

“HIDDEN HIGHLIGHTS”

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WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE HVR THE BEST PARK IN THE VALLEY !!

HVR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 11, 2010 9:00 a.m.
H.V.R.P.O.A. Clubhouse

PROPOSED AGENDA*

Verification of Quorum
Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Introduction of First Time Attendees
Introduction of Board Members
Approval of Minutes of March Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports:
Report Regarding Clubhouse Roof
Unfinished Business:
New Business:
Approval of Proposed Bylaw
Amendments and Special Rules of Order
Announcements
Adjournment
Open Discussion (if requested)

*This is a proposed agenda and is subject to change.
Since the Hidden Highlights is published prior
to the first of each month, it is not possible to
have a complete agenda ready at this time.

Proxy forms are available from the business office during
regular business office hours or by mail or fax. **PLEASE**
NOTE: ALL old proxy forms are obsolete; please stop by
the office to pick up the new form if you wish to appoint
a proxy for one or all association meetings.

After completing the proxy form, take it to the business
office at least twenty-four hours prior to the January
meeting. The office personnel will make an adequate
number of copies -- one for office records as well as
enough copies so that a copy can be given to the
Credentials Desk at each meeting. Then deliver the
original and copies of the proxy form to the person
named thereon. Individual members may hold only four
(4) proxies each.

Absentee ballots are also available at the business office
for the December meeting. They must be completed and
submitted to the office at least **twenty-four hours** prior to

general membership meeting.

Anyone wishing to have an issue brought before a
general membership meeting MUST present the request
to the association president at least five days prior to the
meeting to allow the matter to be thoroughly
investigated before consideration and/or action by the
general membership.

Anyone wishing to have an issue brought before a board
of directors meeting MUST present the request to the
association president at least three days prior to the
meeting to allow the matter to be thoroughly investi-
gated before consideration and/or action by the board.

N-O-T-I-C-E !!!

An informational meeting to discuss the
proposed bylaw amendments and the
proposed special rules of order has been
scheduled for Saturday, December 4, at 9:00 a.m.

The "Meet the Candidates" forum
has been scheduled for Saturday,
December 18, at 2:00 p.m.

PLEASE ATTEND BOTH FUNCTIONS !!!

Both of these meetings are intended to
keep you informed of park business.

ANNOUNCEMENT !!

**DUES INVOICES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE H.V.R.
BUSINESS OFFICE AND MAY BE PAID AT
ANY TIME DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR INVOICE WITH YOU WHEN
MAKING PAYMENT. DUES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO
JANUARY 7 OR LOT OWNERS WILL NOT
BE ADMITTED TO THE JANUARY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING !!!**

H.V.R. IMPORTANT INFORMATION !!!
HVR TELEPHONE NUMBER: 956/580-4477
HVR FAX NUMBER: 956/580-4478
HVR EMAIL ADDRESS: hvr78572.com
HVR WEBSITE: HVRPOA.com

WINTER BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
9-11:00 a.m. and 1-3:00 p.m.

Hidden Valley Ranch Website
HVRPOA.com Webmaster: Ray Fink
(402/733-8972)

Contains HVR bylaws, special rules of order, covenants, daily activities, special activities, "Hidden Highlights", notices, property for sale or rent and just about everything else members and/or prospective owners/renters need or want to know about Hidden Valley Ranch.

Go to **HVRPOA.com**, then click on "**register**" to sign up to receive notices of current news flashes and any additional information that has been added to the website.

The "Hidden Highlights" newsletter will be posted on the website. You can either read it on your computer or print out a hard copy. Copies will still be available at the Clubhouse for those owners and/or renters who do not have a computer.

NEW!! The following office forms are now available on the website:

Concerns or Suggestions;
CURRENT Property Owner Information;
Emergency Medical Information;
Guidelines and Request for
Scheduling Use of Hall;
Heart Rangers Emergency Information;
Rules Governing All Improvements to Property;
Summer Lot Cleanup Information;
HVR Talent Information;
Uniform Incident Information

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Forms That Must be Obtained From Business Office

Absentee Ballots

NEW Property Owner Information
Proxy Forms
Resident Age Verification
Renter Information
Renter Age Verification
Work Order Request

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ACTIVITY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

***REQUEST By Activity Chairman: Please complete the required forms for the Activity Director which are available at the office so that your activity and space has been confirmed for the new season. Also, if a new chairperson will be handling the activity that information is also needed.

***All proposed activities must be approved by the Activity Director, Mary Harbek, in order to enter the activity into the Activity Book to ensure that it does not conflict with a previously scheduled activity. Activities are scheduled on a first come-first served basis; however, activity chairmen may be consulted in regard to possible rescheduling of proposed activities to better serve the members of the association. Request forms are available at the H.V.R. business office.

