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2014 ELECTION RESULTS **BOARD OF MANAGERS**

Thank you for your overwhelming participation in the election process of your Association. The election for the 2014 Board of Managers for the GHEHA was held on January 11, 2014. Total acreage votes cast were 617.79 out of 1255.11 acres (49.22%) in the subdivision.

The results of the election are as follows:

Judy Coker – 491.83 acre votes
Bonnie Hebert – 507.00 acre votes
Susan Chartier – 481.30 acre votes
Steve Roberts – 506.51 acre votes
Ron Trupp – 498.82 acre votes
Tom Vermillion – 60.47 acre votes
Mary Oliphant Wood – 80.33 acre votes
Eric Lowe – 86.21 acre votes
Craig Guidry – 91.22 acre votes
Betsy Shackelford – 80.33 acre votes

Your new Board of Managers met on Jan. 20th and elected positions as follows:

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

ANNUAL BUDGET

The 2014 proposed annual budget in the amount of \$24,902.00 was approved by 84.75% or 605.29 acre votes. Therefore, each member's annual assessment for 2014 is \$19.84 per acre owned.

Thank you members for your continued support of the Association.

ASSESSMENT DUE DATE

Your invoice for the 2014 annual assessment is enclosed with this Newsletter.

The assessments are due by **APRIL 30, 2014** and will become delinquent on **May 1, 2014**. The Association has expenses that are currently due so your prompt remittance is appreciated.

Please note that Demand Letters will be mailed on May 1, 2014, for any delinquent assessments. If payment is not received within 7 days from receipt of Demand Letter, legal action will be filed with the Justice of the Peace.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Many thanks go out to the election committee, which consisted of Johnny Buisson, Jessica St. Pierre, and Art Price.

SUMMARY OF THE 2014 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.

Topics discussed were:

Triathlon

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 4, 2014 on Dion McKinley's property. The proceeds from the race go to various charitable organizations on the northshore and to Grande Hills Estates. 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. The race starts at 7:30 a.m. with the final finisher completing by 11:30 a.m. Come out and enjoy the party.

Guest Speaker

Mr. David Holloway, Realtor with Smith and Core was the guest speaker this year and gave a very informative presentation of land and home values in Grande Hills. This information will be placed on the association website.

He also discussed the new flood maps in St. Tammany Parish. The flood maps can be found on the LSU Agricultural website at www.lsuagcenter.com under "flood maps".

Sanitation Companies

The sanitation companies that currently service our subdivision are:

Progressive Waste Solutions of LA, Inc., 310 Howze Beach Ln, Slidell, LA (985) 781-3171

STEP, LLC, 20393 Hwy. 36, Covington, LA (985) 264-8750

The following sanitation company will service our area if they receive requests from at least 50 customers:

Pontchartrain Waste Services, P. O. Box 1975, Covington, LA 70434, (985) 892-0569. If interested, call Brandon Sharp, Owner.

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Deed Restrictions Update

The Association would like your input on updating the Deed Restrictions for Grande Hills Estates. It was requested at the January meeting that members please review the deed restrictions and give input on any changes that the membership would like to vote on. One change, in particular, is raising the minimum living square footage from 1500 sq. ft. to 2000 sq. ft.

You may send an email to the website or mail suggestions to the Association. We welcome your input. This subject will be discussed at our next membership meeting.

Lawsuit Update

The Board gave an update on the lawsuit at the annual meeting. As reported in the December 2013 Newsletter, Judge Knight granted the Association's Motion to declare the updated Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws valid and enforceable and found that the express written ratification by two-thirds of the members acreage-wise complies with both the documents as presented and also falls within the confines of Title 12.

The plaintiffs suing the Association filed another motion asking Judge Knight to rehear the motion again. The motion was heard on December 18, 2013. The Judge denied their motion again stating in his judgment signed January 9, 2014, that the Plaintiff's motion for new trial be denied at mover's cost. The Association has requested court costs from the Plaintiffs.

A trial date on the remaining claims is now set for Monday, May 5, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. before Judge William J. Knight, Division "J".

Members are welcome to go to the trial.

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
Liaison Committee

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.

Keys are not to be given to anyone not living in our subdivision. Please note that your key is numbered, assigned to you only, and cannot be duplicated.

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 or (504) 390-2177 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.

LITTER IN GRANDE HILLS

The Association continues to receive complaints from members about trash being thrown in ditches and on property in Grande Hills.

If you should see anyone littering please report this to the Constable in our District. Please alert any construction workers that may be working on your property to place their trash in a garbage can.

Let's all help keep our subdivision clean. Hopefully, in the spring we can have another community clean-up day.

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