

“HIDDEN HIGHLIGHTS”

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to run for the open positions on the Board of Directors and congratulations to those who will be working for the membership for the next two years.

The new chairs have arrived and what a difference they make in the main hall! Lucy Cagler did a great job in her research to obtain the best chairs possible for the hall and in negotiating with the vendors. Thanks, Lucy!

Our social activities are in full swing and many activities are planned for February. More volunteers are needed and encouraged to put on social meals and events. We need to continue building our financial reserves to handle possible required expenditures during the next few years.

Thank you for your trust and confidence in me as your president for the next two years. I promise to work hand in hand with the Board of Directors as well as association members to promote an atmosphere of cooperation and harmony in our park.

Jim Reiland,
President

HVR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 12, 2011 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 January Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Officer and/or Committee Reports:

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 hours or by mail or fax. After completing the proxy form take it to the business office at least 24 hours prior to the January meeting. The office personnel will make an adequate number of copies -- one for the office records as well as enough copies so a copy can be given to the Credentials Desk at each meeting. Then deliver the original and all copies of the proxy form to the person named thereon. Individual members may hold only four (4) proxies each.

IMPORTANT !! FOR YOUR INFORMATION !!

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 investigated before consideration and/or action by the board.

ATTENTION !! NEW OWNERS AND FIRST-TIME RENTERS

The HVR "Welcome" packets are available at the H.V.R. association office. Please stop by during business hours to pick up yours. It contains important information about Hidden Valley Ranch plus gifts and other things. Also, if you have not already done so, please stop by the association office and complete the required forms, including proof of age 55, which is required by the Federal government as we are a 55+ senior housing community.

IMPORTANT HVR INFORMATION

H.V.R. Telephone Number: 956/580-4478

H.V.R. Fax Number: 956/580-4477

H.V.R. Email Address: hvr78572@yahoo.com

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH WEBSITE: HVRPOA.com

Webmaster: Ray Fink
(402/733-8972)

Contains HVR bylaws, covenants, daily activities, special activities, "Hidden Highlights" newsletters, 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 other information that has been added to the website.

The "Hidden Highlights" newsletter will also 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 members and/or renters who do not have a computer.

NEW !! H.V.R. members can now list their own property for sale or for rent. The capability is there to add, update and delete a listing.

Simply double click the heading "Sale or Rent" on the Home page. After the information has been entered, click on "New", "Update" or "Delete".

To copy the listing to post on the bulletin board, simply cut and past to the word processor and print. To see all the listings, click on Sale or Rent and

all listings will appear.

The following office forms are available on the website at HVRPOA.com:

- >Concerns and Suggestions;
 - >CURRENT Property Owner Information;
 - >Emergency Medical Information;
 - >Guidelines and Request for Scheduling Use of Hall;
 - >Heart Rangers Emergency Information;
 - >Rules Governing Improvements to Property;
 - >Summer Lot Cleanup Information;
 - >HVR Talent Information;
 - >Uniform Incident Information.
- After completion of any of these forms, please submit to the office for processing.

FORMS THAT MUST BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE:

- >NEW Property Owner Information;
- >Proxy Form;
- >Resident Age Verification;
- >Renter Information;
- >Renter Age Verification;
- >Work Order Request

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

January 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order with 359 members present; number required for a quorum was 261.

The treasurer's report as of December 31, 2010, was read by Tom Forbish as follows: Checking account balance \$113,254; operating account balance (which includes prepaid assessments) \$93,000; money market reserve account balance \$103,658; total 2010 income \$163,862; total 2010 expenses \$116,745; 2010 net income \$16,145. He also reported that \$20,000, which had been designated for improvement of the property north of the clubhouse, had been carried forward.

Jim Reiland thanked George Grothe and Harold Wissinger for their service in opening and closing the clubhouse and requested new volunteers for this duty. Ken Ludwigsen reported on the continuing vandalism occurring in the clubhouse.

