
Insurance check for front entrance sign	2,513.76
Deposit for Boat Launch Keys	190.00
Crawfishman Triathlon Donation	750.00

Assessment Deposits: (includes delinquent assessments and penalties)

January	120.00
February	5,828.67
March	3,644.17
April	5,937.60
May	1,628.39
June	1,450.05
July	1,329.45
August	563.23
September	131.74
October	<u>475.03</u>
	21,108.33

**Total income received in 2012 to date: 24,562.09**

**Total Pre Expenses: \$33,741.35**

**Itemized Expenses**

St Tammany Farmer Newspaper	20.00
Washington St. Tam. Coop	200.00
Postmaster (P.O. Box rental)	100.00
Corporate Green/Green Seasons LLC (Grass cutting 2012)	1,704.00
Robert Aubert Co. Inc. (Insurance)	3,761.60
Newsletter Printing, Office Supplies, Stamps	1,132.94
XL Technologies	429.00
General Membership Meeting Security	240.00
Magee & Associates Attorneys (from Budget)	12,927.39
Secretary of State	5.00
Department of the Treasury (Income Tax)	223.38
Justice of the Peace (James Kahl) 2 Court Costs	165.59
Clerk of Court	88.50
Reimbursement for boat launch gate paint	37.56
Access Lock & Key (not budgeted- Crawfishman donation)	429.56
American Maint. Specialists (not budgeted – Sign Repair)	<u>2,508.30</u>
<b>Total Expenses (includes non budgeted expenses)</b>	<b>\$23,972.82</b>