

# HUNTERS RIDGE SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

October 8, 2007 - 4:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Miller. Committee members present included Vice Chairman Betty Cote, Treasurer Suzanne Evans McMurtrie, Secretary/Publicity Coordinator Wanda Gagnon, Peggy Jalbert, Mike McNinch, Michele Newman and Sydell Nusbaum. Bob Raynor represented his wife, Peggy. Board Liaison Kris Pogue and Staff Liaison Chris Durfey were in attendance. General Manager Don Huprich was present. Peggy O'Malley, Arts and Crafts Fair co-chairperson, attended.

**Chairman's Remarks:** Dave thanked everyone for attending. He iterated that, while the Committee has been whittled down to ten members, it is his hope that those individuals who have attended in the past will continue to come to meetings. The meetings are open to any resident who chooses to attend. Meeting notices will be posted on the television channel, bulletin board, newsletter and web site.

**Arts and Crafts Fair:** Scheduled for Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, co-hosts Betty Cote and Peggy O'Malley updated the committee on plans. Betty announced that we will have ten tables. She is preparing cookies for attendees. She requested that others do likewise. A cash bar will be open. Chris Durfey, when questioned, advised that light refreshments will not be provided by the association.

Having a raffle was discussed. It was agreed that a Chinese Auction will be held, with each artisan contributing a gift. Tickets will be sold the day of the fair. Suzanne offered to request Publix to provide a tray of cookies, which she assured the committee they would do. Betty advised that it was never the intention to have any item, be it for sale or not, other than those provided by residents of the community.

A bake table, on which all for-sale food products would be offered, was discussed. Some were of the impression that participants were to sell their own food products at their tables; others thought a central table for all food products was a better idea. It was agreed that participants may sell their food products from their tables.

The subject of the press releases having been disseminated was discussed. It was stated that it had been agreed by the committee and understood by all members that the Fair was to be open to residents of the community, exclusively. It was stated by one member that ten residents had phoned her to complain. Others advised that their feedback had been the opposite. Wanda explained that President Tom Padgett, on a number of occasions, had dropped by her house, at which the garage has been turned into a design studio where a number of members have worked on their crafts. She and Peggy O'Malley,

the event's co-chairperson, had updated Tom on the Fair and following discussion, Tom authorized Wanda's preparation and dissemination of press releases to invite the public to attend. He advised that he would speak to Don Huprich about it and would have Don inform Security about it. Wanda and Peggy informed Tom that they would take responsibility for having some committee members' husbands direct and control traffic into and out of the parking lot. Several committee members committed their spouses to do so. Peggy O'Malley was in contact with Dave to keep him abreast of activities. A representative of the Bonita Daily News and the Bonita Banner will be in attendance, to take pictures and speak with participants, to be followed up with a full-blown article about the Fair.

**Welcome Back Party:** Scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>, between 6 and 9pm, the event will take place poolside. The theme will be tropical. Michele has locked in the entertainment. Chris advised that attendance will be limited and urged members to reserve their spot as soon as possible.

**Seminole Hard Rock Casino Trip:** Scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>, there are only ten people signed up to date. Suzanne advised if the numbers remain low, she will be forced to cancel the event. Jackie Gannucci and Bonnie Rolquin are co-hosting this event.

**Monday and Friday Night Socials:** These events have been well-received. Attendance varies from week-to-week but overall, the socials are a success. It is not understood by some residents that the socials are for all members, not just non-golfers. Many golfers have and continue to attend. Dave urged all committee members to spread the word to their neighbors and friends.

**Wine Tasting:** This event, scheduled for Friday, January 11, 2008, will be limited to fifty or so attendees, as the wine provider will pour and explain each wine, which entails time and attention. Mike is working with a wine vendor to tighten up the event details.

**New Year's Eve Gala:** Michele discussed the disc jockey who will entertain, recommending him highly. As we did not have the event locked in earlier, most entertainers are already booked. Michele is already working on 2008.

**Committee Positions:** Dave advised that in addition to a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, a Secretary/Publicity Coordinator will be appointed, as will a Treasurer. He asked if anyone was interested in the positions. Wanda offered and was appointed to the position of Secretary/ Publicity Coordinator; Suzanne offered and was appointed to the position of Treasurer. Outlines of the responsibilities of these two positions, as well as that of Event Coordinator (formerly termed hostesses) will be disseminated. Michele agreed to manage the oversight of the Event Coordinators.

**Super Bowl Party:** Scheduled for Sunday, February, 3, 2008, Sydell suggested that a football pool, for which we would sell boxes, be made a part of the activities. The committee agreed with the idea.

**Dance Lessons:** Sydell reported that she had contacted a professional dance instructor, who has taught lessons in other communities, about doing so in our community. The dance instructor has offered a complimentary lesson. While it was agreed that the idea has merit, it was decided that attempting to dance on carpet is difficult, at best. When the issue of staging was discussed, it was agreed that we have a limited stage and that its set-up and break-down is very time-consuming and problematic. It was agreed to not go forward with this idea.

**Bingo:** Sydell advised that she has been hosting small bingo games at her home for some time now. She discussed the possibility of expanding the games to the activity center and opening them up to all community members. She suggested that participants bring a wrapped gift. She suggested that a bingo event might be held once a month. No action was taken.

**Other Activities:** Suzanne, who is a professional events coordinator, spoke about some activities other communities are hosting, among them Spanish lessons, a Miramar Outlets outing, Lecture series with speakers on subjects such as oceanography, Tennis Tournaments, and others. It was agreed that these types of events might be welcomed by the community.

**Next Meeting:** The committee will meet next on Wednesday, October 31, 2007, at 4:00pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda L. Gagnon, Secretary