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## **2013 ELECTION RESULTS** **BOARD OF MANAGERS**

Thank you for your overwhelming participation in the election process of your Association. The election for the 2013 Board of Managers for the GHEHA, Inc. was held on January 26, 2013. Total acreage votes cast were 666.87 out of 1255.11 acres (53%) in the subdivision.

The results of the election are as follows:

Ron Trupp – 561.41 acre votes  
Steve Roberts – 552.19 acre votes  
Bonnie Hebert – 546.50 acre votes  
Susan Chartier – 540.15 acre votes  
Judy Coker – 540.63 acre votes

There were 14 other write-in candidates with the next highest votes of 89.83 acres for Eric Lowe.

Your new Board of Managers met on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> and elected positions as follows:

**President:** Steve Roberts  
**Vice President:** Bonnie Hebert  
**Secretary:** Judy Coker  
**Treasurer:** Ron Trupp  
**Special Assistant:** Susan Chartier

## **BIG THANKS**

The association thanks A. J. Ostarly for serving on the Board. Your

valuable time given to this Association is greatly appreciated. We will miss A.J. as a board member. Thank you A.J. for the many hours spent in assisting our community. We know you will not be far away to assist in some other way.

## **ANNUAL BUDGET**

The 2013 proposed annual budget in the amount of \$24,031.00 was approved by 80.63% or 569.49 acre votes. Therefore, each member's annual assessment for 2013 is \$19.15 per acre owned.

The additional budget item on the ballot regarding the purchase of carp to consume enough grass to correct the vegetation growth in the lake was also approved by 73.56% or 519.60 acre votes. Therefore, each member's additional budget item cost is \$3.13 per acre.

The annual assessment total per acre is \$22.28. Thank you members for your continued support.

## **ASSESSMENT DUE DATE**

Your invoice for the 2013 annual assessment is enclosed with this Newsletter.

The assessments are due by **APRIL 30, 2013** and will become delinquent on **May 1, 2013**. The Association has expenses that are currently due so your prompt remittance is appreciated.

## **ELECTION COMMITTEE**

Many thanks go out to the election committee, which consisted of Johnny Buisson, Jessica St. Pierre, Harold Moore, and Tanya Joseph. Art Price was on standby as an alternate. The counting of the ballots ran very smoothly as the results were presented to the Board at the start of the meeting.

## **SUMMARY OF THE 2013 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Board would like to thank all the members who attended the meeting. It was a great turnout. There were several topics discussed and the members expressed their opinions and suggestions. Thank you for your active participation.

Mr. Mark Salvetti with the Crawfishman Triathlon thanked the membership for allowing this event to take place in our subdivision. The triathlon will be held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> on Dion McKinley's property. The proceeds from the race go to various charitable organizations on the northshore. He advised that the liability insurance coverage for this event is paid by the Crawfishman Triathlon.

If you are interested in volunteering please email Kirsty Salvetti at [kiwishark@msn.com](mailto:kiwishark@msn.com). The race starts at 7:30 a.m. with the final finisher completing by 11:30 a.m. Come out and enjoy the party.

## **MOSQUITO CONTROL**

**Mr. Brian Massery**, from the St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District, spoke to the membership at the meeting. He stressed the importance of residents doing their part to reduce mosquito breeding on their property. The key to reducing mosquito populations is to deny them a place to breed. To eliminate mosquito breeding on your property, check the following and take measures to correct.

- **Discard cans and containers:** remove, store inside or turn upside down so they cannot collect water.
- **Old tires:** store tires where they can't collect rainwater. Bird baths and

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pet bowls: clean and change water at least every 4 days.

➤ **Wading pools:** change water regularly and turn over when not in use.

➤ **Canoes and boats:** cover with a tight-fitting tarp or turn up-side down.

➤ **Tarps:** remove sagging areas that can collect rainwater.

➤ **Roof gutters:** clean out leaves and debris blocking and holding water.

➤ **Flower pot saucers:** check and discard water frequently.

➤ **Miscellaneous:** empty water from toys, wheelbarrows, wagons, unused hot tubs, rain barrels.

Brian also informed us, we as residents of St. Tammany have the option to request that an inspector come to our property to evaluate a potential mosquito problem. Inspectors will survey the property for breeding and treat as needed. Call: 985-643-5050 or 985-893-0818, or go online and click: Service Request and complete the online form.

To learn about mosquitoes, West Nile Virus and the District's integrated mosquito management approach go to their website: [www.stpmad.org](http://www.stpmad.org). Online you will find the same informative information provided to the members at the meeting. We have some additional brochures, and if you would like to have one please call, Susan Chartier. Let's all help fight the bite....

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in the process of seeking volunteers for our committees. If you are interested in volunteering a little time and meeting new friends in your community, please call one of your Board of Managers so we may add

you to the list of volunteers. We need your help in our community.

## Committees:

- Architectural Committee
- Landscape and Maintenance Committee
- Welcome Committee
- Lake Committee

## NEW COMMITTEE

After discussion at our annual meeting, the Board is reviewing the possibility of forming a liaison committee to review and discuss any differences between association members and/or the Board. If you would like to volunteer for this committee, please notify a Board Member.

## RESURFACING PROJECT ON PIMLICO DR./RUFFIAN CT.

The Parish advised that the project has been awarded to Huey Stockstill and construction shall begin soon. The contractor has 40 calendar days to complete the resurfacing of these streets.

## COYOTES

After some research your Board has located a State of Louisiana website where you can find trappers. The website address is: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/> Go to "wildlife", then click "nuisance wildlife", look on the top left and click "nuisance wildlife control operators list". There will be a list of people who trap nuisance wildlife that are registered with the state.

## KEYS FOR BOAT LANDING

If you are interested in obtaining a key for the lock on the gate at the boat landing, please call A.J. Ostarly at 985-871-8963 or 504-258-7626.

A deposit will be required to obtain a key. Should you move out of Grande Hills you will be required to turn in your key and receive your deposit. A sign-in list will be kept for members holding keys. The deposit is \$10.00.

## 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.

## 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.

**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  
Susan Chartier, 985-809-1455