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HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
March 14th, 2015

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
9:00 a.m.

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 January 2015 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Officer and/or Committee Reports
Old Business
Approval of Bylaw Amendment
New Business

Announcements

*This is a proposed agenda and is subject to change. The newsletter is published prior to the first of each month, so it is not possible to have a complete agenda ready at the time of printing and distribution of this newsletter to members.

Proxy forms are available from the office during regular business hours or by mail or fax. Individual members may hold **ONLY ONE PROXY**. After completion of the proxy form, the office personnel will make an adequate number of copies to allow for a copy to be given to the office and the Credentials Desk at each meeting designated. Deliver the original and copies of the proxy form to the person named thereon.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Speed Limit: 15 m.p.h.

Clubhouse Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Activity Building Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

December through -March: Monday through
Friday

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Website: HVRPOA.com

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

It doesn't seem possible that the winter season is almost over. It seems to move faster the older we get.

Sincere thanks are extended to the committee chairs who have agreed to continue and to those members who have stepped up to fill vacated positions. Your service to Hidden Valley Ranch is very much appreciated.

The Beautification Committee headed up by Margie Ford has worked diligently to improve the appearance of the main building. Several more things are planned and will be accomplished as funds and assistance becomes available. Thanks to the committee members and the volunteers for their help so far.

As President of Hidden Valley Ranch it sometimes become necessary to make unfavorable decisions, but to maintain fairness and equal treatment for all of our members those decisions have to be made. The hope is that everyone understands why these decisions are made and are willing to be cooperative. Thank you.

Gary Kienast, HVR President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTING PROCEDURES

*Each developed lot is entitled to one (1) vote.

*Proxies will be accepted at any time prior to the opening of a meeting. *(Copies should be made prior to meeting.)*

*Absentee ballots will be accepted at any time prior to the opening of a meeting.

*Individual members may hold only one (1) proxy.

NEW INFORMATION CENTER

In an effort to keep the front counter open and more efficient for business, the monthly calendars, monthly newsletters and get well and sympathy cards have been moved to the left of the counter at the Information Center.

All resident forms, such as information changes, maintenance requests, etc., are located on the wall at the far end of the counter.

Activity Chairmen: For your convenience, card game score sheets and sign up sheets for all the various activities are located in a plastic file holder at the end of the bulletin board which is closest to the office counter.

TO NEW OWNERS AND RENTERS !

Please stop by the office to complete the forms required to update our database. Also, please bring your driver's license so that a copy can be made. H.V.R. is a 55+ senior housing community and is required to maintain adequate records regarding same. Also, any current owner who purchases additional properties should also report to the office to complete the required forms.

ADS FOR SALE OR RENT PROPERTIES

Postings of ads, "For Sale" or "For Rent" Properties in H V R are to be re-dated or re-written at least every 12 months. Therefore, any ads dated prior to January, 1, 2014 will be removed in February 2015. If you have, or know someone with an older valid ad on the board, please re-date the ad or make a new one. Due to space limitations, we must ask that ads be no larger than 1/2 sheet of paper. Larger ads may have to be removed if that space is needed.

**PROCEDURE TO BRING A MATTER BEFORE
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR GENERAL
ASSEMBLY**

In accordance with Special Rule of Order Section A, Board of Director Meetings, any member of the association wishing to bring an issue before the Board of Directors **MUST** present the request to the association president at least three **(3) days** prior to the meeting and Section B, General Membership Meetings, any member of the association wishing to bring an issue before the Board of Directors **MUST** present the request to the association president at least five **(5) days** prior to the meeting. Reason: To allow time to obtain all necessary information regarding the matter prior to discussion thereon.

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

NOTE: The new activity building is completed and ready for the members' use. Please check the bulletin board to see where specific activities have been scheduled. Your activity will *always* be held in the space indicated on the form. Changes? Contact the Activity Coordinator.

*****Groups that have held their activity on the same day(s) of the week each month (i.e., second Monday) at the same time and at the same place **DO NOT** have to submit annual paperwork; the activity will automatically be included on the new season's calendar.**

*****If a new chairperson has been named, the office should be notified immediately by submitting a Request for Activity Space form indicating the name and telephone number of the new chairperson.**

*****All proposed NEW activities or special events **MUST** be scheduled by the Activity Coordinator to ensure that conflicts do not arise. All NEW activities will be scheduled on a first-come first-served basis.**

CRIBBAGE [Mission Area Cribbage Schedule](#)

starts at 1:30. You will need a partner to play. No beginners please! Cost is \$2 per person.

For information, call **Joe Roberts @ 583-2852**

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Website: HVRPOA.com

Webmaster: Ray Fink

Telephone: 402/733-8972

The website contains HVR bylaws, covenants, daily activities list, special activities and events, notices, property for sale or rent, pictures of park activities and the monthly newsletter "Hidden Highlights", plus lots of other information pertinent to the park.

All forms may be obtained from the website except the new owner proof of age form and the rent proof of age form; they must be completed at the front office desk. Don't forget to bring your driver's license!

If you are not getting e-mails from HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH there are two reasons why. First - you may have an incorrect email address in the park directory. If that is true submit a change to the office so it gets in the new directory coming out in 2015.