John Crawford, Heart Rangers Chair, reported that 21 medical emergencies and four false alarms had been answered during 2010 and two so far in 2011. They are still looking for new volunteers and will hold training classes on January 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The candidates for office were introduced by Al Schottschneider, Nominations Chairman. Members were then asked by President Drescher to mark their ballots.

Tom Forbish gave a report regarding the financial position in relation to the purchase of chairs for the clubhouse and the roofing project. Members were then asked by President Drescher to mark their ballots.

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The following announcements were made:

>>>Linda Salma announced that member photos would be taken on January 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a park pictorial directory;

>>>Libby Steen advised that walking club information had been posted in the laundry room;

>>>That Jack Martin had advised that 28 javelinas out of approximately 50 had been captured.

Judy Lungo presented the six WTAA King and Queen candidates: Ray and Judy Fink, Jack and Portia Fish, Stan and Sandy Hurst, Ron and Linda Kling, Al and Carol Schottschneider and Ken and Ruth Sutter. She then announced the 2010 HVR King and Queen were Sandy and Stan Hurst.

Results of the voting were as follows:

President: Jim Reiland*	
325	
Secretary: Karol Lippert*	
329	
Director:	Lucy
Cagler*	153
	Nathan Holland*
234	
	Ron
Kling	148
	Roy
Sexton	90
	Harold
Wissinger	112
	Larry
Woodard	144
	Mike Yost*
235	

Purchase of 400 chairs 282 Yes, 138 No

Clubhouse roof repair 364 Yes, 18 No

Number of write-in votes for Vern Drescher 25

Number of absentee ballots received 6

Number of 'invalid' absentee ballots 4

H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 7, 2011

General announcements and information:

>>>Six 8' tables had been purchased at a price \$20.00 each cheaper than anticipated;

>>>The lights in the swimming pool had been rewired;

>>>RRon Kling had repaired the island in the kitchen;

>>>A quote on a proposed enclosure in the swimming pool area had been requested from Jimco;

>>>The light on the water machine had been fixed;

>>>That Jack Martin had reported there were approx. 50 javelinas in the area and 28 had been captured;

>>>Harold Wissinger had scheduled knee surgery and someone would have to assume the duty of opening the clubhouse each morning and that a volunteer would be requested at the January meeting;

>>>Another incident of vandalism had occurred in the ladies restroom;

>>>The Wednesday sewing class had requested the purchase of PVC pipe to make extensions on the table legs; it was decided that they should assume that project themselves;

>>>The clogging class had submitted a letter requesting a board for their clogging; it was decided they should be contacted suggesting that they use the annex building for their class;

>>>Ken Sutter will check on fire alarms and gas alarms for the clubhouse building;

>>>The Bike Club wanted to turn the ownership of the bike trailer back to H.V.R.

Motions made, seconded and carried:

>>>To purchase and install an air conditioner and install an appropriate drain in the exercise room;

>>>To buy back the javelina trap from John Gaddis at a cost of \$125.00;
>>>To approve the annual golf cart obstacle race on February 13;
>>>To decline the ownership of the bike club trailer and to turn the matter back over to the Bike Club for disposition;
>>>To NOT look into the matter of installing a pickle ball court (motion died due to lack of a second).

H-I-G-H-L-I-G-H-T-S OF MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 14, 2011

General announcements and information:

>>>Lucy Cagler reported that the chairs were on order and should be in the week of January 24th and that volunteers would be needed to unload and inspect;
>>>Mike Yost presented a copy of the duties of the committee chairpersons for review and discussion at the next board meeting;
>>>Tom Forbish reported that credit cards had been ordered for use by the officers to make purchases for the association as provided in the bylaws;
>>>Lucy Cagler reported that Bettye Boswell and Bev Worl needed \$25.00 to purchase decorations for the ladies luncheon;
>>>Lucy Cagler reported that she is investigating prices on clothing with Hidden Valley Ranch printed on them;
>>>Nathan Holland reported that the exercise room Nordic Track treadmill and the bicycle seat are broken. It was suggested to have Ken Sutter obtain prices for a new treadmill;
>>>Joe Roberts advised that the five square card tables needed to be replaced; possible repairs of the tables will be sought before proceeding further;
>>>Ken Sutter was asked to obtain a bid for the pool area storage building;
>>>George Grothe will contact his former audit committee members regarding the annual audit;
>>>The inventory committee will be chaired by Ken Steinhoff;
>>>Don Leonard, Security Chairman, is following up on a Sam's Club camera system and will be contacting a security company for a bid;
>>>Ron Kling has accepted the chairmanship of the Long-Range Planning Committee;
>>>It was reported that a pickup has been parked on the clubhouse parking area in storage mode; the covenants and bylaws will be consulted prior to contacting the owner of the truck;

>>>The next board meeting will be held January 28 at 9:00 a.m.

Motions made, seconded and carried:

>>>To sell the old clubhouse chairs at \$5.00 each;
>>>To keep the microphone purchased at a cost of \$341.00 by Marvin Rahn for the board meetings.

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 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.

by the Committee during their meeting. Questions regarding procedures and/or rules should be directed to Chairman Jim Moore at 214/707-4161.

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 day at 8:30 a.m. Members submitting proposals **MUST** be available at the Tuesday morning meeting to answer any and all questions posed by the committee.

Missouri Days will be held Wednesday, February 9, at 1:00 p.m. at Chan's Grill located at 137 East Nolana. Sign up sheet posted. Questions? Contact Beverly Worl at 581-3566 or Myrna Craft at 660/424-4527.

A Talent/No Talent Show will be held March 14 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Sign up sheet is posted in the clubhouse. Questions? Contact Alice Broers at 641/583-1280.

The Creative Sewing group would like to invite you to join our group. We are making many exciting and challenging machine-pieced projects this year. In February we will start a Drunkard's path quilt top. Then a paper-pieced Pineapple Log Cabin. Our final project for the season is the versatile Four-Sided Placements. Stop by to pick up a supply list for these projects and join in the fun. **On Wednesday, March 9, at 10am.** we will have a Show N Tell in the HVR clubhouse of the machine-pieced work done this season This presentation will not only display the projects but also describe the techniques unique to each. Hope to see you there. Karen Eck, 201/841-4027.

The annual HVR Golf Tournament is scheduled for February 26. Sign-up sheet is posted in the pool hall.

John Crawford, Heart Rangers Chairman, reports that eight new members have been certified and qualified to serve as heart rangers. Congratulations!

Want to know what to do with your unwanted craft supplies? Pass them on to a new home! Bring your items to the hall and exchange your supplies with other members -- you'll be surprised at what shows up! Questions? Contact Judy Hamilton at 584-3666.

A swiss steak dinner has been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on February 22. The cost is \$6.00 (which includes sales tax) and consists of swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, roll and dessert. Members are asked to bring their own table service. Tickets are available at the association office. Questions? Contact Rita or Don Ceyress at 583-2241.

**ANNUAL GOLF CART
OBSTACLE COURSE RACE**

February 13, 2011

1:00 p.m. Sign-in (no charge)

2:00 p.m. Race

After Race Party

Tickets \$3.00 each; available at the office and from committee members.

MARCH BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

Biscuits/Gravy (9:00 a.m.) 3/4
Sausage/Eggs (7:30 a.m.) 3/18
Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) 3/11

MARCH ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

March 7 One
More Time

MARCH DANCE SCHEDULE

March 12 Jealous
Heart
March 26
Sweetwater

MARCH EVENTS SCHEDULE

March 4 (4:00 p.m.) Spaghetti Pie
Dinner
March 5 (2:00 p.m.) Park
Picnic
March 14 (7:00 p.m.) Talent/No Talent
Show
March 20 Six Park Ladies Golf
Luncheon

2011 HVR ONE-DAY TOURS

A number of one-day stateside tours are being planned for February and March, i.e. South Texas Museum, Roma City/Trolley Tour, King Ranch Tour, Pharr Historical Trolley Tour, Texas A&M Citrus Growing Research Center, Bloodless Bullfights, plus others. Keep watching the tour and travel information board in the library for sign-up sheets for these tours. Questions? Contact Lew or Rita Fry, Tour and Travel Chairmen, at 7510 Putter Drive, Lot #310, or call 581-8653.