***Anyone holding an activity in the Clubhouse should contact a member of the Maintenance Committee in advance of the event so that the air conditioning/heat can be adjusted accordingly. Also, anyone desiring use of the audio system should contact a member of the Audio Committee in advance so that arrangements can be made. Names of the committee members are posted at the thermostats and at the audio system.

***The Architectural Committee wishes to again remind members who wish to develop or make improvements to their lots that they **MUST COMPLETE ALL** necessary paperwork and submit it to the business office before it will be considered for approval by the Committee. The committee meets each **Tuesday** at 9:00 a.m. Members submitting proposals **MUST** be available at the Tuesday morning meeting to answer any and all questions posed by the Committee during their meeting. Questions regarding procedures and/or rules should be directed to Chairman Mary Ann McElheron at 584-2308.

***The creative sewing class has several exciting projects this season. The class participants work on the same projects, learn new techniques and have fun together. All projects are made using your own sewing machine. There is no charge for the class; however, participants are responsible for their own supplies. Some equipment and tools are available for general use

and many are shared. Participants are asked to bring their own when they can.

This season will begin on December 1 at 9:30 a.m. (set up between 9:00 and 9:30) with a miniature Christmas wall hanging and is created using a technique called paper-piecing. This is a one-day project. Many of this season's projects are pieced tops for quilts. Techniques include strip piecing, sewing curves, prairie points and stack-n-whack. Projects for this season include fabric bowls, Drunkard's Path pattern and one block wonder (stack-n-whack).

Besides your basic sewing supplies, bring to the December 1 class (paper-piercing) the following supplies: card, add-an-eighth ruler and double-sided tape (or fabric glue).

Classes are every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Instructor is Nancy Flaherty. Contact for information and supply lists is Karen Eck at 7509 Birdie Drive.

***The Bike Club will now be riding on Mondays instead of Tuesdays effective immediately.

***The Iowa breakfast will change to the second Monday of each month starting December 13.

***Water volleyball is scheduled at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

***Heart Rangers will meet in the Clubhouse the 4th Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. starting December 23. Questions? Contact John Crawford at 956/424-9445.

*****WANTED!!** Additional volunteers to serve as Heart Rangers. Recertification and certification training will be available at no charge on January 11 at 9:00 a.m. See signup sheet at the Clubhouse.

*****NEW!!** 'Gourd' fun starts Wednesday, December 15 at 12:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Judy Hamilton at 584-3666.

REMINDER!! The Wisconsin breakfast will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Questions? Contact Linda Kling at 607-7222.

Peter Piper Pizza will continue to start at 12:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to leave early to play Yahoo at 1:00 p.m. may do so, of course, you will miss the ice cream and prize drawing activities.

CONTINUE TO CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARDS
IN THE CLUBHOUSE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
REGARDING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, SIGNUP SHEETS,

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION AND CHANGES IN DATES, TIMES, ETC. !!

NEW OWNERS AND FIRST-TIME RENTERS !!

"Hidden Valley Ranch Welcome Packets" are now available at the association office. Please stop by during business hours to fill out appropriate information forms (including age verification) and pick up your packet. It contains important information about Hidden Valley Ranch plus gifts and other things.

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2010-2011 BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

Biscuits/Gravy (9:00 a.m.) 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4
Sausage/Eggs (7:30 a.m.) 12/17, 1/21, 2/18, 3/18
Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11

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2011 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

January 3 Susan Hudson
January 10 John Sager
January 17 Cindy Renee's Company
January 25 Auntie Kreamsangen
January 31 The Link Family
February 7 Dean Cato
February 14 The Jennifer Show
February 21 Alaska String Band
February 28 Kerry Christensen
March 7 One More Time

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2010-2011 DANCE SCHEDULE

December 4 Sweetwater
December 18 Jealous Heart
December 31* Ken Thompson
January 15 Swing Street Band
January 29 Ken Thompson
February 12 Sweetwater
February 26 Renaissance Rockers
March 12 Jealous Heart
March 26 Sweetwater

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. No table reservations -- first come, first served.

*Reservations are required for the New Year's Eve Dance. Tickets will go on sale at 10:00 a.m. on

December 18. Seating is limited so make plans with your friends early !!

MISSION AREA PARKS CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

December 3 Oleander Acres
December 16 Sleepy Valley
January 4 Wagon City North
January 20 Hidden Valley
February 4 Wagon City North
February 17 Bentsen Palm
March 4 Trade Winds
March 18 Mission Bell

Sign-up begins at 1:30 p.m. Play begins at 2:00 p.m.
You will need a partner. Questions? Contact Joe
Roberts, Mission Area Cribbage Coordinator, 583-2852.