Second - Check your junk mail or spam mail in your email reader. If you find HVR email in either folder you will have to create a filter so that it appears in your inbox.

Also if you change your e-mail address you may go to HVRPOA.COM and click on EMAIL LIST and change your email address. If you do that make sure you send a notice to the office so it gets in the new directory.

If you have questions please call Ray Fink 402-733-8972 or email Webmaster@hvrpoa.com"

BREAKFAST

We really appreciate the residents coming out to participate in our breakfasts. The turnouts have been great. **Thanks so much for signing up.** It really made a difference, So, please sign up, and bring your own table service. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Breakfast Crew.



Congratulations to Karen Eck on her recent achievement. She took second place in the machine-quilted bed quilt category at the Mission Quilt Show for her entry titled "New Dawn Blue Print".

Congratulations to Wanda McGill and Sharon Bergman who recently won third place in the WTAA womens 8-ball tournament. Thanks for representing H.V.R. so well!

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

The Architectural Committee meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to make exterior changes to their property, i.e. awnings (free-standing or attached (all sizes) including percolas and gazebos), decks and handicap ramps should obtain a questionnaire packet from the business office which sets out all the rules and regulations. Members should be available to answer any questions the committee may have.

Also, requirements are posted on the bulletin board closest to the outer office. If you now have a patio and wish to enclose it, you will need a permit from the county. Anytime concrete and/or framing are planned, **YOU WILL NEED A PERMIT.**

HEART RANGERS

Heart Ranger Information:

Heart Rangers are a group of residents that volunteer their time and talents to assist any one in need when there is a medical emergency. There is NO charge for this service.

What do Heart Rangers do?

- Give immediate response to person in need. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 - Have C.P. R. training and also Defibulator training.
- Have a limited supply of emergency equipment with them at the time of call.
- Will go to the gate and assist with getting ambulance, police etc. to your home.
 - Assist with getting File of Life, medications to take with, and insurance information.
- Assist getting family to hospital.
 - Assist with locking up home. Contacting neighbors etc. at family request.
- Assist in any way family asks, at time of need.

HOW DO I CONTACT HEART RANGERS?

Either dial 911 and then Heart Rangers, or follow as written below.

1. Dial: **956-213-3002** (When voice prompt ends continue)
2. Enter your **LOT NUMBER** (HVR LOT NUMBER)
3. Hang up
4. Dial **911.** (You are in Hidden Valley Ranch off Western Road in Mission.)
5. Give the 911 operator your address and lot number.

***The next Heart Ranger Meeting is 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Meet in back of the main hall.**

Questions? Concerns?

Call: Sharon Radl 320-232-9874

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Several changes have been made to the hall bulletin boards in an effort to make them more attractive and more informative. Anyone having items to be posted should place them in the box at the east end of the bulletin board and they will be posted in the appropriate area by the bulletin board chairman.

NOTICE: The Beautification Committee is planning to hold a rummage sale in the fall to raise funds to complete the beautification of the hall. Items in the clubhouse that are no longer used will be included and members are asked to donate items that they no longer use. All types of items will be accepted and appreciated. We want to say thank you to each volunteer that assisted the Beautification Committee by giving your free time and sharing your positive attitude towards this much needed hall face lift. You sure did make our jobs so much easier. Thanks again and job well done!

Your Beautification Committee
P.S., This is just the beginning ☺

TOURS

On **Saturday April 11th** a McAllen Trolley Tour starting at the Palm View Community Center located at 3401 Jordan Rd, McAllen (across from he Elks). We will be departing at **9 AM sharp**. Discover McAllen's rich and cultural heritage on a bus tour of historic sites and landmarks throughout the heart of the city. Cost is \$7.00 per person. HVR already has 25 of the 32 available seats reserved and paid for. Call McAllen Parks & Recreation at (956) 681-3333 if interested in any of the remaining seats.

On **Tuesday, April 14**, a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Tour at **8:30 am** located at: 1420 E. Expressway 83, McAllen. For just **\$1.00 per person**, xperience the behind-the-scenes tour, receive a glazed or chocolate iced doughnut and either a sprite or Hi-C fruit punch upon our completion. A sign-up sheet at the clubhouse for the first 50 interested persons.

On **Sunday, April 19th at 10:00 am** a dedication of the Patrick Henry Statue at the Veterans War Memorial of Texas located at 29th St & Galveston in McAllen (front east side of the McAllen Convention Center). April 19th is the 240 anniversary of the beginning of the American Revolution in which first shots were fired during the battles of Concord and Lexington. The Veterans War Memorial of Texas stands in honor of the 1.3 million Americans killed or missing in all the wars and conflicts of the nation.

On **Thursday, April 30th** an STC Production "The Highest Heaven" at 8:00 pm located at 3201 W. Pecan Blvd, McAllen. Cost is **\$3.00** "The Highest Heaven " is a heartfelt story of a young boy named Huracan, one of the thousands forced to return to Mexico during America's Great Depression. A sign-up sheet at the clubhouse with **RSVP and payment due by 3/27/15** to: Barbara Frantz at 2203 Lost Greens Drive.

