RUSSELL BAYOU HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting June 13, 2015 **Minutes**

CALLED TO ORDER:

Jackie Winkelman, the Association's President, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

There were 10 owners present and 9 proxies on hand for a total of 19 units represented.

According to the association's by-laws, this would not establish a quorum for the meeting. However, Ray informed those present that recent statutes have been approved by legislatures to reduce requirements. This legislature was passed, but is the same (30%) as Russell Bayou's by laws. We did not a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made a motion to approve the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes. Mr. Winkelman seconded. Motion passed, unanimously.

NEW PROGRESS:

Ray Etheridge presented a signed affidavit as proof of notice of the meeting.

Jackie reported that there were two new homes this year and plans for two others to be built sometime this year. Everyone present was glad to see additional homes being built.

Jackie also discussed security at great length. The association has discussed the possibility of installing new gates but this would cost approximately \$20,000.00. It was also discussed that the Innerarity Island Association may be interested in joining with Russell Bayou to improve or possibly install new gates at the entrance to the island. If these expenses could be shared it should be much less than \$20,000.00 for Russell Bayou to install their own gates. Security is a big issue on the island with people coming in fishing, camping, etc. that have no business being on private property. Howard Sandusky stated that the fisherman are coming in and leaving a mess behind when they leave. We really need more security on the weekends. It was suggested that new and better signage be installed letting people know that this is private property and that trespassers could be prosecuted. There's also a sign on the east end of Tarpon and the Board asked that the same sign be installed in all cul-de-sacs.

Jackie stated that the Board would be taking a look at road repairs. There are some areas where trucks and vehicles have jumped the curb causing damage to the concrete ribbon.

It was also discussed that some owners are parking their boats in the street. Ray was asked to ask Cheryl to check this the next time she is at the property and to send letters or put a notices on the boats letting the owners know that they cannot be parked in the street.

An owner asked about the water situation with Gulf Breeze. It was stated that Innerarity Island may be assessed for sewer improvements. However, this should not apply to Russell Bayou because the sewer systems in Russell Bayou are new and should not require updates.

The financial statement for 2014 and budget for 2015 were discussed. Howard Sandusky made a motion to approve the financials. Mr. Winkelman seconded. Motion passed, unanimously.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

The nominated committee had presented a slate of candidates which included the current Board Members, a total of nine members. There were no additional nominees from the floor. These nine candidates were elected by acclamation.

Security was, again, raised. Howard Sandusky volunteered to head a committee to work on security. It was discussed, in detail, that the pool has been vandalized, twice. We will be needing new furniture. Also, Ray was asked to ask Cheryl to check with Molly Maid on the cleaning of our trashcans and the removal of the trash at the pool area. The owners are dissatisfied with the pool company at this time and requested that a new company be hired as quickly as possible. Harald Speir knows someone. He will call them. Ray was also asked to have the pool safety equipment check to be sure that everything was in order.

Parking in front of mailboxes was discussed. Sometimes, owners do this, and mail is unable to be delivered on those days. The mail delivery vehicle needs 30 feet of access to the mailboxes. The curbs in these areas could possibly be painted yellow to show owners and visitors that they should not park in the area.

Landscaping was discussed. Adam Duce is not cutting the walk ways on a regular basis. Ray will call Adam and tell him that these walk ways need to be maintained in a better condition.

It was also briefly discussed that automobile stickers could be obtained at a reasonable cost to provide proof of ownership of resident's vehicles. No action was taken in this matter.

There is some sea wall damage in the area of 16281 Ygnacio. This needs to be looked at.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.