2010-2011 SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

December 4 (9:00 a.m.) HVR Informational Meeting
December 16 (10:00 a.m.) Hearing Aid Clinic
January 5 (12:00 p.m.) Bridge Tournament
January 20 (12:00 p.m.) Cribbage Tournament
January 27 (4:00 p.m.) Bike Club Chicken Dinner
February 9 (10:00 a.m.) Hearing Aid Clinic
February 13 (2:00 p.m.) Golf Cart Race
February 16 (11:00 a.m.) Ladies Luncheon
February 22 (4:00 p.m.) Steak Dinner
February 26 HVR Annual Golf Tournament
March 4 (4:00 p.m.) Spaghetti Pie Dinner
March 5 (2:00 p.m.) Park Picnic
March 20 Six Park Ladies Golf Luncheon

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H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 13, 2010

Due to lack of a quorum, no business of the association
was conducted. Number of members present 237;
members required for a quorum 285. A town hall forum
was held and several announcements were made.

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H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

November 2, 2010

General announcements and information:

>>Jim Reiland reported that he had visited with the park
attorney regarding security in the park. Mr. Ochoa said
to announce that that board has not authorized anyone
to carry a firearm and that the board and/or the
membership is not liable for anyone that does;

>>The trailer is to be used for hauling cans only and can-
not be taken off the premises for any other reason as it
would be in violation of H.V.R. covenants; the rules
committee is currently working on the matter;

>>Bill Anderson presented the Board with some parlia-
mentary rules for board and general membership meet-
ings;

>>Bill Anderson explained the difference between
standing committees and special committees;

>>Al Schottschneider will again serve as the Nomina-
tions and Elections Committee;

>>Will talk with Ken Sutter regarding the purchase of a
new air compressor;

>>Jim Reiland will check into obtaining a new Notary
Public for the park;

>>Harold Weisinger will open the Clubhouse at 6:00 a.m.
rather than 7:00 a.m.;

>>A bid has been received to clean, strip and wax the
Clubhouse floor; will visit with the cleaning people and
review their contract first;

>>Pest control and insurance businesses want to come
to a park meeting to make presentations; it was decided
not to allow this and that they could rent the hall at a
cost of \$25.00 to make such presentations;

>>Joe Roberts announced that he had put up a sheet for
volunteers to clean the hall tables;

>>Joe Roberts will look into putting brick around the
archway of storage shed where the chairs are kept and
put in glass blocks for more light.

Motions made, seconded and carried:

>>To hire Dick Grissom to mow the Clubhouse lawn at a
cost of \$70.00 per mowing;

>>To do the boulevard palm trees at a cost of \$20.00
each and do them again in the summer;

>>To purchase more carriers for the hall tables.

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H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

November 12, 2010

General announcements and information:

>>A volunteer is needed to assume the duties of the
H.V.R. notary public;

>>Ken Sutter will investigate the possibility of installing a
remote control system for the thermostats;

>>Samples of folding chairs will be available for viewing
at the December general membership meeting;

>>Arnie Vega from AV Roofing Co. made a presentation
on a solution for the Recreation Hall roof; additional bids
are being sought;

>>Al Schottschneider will again serve as Elections
Committee Chairperson and he will post the rules and
regulations for this year's election;

>>Security information has been sought based on the issues faced by H.V.R. this past summer;
>>A larger air compressor is being purchased this week;
>>Copies of proposed bylaw amendments and proposed special rules of order was distributed to the Board;
>>The meeting was suspended at 10:05 a.m. to go into executive session at 10:15 a.m.

Motions made, seconded and carried:

>>To approved the 2011 budget;
>>To approve the 2011 annual dues assessment at \$300.00
>>To approve the cleaning and waxing of the Recreation Hall floors at a cost of \$2,378.94 and to close the entire building and annex on November 26th and 27th.

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**H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

November 19, 2010

General announcements and information:

>>To form a committee to check into the possibility of having coffee available in the clubhouse;
>>Discussion was held regarding the possibility of having large trash receptacles rather than individual trash bags; it was decided that it would be cheaper to continue with the individual trash bags;
>>Discussion regarding the transaction of business by the Architectural Committee when adequate members are not available to make appropriate decisions;

Motions made, seconded and carried:

>>To start cleanup and lock the hall at 7:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving evening in preparation for the cleaning and waxing of the floor by the janitorial staff;
>>To have two volunteers, Ruth Sutter and Edith Baltzell, designated as notaries public and to pay any expenses involved therewith;
>>To investigate the possibility of purchasing a new computer for the office in order to allow networking between the two office computers;
>>To support the Heart Rangers monetarily for certification of new members and recertification of present members.

NOTICE !! NORCOLD RECALL !!

<ALL> 1200 Series

This recall supercedes all previous Norcold recalls.

REMINDER !!

Informational Meeting

Regarding Proposed Bylaw Amendments
and Proposed Special Rules of Order
Saturday, December 4, 9:00 a.m.

**NOTICE
TO
MEMBERS OF HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

In accordance with ARTICLE XI, AMENDMENTS, Section 1, Power of Members to Amend Bylaws, you are hereby notified that the following proposed bylaw amendments will be presented for approval at the December 11, 2010, general membership meeting of Hidden Valley Ranch Property Owners' Association.