On **Sunday. May 3rd**, UTPA Production "True West" at 2 PM in the Albert Jeffers Theatre located at 1201 W. University Drive, Edinburg. (Corner of Sugar Rd & University Drive- UTPA STUDENT PARKLING LOT B FOR PARKING.) "True West" is about a sibling rivalry between two estranged brothers, one a screenwriter and the other one a thief, who have reconnected. Cost is **\$11.00**. A sign-up sheet at the clubhouse with **RSVP and payment due by 3/27/15** to : Barbara Frantz 2203 Lost Greens Drive.

March Special Events - add the following

(Sun) March 8 UTPA Production
"EVITA" (2 PM)
(Mon) March 23 Excalibar Bar &
Grill (4 PM)

CRAFTERS CORNER

Show & Tell – March 3 from 12:30 – 1:30 (1 hour only)

Come see what your talented crafters and stained glass folks have been working on this season. Also, see what projects are being considered for next seasons

Crafters will continue to meet at least through the end of March, each Tuesday from 12:30 – 2:30 in the Hall Room

Reminder if you intend to make a lapghan to be donated from HVR they will be needed by mid November. Contact Judy Decker, Chairperson 570-419-8254, of your intent so your name can be added to the list

A special thanks to all my crafter friends who filled in for me while I was totally out of it with whatever it was I had. I appreciate you so very much. Couldn't have done it without you. Judy Hamilton

Computer Club

The Hidden Valley Ranch Computer Club will meet Sat Feb 28th at 10:00 AM in the Activity Bldg. We are going to demonstrate how to use SKYPE. SKYPE is a program that you can video chat with your family and friends. All are invited to attend. If you have a friend from another park, invite them to join us. Ray Fink

J'EVER NOTICE... by J. Constable

J'EVER NOTICE... the beautiful sunsets over our Park, especially on a partly cloudy day? If not, make more of an effort to step outside just before dusk and CHECK OUT God's handiwork.

J'EVER NOTICE... the "wine tree" on Eagle Drive? It's perpetually "in bloom", with its various colored blossoms that remarkably resemble bottle shapes! No doubt the Park sommeliers

are keeping their eyes on those blossoms, hoping to see if they start filling out (or should I say up)!

J'EVER NOTICE... when you are playing SEVENS (where you need three of a kind to lay them down) and you currently have only two pairs in your hand, that it doesn't matter which pair you break up to provide a discard card, THAT'S the one you'll draw a match for on your next turn? Uncanny!

J'EVER NOTICE... the cactus hedge across the street from lot 404? It's a solid wall of spikes that no intruder would want to climb over! The shorter plants at one end (which are replacements for the ones that were killed off in the freeze a few years ago) are quickly catching up in size to the others.

J'EVER NOTICE... you can almost set your watch by the propane truck working its way through the Park Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays? On my street (Bogey), it's at 8:20 am, plus or minus 5 minutes. Hats off to the Winter Texan driver who has been providing the dependable service on the same route for many seasonal years!

J'EVER NOTICE... how many different sizes, shapes, and shades of bricks are represented by the various houses on Fairway Blvd? It makes for an interesting walk down the street just trying to pick a favorite brick. The variety on this street just adds to the Park's charm! Hods off to the brick-layers! (Hmmm, did anyone get the pun in that last sentence??)

J'EVER NOTICE things, too? Give me ideas/tips! (Lot 222).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am perplexed as to why the vote on lowering the quorum failed.

This is what I understand.

This park does business November, December, January February, and March. If we do not have a quorum we can not conduct business.

This means....that the board has wasted a lot of time and efforts preparing an agenda.

This means,,,,those of us who got up, dressed and got to the hall have also wasted our time and our efforts.

We could not conduct business November and December because we did not have a quorum.

We do not conduct park business during the other 7 months according to our by laws.

Copies of our by laws are available on line or in the office.

The other 7 months when some of us are gone, only emergency bills and standard utilities can be paid.

And bills over a certain amount require a conference call board meeting for approval.

Please tell me what you don't understand, as I feel that lowering the quorum will help our park conduct business for the five months that we conduct

business. **Please try to show up for the last meeting of the season so we can conduct business.**

Sincerely, Ralph E Sanders

FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to the people who contribute information. Thank you to the people who volunteered to help me.

Note: Any **member** wishing to submit a report, announcement, article or other information, including notes of thanks, should prepare same and submit to the editor at vera.ludwigsen@yahoo.com or 262/844-5869

Thank

You

Thank you to all the volunteers. Your contributions are numerous and certainly appreciated by many of our residents.

I do have 2 concerns.

One is the low number of people who do volunteer.

We figure 800 people live here and about 150 volunteer. Without volunteers, there would be no activities.

If we had to hire outsiders to conduct our activities, would our yearly dues remain \$300?

The second concern has to do with maintaining leadership of committees

Some people volunteer to lead the same activities for many years. Wonderful, they are certainly to be applauded.

If at all possible, please do not quit after one year, we need your leadership to continue growth.

If you can not continue as the leader, please be a helper to the new volunteer leader of that activity.

Again, sincere thanks