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2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION RESULTS

Thank you to all the members who participated in this year's election by sending in your ballots and attending the annual meeting.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

The election for the 2020 Board of Managers for the GHEHA was held on January 25, 2020.

The results are:

Judy Coker – 443.51 acres
Susan Chartier – 426.21 acres
Jimmy Guillet – 129.54 acres
Bonnie Hebert – 428.13 acres
Steve Roberts – 465.27 acres
Ron Trupp – 421.95 acres

Write-in votes:

Rickey Klinner – 5.23 acres

Your new Board of Managers met on January 31, 2020, and their positions on the Board are as follows:

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

ANNUAL BUDGET

The 2020 proposed annual budget in the amount of \$ 11,985.00 was **APPROVED** by 97.4%. Therefore, each member's annual assessment for 2020 is **\$ 9.55 per acre owned**. This is the same annual assessment as 2019.

ASSESSMENT INVOICES

Your invoice for the 2020 annual assessment is enclosed with this Newsletter.

The assessments are due by **APRIL 30, 2020**, and will become delinquent on **MAY 1, 2020**. The Association has expenses that are currently due so your prompt remittance is appreciated.

Please insure your payment is received by the Association **BEFORE** May 1, 2020. Thank you for your continued support of your Association.

In accordance with our documents, a Demand Letter(s) for delinquent assessments will be sent out on May 1st, of each year, via certified mail. As per our documents, the delinquent member is responsible for the cost of the certified mailing of the Demand Letter. The Demand Letter itself calls for payment within seven (7) days, and if not received, the next action would be to take it to the Justice of Peace for Small Claims Court. We regret having to do this and apologize to anyone that may take offense to it, but please take note that this does not apply to you if you regularly pay your assessment on time.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Many thanks go out to the Election Committee, which consisted of Jessica Oglesby, Johnny Buisson, and Chris Dantin. Jon Oglesby was the alternate.

SUMMARY OF THE 2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our annual election/membership meeting was very informative. Thank you for attending and showing your support for your community.

Our guest speaker, Mr. David Holloway, Realtor with Smith & Core, passed out information reflecting the values and down swing and up swing of land/property in and around the area. These documents can be found on the Association's website under Real Estate Values.

Our guest speaker, Mr. Mike Wattigny with the Crawfishman Triathlon, advised that the date for this year's Triathlon is set for MAY 17, 2020, at 7:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to participate may go online to register. Residents are always welcomed to join the festivities by the lake to cheer on the athletes.

DOGS AT LARGE

Once again, the Association has received complaints of dogs leaving members' property and attacking residents while walking in our subdivision. This is a nuisance issue. A person can be seriously injured. Homeowners are responsible for keeping their animals on their property. This is a safety issue for members who are out on the streets, walking, running or biking. Every owner or keeper of animals needs to maintain control of their dogs, so as to prevent them from creating or becoming a public nuisance.

Please refer to St. Tammany Parish leash law which is in the ST. TAMMANY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE V, ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE:

SEC. 4-126.00 Animals at Large; leash law. (Continued)

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If the issue continues to happen, a call should be made to report an animal issue to **St. Tammany Animal Control: 985-809-0183** or online: **STPGOV.org** and click on: **Departments**, then Services: **Animal**

Please note, as per our Deed Restrictions and Covenants: All animals shall be fenced or otherwise prevented from roaming freely about (the "Property"), Grande Hills Estates Subdivision.

SPEEDING IN OUR SUBDIVISION

Please be aware of speed limits. This is a residential community, not a state highway. Residents walk, jog, and bike throughout this community and cannot be threatened by speeding vehicles. Speeding violations can be reported to the St. Tammany Sheriff's Department Traffic Division by calling **(985) 809-8200**. Please advise any persons hired by you to perform work on your property to please adhere to the speed limit signs in our community.

LAKE DRAINAGE CULVERTS

The board received an email concerning debris accumulation in the drainage culverts on each end of the lake dam. A member of our lake committee, Ken Cooper, went and addressed the situation and found: there was the usual natural debris accumulating in the mouth of the culverts, pine needles and small branches. He also cleaned out a 6-7 foot long by 6-8 inch round partially burnt log. Along with another similar size burnt log that was washed up against the dam, which he fished out of the water. One possibility, someone had a big bonfire and then threw the burnt logs into the lake to dispose of them. Home and property owners, please do not throw logs or large pieces of wood of any kind into the lake. Also, a call to the parish was made by board member, Mrs. Bonnie

Hebert, requesting a crew to clear the overgrown vegetation from the face of the five culverts draining into the ditch on the opposite side of the road. The parish sent a crew and the ditch has been cleared of the vegetation. Association members please do not dispose debris of any kind into the lake. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

FRONT ENTRANCE

The board has been acting on the objective of bringing electricity to the front entrance of the subdivision. Well, we are very close. Some of the electrical work has been accomplished, and we hope to finish this project in the near future. Bringing power to the front entrance will provide us the ability to illuminate our beautiful entrance sign. This upgrade will be a pleasing enhancement to the subdivision entrance. The board is committed to working for the continued betterment of our subdivision.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering a little time and meeting new friends in your community, please send an email from the Association's website so we may add you to the list of volunteers. We need your help in our community.

Volunteers are needed to trim and weed the azalea flower beds at the boat landing.

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 504-258-7626.

A deposit in the amount of \$10.00 will be required to obtain a key. Should you move out of Grande Hills you will be required to turn in your key to receive your deposit. A sign-in list will be kept for members holding keys. Take note that the keys are numbered

and can be traced to the individual that signed for the key.

GHEHA ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Mike Wolford advised the Board that he can no longer volunteer on the Architectural Control Committee. The Association would like to thank Mike for his volunteered time and efforts spent on this committee.

The Association is fortunate that Mr. Elliott Hano, a homeowner, has graciously volunteered to replace Mike.

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, (985) 886-6038 or (504) 390-2177 or Elliott Hano, (504) 913-8317, for a Certificate to Proceed to be issued. **NO CONSTRUCTION SHALL BEGIN WITHOUT AN APPROVED CERTIFICATE TO PROCEED.**

A Certificate to Proceed will not be issued until a St. Tammany Parish Building Permit has been issued. A copy of the permit must be submitted to the GHACC along with the other required documents per the Architectural Control Committee Rules and Regulations, Section 2.1.

The Architectural Control Committee Rules and Regulations states under Section 1.1.2.

The GHACC shall have fifteen (15) days after receipt of all required documents to approve or disapprove any application for construction for any structure. . . .

Please allow enough time for this process to be completed before commencement of any type of construction.

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BOARD OF MANAGER MEETINGS

If any member has a matter that needs to be brought before the Board, please contact the Board through the website 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.

REMINDERS **Change of Address?**

Please help the Association keep track of new ownership, changes of address, and telephone number changes by notifying the Association through our website.

Any questions should be directed to your Board of Managers:

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Steve Roberts, President
Bonnie Hebert, Vice President
Judy Coker, Secretary
Ron Trupp, Treasurer
Susan Chartier, Board Member

WEBSITE:

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Select "Contact Info" to send an email to the Association