(1)

CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE II, Members.

SECTION 1. Class of Members. The corporation shall have only one class of members. Persons are qualified for membership if they are owners in Hidden Valley Ranch either by Warranty Deed or Contract for Deed. In the event that more than two (2) owners are listed on the Warranty Deed or Contract for Deed, two persons must be designated for membership and only those two persons shall be eligible to vote.

CHANGE: Omit in its entirety and substitute the following therefor:

PROPOSED BYLAW:

ARTICLE II, Members.

SECTION 1. Class of Members. The corporation shall have only one class of members. Membership is restricted to persons who are owners of real property in Hidden Valley Ranch Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas, by Warranty Deed or Contract for Deed. (Underlined section indicates proposed change.)

REASON FOR CHANGE: To clarify the description of persons qualified for membership in Hidden Valley Ranch Property Owners' Association.

(2)

CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE III, List of Membership

SECTION 1. Membership List. A list of members who own one or more lots and whose assessments are fully paid shall constitute the membership of this property owners' association and only such members shall be eligible to vote. A member may have ownership rights either by Warranty Deed or Contract for Deed.

CHANGE: Omit in its entirety and submit the following therefor:

PROPOSED BYLAW:

ARTICLE III, Members in Good Standing

SECTION 1. Members in Good Standing. A member is in good standing and eligible to attend and vote at all association meetings if said member:

- a.) Is an owner of real property in Hidden Valley Ranch Subdivision; and
- b.) Has paid all annual dues assessments and special assessments as determined by the Hidden Valley Ranch Board of Directors; and
- c.) Has not been found to be in non-compliance of any covenant, stipulation or restriction of Hidden Valley Ranch Subdivision by the Board of Directors of Hidden Valley Ranch Property Owners' Association.

(Underlined section indicates proposed changes.)

REASON FOR CHANGE: To eliminate unnecessary and irrelevant language from the Bylaws and clarify the description of members in good standing.

(3)

CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE IV, Meeting of Members

SECTION 6. Voting Provisions. a. Each member may cast only one ballot. Members owning more than one lot shall have only one vote.

CHANGE: Omit in its entirety and substitute the following therefor:

PROPOSED BYLAW:

ARTICLE IV, Meeting of Members

SECTION 6. Voting Provisions. For voting purposes:

- a. Each lot shall be entitled to two (2) votes even if several lots are owned by the same individual member or members and all annual dues assessments and special assessments on each lot have been paid;
- b. If a lot is owned by more than two (2) persons, only two (2) of said lot owners may be designated to attend and vote at any regularly scheduled or special meeting of the association.
- c. An appropriate document furnished by the association office stating who shall be designated to vote shall be placed on file with the secretary of the association.
- d. An intent to change said designated persons must be submitted to the association office at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to any regularly scheduled or special meeting of the association to allow adequate time to make said changes prior to associa-

tion meetings.

(Underlined section indicates proposed changes.)

REASON FOR CHANGE: To set out appropriate language to comply with the laws of the State of Texas.

(4)

CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE IV. Meeting of Members.

SECTION 1. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the members shall be held at the recreation hall of Hidden Valley Ranch, Inc., 7600 Long Drive, Mission, Texas, on the second Saturday of January, beginning in 1999, and each successive year thereafter at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of electing officers and directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If the election shall not be held on the date designated herein for any reason or an adjournment thereof be necessary, then the officers and directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as conveniently possible. Voting for election of officers and directors at the annual meeting shall be by paper ballot. A ballot box shall be provided by the nominating committee and all ballots shall be deposited in the box following adjournment of the meeting. Results of the tabulation of votes shall be posted in the recreation hall no later than four (4) hours following the annual meeting.

CHANGE: Add the following: Officers/directors shall assume the office to which they are elected effective February 1 of the current year.

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REASON FOR CHANGE: To allow adequate time for proper orientation and to facilitate a smooth transition for newly-elected officers/directors.

(5)

CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE VI. Duties of Officers/Board Members.

SECTION 3. Treasurer. The treasurer shall have custody and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation, responsible for filing of necessary tax forms, receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever and deposit all such sums of monies in the name of the corporation in such banks as shall be selected by the officers/directors, and, in general, perform all of the duties incident to the office of the treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the president or the officers/directors. The treasurer shall provide a monthly income and expense report at the monthly general membership meeting. All reports and records shall be available for inspection by any member by appointment. The treasurer shall be required to be bonded by a surety company and this expense shall be borne by the corporation.

CHANGE: Add the following: The treasurer shall have the option to appoint a member in good standing of the association to serve as assistant treasurer to assist in the duties and responsibilities of the treasurer. Said assistant treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, but shall not have voting rights. The position will expire at the end of the appointing treasurer's term.

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meetings of the Board of Directors, but shall not have voting rights. The position of assistant treasurer will expire at the same time that the treasurer's term of office expires. (Underlined section indicates proposed change.)