ANNOUNCEMENT !!

Once again HEB will be having weekly drawings for gift cards. Just put your name and phone number on the back of each HEB receipt from the Palmview store and place it in the box located in the clubhouse. One of the HEB personnel will then come each Tuesday to draw a name from the box. The winner will be notified and his/her name will be posted in the clubhouse. HEB has been very generous to H.V.R. by donating to many events throughout the year. Members are, therefore, asked to frequent their store in return. Good luck!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to express my opinion regarding the operation of HVR for the past year or so. I think our Board of Directors has done an exceptionally good job of starting to restore a sense of pride and harmony in HVR.

Hopefully, the time has come that the majority of residents in HVR can trust our Board of Directors to study issues and come up with common sense solutions that are in the best interests of HVR for the present and future.

If, as a group, we trust our elected board to do the right thing, then the need of many residents who feel the need to micro-manage would disappear and harmony and pride would be evident on a grand scale.

This past Board of Directors has been receptive to new ideas and it seems to be paying dividends, i.e. the past park meeting was brief and less contentious than any in my memory. I, for one, have confidence that the newly elected members will continue to build on this trust and see a resurgence of willingness of members to step forward and volunteer to make enjoyable things happen in HVR.

Don Leonard – 7512 Birdie Drive

THANK YOU !!

A huge “thank you” to all of you who donated your time by baking goodies, setting up tables and chairs, working in the kitchen, etc. The tournament was a

big success thanks to you. The next Mission area cribbage tournament will be at W&I park on February 4. If you know how to play cribbage you are welcome to join us. It is not for beginners and you must have a partner. - - Joe Roberts, Mission Area Cribbage Coordinator

Thanks to all the pool players who donated to the appreciation gift given to me. I appreciate it very much. - - Gary Kienast, 2101 West Bogey Drive

“CASINO NIGHT OUT”

Lucky Eagle Casino, Eagle Pass, Texas
February 28, 2011

\$75.00 per person (double occupancy)
Includes:

Bus trip, hotel (LaQuinta Inn), \$20.00
casino play, \$10.00 food allowance and
continental breakfast. (Payment will be collected
February 14, 2011.)

Questions?
Contact Shirley or Tom Forbish at 583-7344.
Sign up sheet in library.

Need a Notary Public? Call Edith Baltzell at 519-3965 or Ruthie Sutter at 605/366-0667 to set up an appointment.

FROM THE EDITOR - - -

I am happy to report that Charlene Horner has agreed to assume responsibility for the Hidden Highlights newsletter. We are currently in transition and she will be editing the March issue. Please contact her at 712/251-5238 or email her at r.c.horner@juno.com with information or articles for publication. The deadline for the March issue is February 24.

It has been my pleasure to serve as editor of the Hidden Highlights. I wish to once again thank everyone who assisted me in the publication of the H.V.R. newsletter.