REASON FOR CHANGE: To allow the treasurer to have the option of appointing a member of the association to assist in the day-to-day handling and completion of the association financial business.

(6)

CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE VI, Duties of Officers/Board Members.

SECTION 4. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members of the officers/directors and of the general membership meetings in one or more books provided for the purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law and maintain a copy of all corporation resolutions; and shall serve as custodian of the corporation records and of the seal of the corporation, and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation under its seal is duly authorized, in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws. The secretary shall keep a register of the post office address of each member which shall be furnished to the secretary by such members and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the secretary and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him/her by the president or officers/directors. All reports submitted for approved activities shall be provided to the secretary in writing after reporting these activities at the general or officers/directors meetings. The secretary shall read a synopsis of the minutes of the previous meeting at the beginning of each meeting. Minutes and reports shall be available to any member for inspection upon appointment.

CHANGE: Add the following: The secretary shall have the option to appoint a member in good standing of the association to serve as assistant secretary to assist in the duties and responsibilities of the secretary. Said assistant secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, but shall not have voting rights. The position shall expire at the end of the appointing secretary's term.

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REASON FOR CHANGE: To allow the secretary to have the option of appointing a member of the association to assist in the operation of the association business office and the day-to-day handling and completion of the association business.

(7)

CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE VII. Committees.

SECTION 1. Committee of Directors. The officers/directors by resolution adopted by a majority of the officers/directors in office, may designate one or more committees, each of which shall constitute one or more directors, which committee to the extent provided in said resolution shall have exercise the authority of the officers/directors in the management of the corporation; but the designation of such committees and delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the officers/directors or any individual officer/director of any responsibility imposed on him/her by law.

CHANGE: Omit in its entirety and substitute the following therefor:

ARTICLE VII. Committees.

SECTION. 1. Appointment of Committee Chairpersons. The president of the association shall have the authority to appoint the chairperson of all committees, but shall obtain the approval of all such appointments by a majority of the Board of Directors at a regular or special

board meeting where a quorum is present. Said appointments shall continue as such until his/her successor is appointed, unless the committee shall sooner be terminated, or unless such chairperson be removed from such committee, or unless such chairperson shall cease to qualify as a member of the association. Each chairperson shall exercise the authority of the officers/directors in the management of the association, but the designation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the officers/directors or any individual officer/director of any responsibility imposed on him/her by law.

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REASON FOR CHANGE: To clarify the authority of the association president to appoint committee chairpersons and to allow for approval by a majority of the Board of Directors, as well as provide appropriate guidelines for persons serving as committee chairpersons.

(8)

CURRENT BYLAW:

ARTICLE VII. Committees.

SECTION 2. Other Committees. Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the officers/directors in the management of the corporation may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the officers/directors present at the meeting at which a quorum is present. Except as otherwise provided in such resolution, members of each committee shall be members of the corporation and the president of the corporation shall appoint the members thereof. Any member thereof may be removed by the person or persons authorized to appoint such member whenever in their judgment the best interest of the corporation shall be served by any such removal.

CHANGE: Omit in its entirety and substitute the following therefor:

ARTICLE VII. Committees.

SECTION 2. Appointment of Committee Members. The committee chairperson shall have the authority to appoint an appropriate number of committee members to allow the committee to function at optimum efficiency. The members so appointed must be members in good standing of the association. Any member thereof may be removed by the person authorized to appoint such member whenever in their judgment the best interest of the association shall be served by such removal. Said chairpersons shall make a report at least monthly on the activities of such committee to his/her liaison on the Board of Directors on a monthly basis so that the liaison can report directly to the Board of Directors and shall attend meetings of the Board of Directors when requested to do.

PROPOSED BYLAW:

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REASON FOR CHANGE: To allow committee chairpersons the authority to obtain the best persons available to perform the duties and responsibilities assigned to association committees and to maintain the integrity of the committee as a whole.

**NOTICE
TO
MEMBERS OF HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

You are hereby notified that the following proposed special rules will be presented for approval at the December 4, 2010, general membership meeting of Hidden Valley Ranch Property Owners' Association.

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS'

ASSOCIATION

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SECTION C

Committees

Par. 1. Standing committees are those committees required to serve a perpetual and continuing function for the association. Special committees are those committees created by the H.V.R.P.O.A. Board of Directors to handle the day-to-day operation of the association.

Par. 2. H.V.R.P.O.A. standing committees shall consist of the following: Alternate Dispute Committee, Architectural Committee, Credentials Committee, Finance and Budget Committee, Maintenance Committee, Elections Committee, Newsletter Committee, Rules Committee and Security Committee.

Par. 3. H.V.R.P.O.A. special committees shall consist of the following: Activity Coordination Committee, Audio Committee, Bingo Committee, Bulletin Board Committee, Craft Show Committee, Dance Committee, Decorations Committee, Deed Restrictions Enforcement Committee, Entertainment Committee, Inventory Committee, Kitchen Committee, Library Committee, Long-Range Planning Committee, Pool Hall Committee, Swimming Pool Committee and Winter Texan Activities Association (W.T.A.A.) Committee.

Par. 3. The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the president in accordance with Article VII, Committees, Section 1, of the H.V.R.P.O.A. Bylaws and shall serve in accordance with the provisions of said section.

Par. 4. Committee members shall be appointed by the committee chairperson in accordance with Article VII, Committees, Section 2 of the H.V.R.P.O.A. Bylaws and shall serve in accordance with the provisions of said section.

Par. 5. In the event a special committee is created by the Board of Directors to address and/or investigate a specific matter or issue, the same requirements shall be followed as set out in Article VII, Committees, Section 1 and 2; when disposition of the matter or issue under consideration has been determined and completed, the responsibilities of the committee are automatically discharged.

Par. 6. The duties and responsibilities of the standing and special committees shall be as follows:

a. (Standing) Alternate Dispute Committee: Receive and handle all matters regarding the H.V.R.P.O.A. Covenants, Stipulations and Restrictions which govern the use of the real property in the Hidden Valley Ranch Subdivision.

b. (Standing) Architectural Committee: Receive and handle all matters regarding development and/or improvement of the real property in Hidden Valley Ranch Subdivision in accordance with the Covenants, Stipulations and Restrictions as recorded with the Office of the Hidalgo County Clerk.

c. (Standing) Credentials Committee: Obtain appropriate membership list from the association secretary or treasurer prior to each general membership meeting in order to determine the eligibility of members to vote at said meetings; set up appropriate check-in procedures in accordance with H.V.R.P.O.A. Standing Rules, Section II; prepare and present to the association president a tally sheet indicating the number of members in attendance and the number of members required to be in attendance to establish a quorum for the legal transaction of business by the association.

d. (Standing) Elections Committee: Conduct the annual election of officers and directors of the association in accordance with H.V.R.P.O.A. Standing Rules, Section IV.

e. (Standing) Finance and Budget Committee: Assist the association treasurer in the preparation of the annual budget and such other duties as assigned by the treasurer.

f. (Standing) Maintenance Committee: Maintain the association in good repair in accordance with established standards including the Clubhouse, grounds surrounding the Clubhouse, the parking areas and the boulevard on Long Drive; and maintain proper records of all major and minor repairs made to the property.

g. (Standing) Newsletter Committee: Create and distribute the monthly newsletter, including, but not limited to, notice of general or special membership meetings, notice of regular or special board of directors meetings, proxy procedures, absentee ballot procedures, synopsis of minutes of previous month's meeting, proposed bylaw amendments, proposed standing rules, committee reports, announcements regarding important information, articles of interest, entertainment and letters of thanks.

h. (Standing) Rules Committee: Review H.V.R.P.O.A. Bylaws, Standing Rules and Hidden Valley Ranch

Subdivision Covenants, Stipulations and Restrictions on an annual basis to determine the need for amendments thereto; prepare necessary amendments for approval by the H.V.R.P.O.A. Board of Directors; give notice of said amendments in accordance with said bylaws, standing rules or covenants, stipulations and restrictions in accordance with rules governing said proposed amendments.

i. (Standing) Security Committee: Determine Hidden Valley Ranch security requirements on an annual basis and make recommendations to the general membership regarding same.

j. (Special) Activity Coordination Committee: Direct all inquiries regarding proposed activities to the appropriate activity chairman and maintain an activity scheduling book in order to prevent scheduling of more than one activity in a specific area.

k. (Special) Audio Committee: Maintain the Clubhouse audio equipment in proper working condition in order to facilitate use by association members.

l. (Special) Bingo Committee: Set up rules and procedures for the proper conduct of bingo games in the Recreation Hall in compliance with all state rules and regulations governing bingo games.

m. (Special) Bulletin Board Committee: Maintain all bulletin boards in the Clubhouse, except those bulletin boards located in the Pool Hall, to provide information regarding all association activities.

n. (Special) Craft Show Committee: Make all arrangements to hold a craft show when required, including booking of vendors, setting up of tables and/or displays, collecting table rental charges, account for all monies expended and received to the association treasurer and make necessary arrangements to have coffee and donuts and a lunch prepared for purchase by attendees.

o. (Special) Dance Committee: Make all arrangements for appropriate musicians to play for dances, set up adequate seating and tables for attendees, and collect and account for all monies received to the association treasurer.

p. (Special) Decorations Committee: Decorate the Recreation Hall for all appropriate holidays and events.

q. (Special) Deed Restriction Enforcement Committee: Determine covenant violations and notify members by letter of their non-compliance of said covenants, and enforce all provisions of the Hidden Valley Ranch Covenants, Stipulations and Restrictions in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations.

r. (Special) Entertainment Committee: Make all arrangements for appropriate entertainment, set up adequate seating for attendees, and collect and account for all monies received to the association treasurer.