Sandi Kienast, “Retiring”
Editor

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH 2011 "DAILY" ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
8:30a Coffee 9:00a Church 9:00a Karaoke	8:00a Exercise/Dance 8:00a Water Aerobics 9:00a Pilates Club	8:00a Exercise/Dance 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Architectural Committee Meeting 9:00a Painting* 9:00a Water Aerobics 11:00a Sodbusters Golf 12:30p Crafters Club 12:30p May I? 1:00p Quilting 1:00p Garbage Poker* 1:00p Bridge 1:00p Water Volleyball 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 Break- fast (3 rd Wednesday) 8:30a Shuffleboard 9:00a Mens Pool 9:00a Creative Sewing 11:00a Indiana State (3 rd Wednesday) 11:00a Illinois State (2 nd Wednesday) 11:30a Purple Hatters 12:30p Cribbage 12:30p Bunco (2 nd Wednesday) 1:00p Mens/Ladies 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!)
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p><u>CONGRATULATIONS !!</u></p> <p>STAN AND SANDY HURST HVR 2010 KING AND QUEEN</p> <p>WTAA CABARET DANCE February 8, 2011 7:30-10:30 p.m. Mission Bell RV Resort \$7.50/person "Jealous Heart Band"</p> <p>Questions? Tickets? Call Judy Lungo at 718/812-3500.</p> </div>			
ACTIVITIES.	7:00p BYOG 7:00p Up/Down the River 7:00p Entertainment		PLEASE !!

(*Indicates activity is held in the annex.)			WEAR BADGES TO ALL PARK ACTIVITIES!!
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
7:30a Nebraska Breakfast 8:00a Clogging 8:00a Water Aerobics 9:00a Bowling 9:00a Ladies Pool 12:00p Shanghai 12:30p Peter Piper Pizza (3 rd Thursday) 1:00p Water Volleyball 1:00p Pinochle* 1:00p Yahoo 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 (when scheduled) 8:00a Water Aerobics 8:30 Shuffleboard 9:00a Board Meeting (when scheduled) 10:00a Video Rental 10:30a Couples Golf 11:30a <u>Red</u> Hatters (2 nd Friday) 12:30p Stained Glass 1:00p Garbage Poker* 1:00p Bridge 1:00p Mens/Ladies Pool 6:00p Jam 6:00p Elevens* 6:30p Mens Pool 6:30p Shanghai*	8:00a Craft Show and Lunch (3 rd Saturday) 9:00a Park Meeting (2 nd Saturday) 10:00a Computer Club* 7:00p Dance (when scheduled) 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. Updated 1/27/11.

HIDDEN VALLEY RANCH "S-P-E-C-I-A-L" ACTIVITIES - - - - FEBRUARY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 4:00p Potluck 4:30p Break Away Cruise Presentation	2	3 3:30p Minnesota Dinner 3:30p Medical Air Service Dinner	4 7:30a Breakfast Biscuits & Gravy	5
6	7 1:00p Missouri Lunch 7:00p Entertain- ment "Dean Cato"	8 4:00p Potluck 7:30p WTAA King and Queen Cabaret Ball	9 11:00a Illinois Lunch 1:00p Missouri Lunch	10 11:00a Ladies Luncheon	11 7:30a Breakfast 9:00a HVR Board Meeting 11:30a Red Hat Ladies Lunch	12 9:00a Park Meeting 7:00p Dance "Sweetwater"
13 2:00p Golf Cart Obstacle Race 2:30p After Party	14 11:30a Iowa Lunch 7:00p Entertain- ment "The Jennifer Show"	15 4:00p Wine and Cheese Social	16 8:30a Wisconsin Breakfast 11:00a Indiana Lunch 11:30a Purple Hatters Lunch	17 12:30p Peter Piper Pizza 4:00p Heart Rangers	18 7:30a Breakfast Sausage & Eggs	19 8a Craft Show and Lunch
20	21 7:00p Entertain- ment "Alaska String Band"	22 12:30p Craft Supplies Exchange 4:00p Swiss Steak Dinner	23	24 7:00a Regional Hospital Blood Screening 4:00p Heart Ran- gers Meeting	25 7:30a Breakfast 9:00a HVR Board Meeting	26 7:00p Dance "Renaissance Rockers" (\$6.00/person)
27	28 7:00p Entertain- ment "Kerry Christensen"		Office Hours: 9:00-11:00a.m. 1:00-3:00 p.m. Monday -- Friday	<u>Monday</u> Trash Pickup <u>Mon/Wed/Fri</u> Propane Delivery	Happy Valentine's Day !!	

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