s. (Special) Kitchen Committee: Maintain the Clubhouse kitchen in a clean and orderly kitchen in accordance with all required local and state laws, maintain a property inventory of dishes, silverware, knives, utensils, pots and pans, baking pans, griddles, large containers, coffee pots and dish cloths and dish towels and request any equipment that needs to be replaced or repaired.

t. (Special) Inventory Committee: Take an inventory annually of all equipment in the Clubhouse to determine loss, possible theft or need for replacement of certain items.

u. (Special) Library Committee: Check in all books and other materials, place ownership stamp on all new donations and replace all books in appropriate place when returned by users.

v. (Special) Long-Range Planning Committee: Determine possible future repairs and maintenance items to the Recreation Hall, the adjacent buildings, the swimming pool, the shuffleboard courts and other public grounds around the Clubhouse and attempt to determine possible future costs of making said repairs and/or necessary replacements.

w. (Special) Pool Hall Committee: Maintain the pool hall in a clean and orderly manner, schedule all practice and tournament play as required and determine all necessary repairs or replacements needed to facilitate the operation of said pool hall.

x. (Special) Swimming Pool Committee: Maintain the swimming pool and hot tub in a clean and appropriate manner in regard to required temperatures and chemicals and determine all necessary repairs or replacement of equipment to facilitate full use of said swimming pool.

y. (Special) W.T.A.A. Committee: Attend meetings scheduled by the Winter Texan Activities Association and report to the membership all matters of importance or interest including details and specific information.

SECTION D **Elections**

Par. 1. The president of the association shall appoint a chairperson of the Elections Committee no later than November 15 in accordance with the provisions of

ARTICLE VII, Committees, SECTION 1 of the H.V.R.P.O.A. Bylaws.

Par. 2. Said chairperson shall appoint committee members as soon as practicable in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE VII, Committees, Section 2. The chairperson shall then post a notice in the H.V.R.P.O.A. Clubhouse no later than November 20 that association members in good standing who wish to run for office at the January annual meeting should indicate his/her intention to do so by letter or email to the chairperson of the Elections Committee. Intentions to run for office must be received by 5:00 p.m. at least ten (10) days prior to the regular December meeting.

Par. 3. Prospective candidates for the office of president shall have served on the Board of Directors for at least one (1) year.

Par. 4. Prospective candidates for all offices shall be required to be residents of Hidden Valley Ranch Subdivision and shall be a member in good standing.

Par. 5. Prospective candidates shall complete the Candidate Biography form available from the association business office setting out their personal information and stating why they wish to serve on the H.V.R.P.O.A. Board of Directors. All Candidate Biography forms shall be posted no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the day of the regular December meeting.

Par. 6. The chairperson shall announce the slate of officers at the regular December meeting and introduce each candidate individually. The president shall then call for nominations from the floor for each office open. After nominations have been received for each office open, the president shall declare that nominations are closed and that no further nominations will be accepted nor will nominations be accepted from the floor at the January meeting.

Par. 6. The chairperson shall schedule a "Meet the Candidates" forum for the first Saturday in January, make all necessary arrangements in regard thereto and serve as moderator at said forum. Candidates should make every effort to be available to introduce themselves, state their position on Hidden Valley Ranch issues and answer questions directed to them by attendees.

Par. 6. Candidates may distribute within Hidden Valley Ranch written resumes regarding their candidacy with all costs to be covered by said candidate.

Par. 7. The offices of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall be determined by the candidate receiving the most votes. The necessary number of

directors shall be determined by the candidates receiving the most votes.

Par. 8. The newly-elected officers and directors shall assume their respective office effective on February 1 in

accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE V. Meeting of Members. Section 1 of the H.V.R.P.O.A. Bylaws.

Par. 9. The Election Committee shall be discharged of its duties following the conclusion of the "Meet the Candidates" forum.

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"A Different Christmas Poem"

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.

My wife as asleep, her head on my chest,
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.
Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.

The sparking lights in the tree I believe,
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.
My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,
But I opened my eyes when it tickled by ear.
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, then the
sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.
My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.

Standing out in the cold and dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.
A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,
Perhaps a Marine, huddled there in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out there!
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"
For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,
Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts.

To the window that danced with a warm fire's light
Then he signed and he said "It's really all right,
I'm out here by choice, I'm here every night.
It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,
That separates you from the darkest of times.

"No one had to ask or beg or implore me,

I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me,
My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December.
That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers.
My Dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam,
And now it is my turn and so, here I am.

"I've not seen my own son in more than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile."
Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag
The red, white and blue...an American flag.
"I can live through the cold and the being alone,
Away from my family, my house and my home.

"I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.
I can carry the weight of killing another,
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother,
Who stand at the front against any and all,
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,
Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."
"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,
Give you money", I asked, "or prepare you a feast?
It seems all too little for all that you've done,
For being away from your wife and your son."

Then in his eyes welled a tear that held no regret,
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,
To stand on your own watch, no matter how long.
For when we come home, either standing or dead,
To know you remember we fought and we bled.
Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us."

LCDR Jeff Giles, SC, USN
30th Naval Construction Regiment
OIC, Logistics Cell One
Al Taqqadum, Iraq

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FROM THE EDITOR --

Thanks to everyone who provided information for this issue of the "Hidden Highlights" and to Ray Fink, HVRPOA webmaster, for including it in Hidden Valley Ranch website. The position of newsletter editor is still open -- any volunteers?? Call me at 956/584-9115.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Sandi Kienast, Editor

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH 2010-11 "DAILY" ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
8:30a Coffee 9:00a Church 6:00p Dominoes 6:30p Pegs and Jokers SOME ACTIVITIES HAVE NOT YET STARTED -- CHECK THE CALENDAR IN THE CLUBHOUSE TO DETERMINE IF YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY HAS STARTED !! ALSO, CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARDS FOR ADDITIONAL DAILY ACTIVITIES. (*Indicates activity is held in the annex.)	8:00a Exercise/Dance 8:00a Water Aerobics 8:30a Ladies Golf 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Bike Club 9:00a Water Aerobics 9:00a Woodcarvers* 9:30a Line Dancing 12:30p Cribbage 1:00p Garbage Poker 1:00p Mahjong 1:00p Mixed Pool 6:00p BYOG 6:00p Elevens* 6:30p Mens Pool 7:00p BYOG 7:00p Up/Down the River 7:00p Entertainment	8:00a Exercise/Dance 8:00a Bicycle Club 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Architectural Committee Meeting 9:00a Painting* 9:00a Water Aerobics 9:30a Line Dancing 12:30p Crafters Club 12:30p May I? 1:00p Quilting 1:00p Garbage Poker* 1:00p Bridge 1:00p Water Volleyball 1:00p Mixed Pool 4:00p Potluck (1 st Tues.) 4:00p Wine and Cheese Social (3 rd Tuesday) 5:30p Poker* 6:00p Shanghai 6:00p & 7:00p BYOG 6:00p Elevens* 6:30p Sevens* 6:30p Ladies Pool	8:00a Exercise/Dance 8:00a Water Aerobics 8:30a Wisconsin Breakfast (3 rd Wednesday) 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Mens Pool 9:00p Creative Sewing 11:30a Purple Hatters 12:30p 'Gourd' Fun 12:30p Cribbage 12:30p Bunco (2 nd Wed.) 1:00p Mixed Pool 1:30p Crafts (Gourds) 3:30p Choir Practice 6:00p Poker* 6:00p Elevens* 6:30p Up/Down the River* 7:00p Bingo (Badges!) <u>PLEASE !! WEAR BADGES TO ALL PARK ACTIVITIES!!</u>
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
7:30a Nebraska Breakfast) 8:00a Clogging 9:00a Bowling 9:00a Ladies Pool 9:00a Water Aerobics 9:30a Line Dancing 12:00p Shanghai 12:30p Peter Piper Pizza (3 rd Thursday) 1:00p Water Volleyball 1:00p Pinochle* 1:00p Yahoo (3 rd Thursday time 1:30 p.m.) 3:30p Minnesota Dinner (1 st Thursday) 4:00p Heart Rangers (4 th Thursday) 5:30p Poker* 6:30p Elevens* 6:30p Euchre	7:30a Breakfast 8:00a Water Aerobics 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Board Meeting (2 nd & 4 th Friday) 10:30a Couple Golf 12:30p Stained Glass 1:00p Garbage Poker* 1:00p Bridge 1:00p Mixed Pool 6:00p Jam 6:00p Elevens* 6:30p Mens Pool 6:30p Shanghai*	10:00a Computer Club* 6:30p Dominoes (couples)	MONDAY: Trash Pick Up Propane Delivery WEDNESDAY: Propane Delivery FRIDAY: Propane Delivery OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 9:00-11:00 a.m. 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH "S-P-E-C-I-A-L" ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS !!</p>			1	2	3 9:00a Breakfast	4 9:00a Informa- tional Meeting 7:00p Dance "Sweetwater"
		7 4:00p Potluck	8	9	10 7:00a Breakfast 9:00a Board Meeting 11:00a Purple Hatters	11 9:00a General Membership Meeting
12	13	14 4:00p Wine and Cheese Social	15	16 12:30p Peter Piper Pizza 3:00p ClearDesign Hearing Aids	17 7:30a Breakfast	18 8:00a Craft Show 2:00p "Meet the Candidates" 7:00p Dance "Jealous Heart"
19	20	21	22	23	24 6:30p Candlelight Christmas Eve Service	25 1:00p Christmas Dinner
26	27	28			31 7:00a Dance "Ken Thompson" HAPPY NEW YEAR !!	