

2018_10_01_RLC Minutes

Roll Call – The meeting began at 6:30 pm. The committee members present were Susan Koenig, Pat Zisa, James Sherard, Ellen Grillo, Gene Tadlock, Deb Dobransky, Ricky Cuomo, Joanne DiBella, and Kathy Boyd.

Welcome of Ridings Residents – Susan welcomed these residents to the meeting: Charlotte Brown, Dottie Pepe, Ken and Judy Collins, Donna Hutten, Stan and Tricia Dobrydnio, Colin and Sarah Conrad and Mike Herman. The committee members and residents briefly introduced themselves and shared where they lived, how long they had been in the community and any activities they have participated in. Susan expressed her appreciation to all who were attending the meeting.

Acceptance of Minutes – The minutes from the 07/02/18 meeting were sent out to all members prior to tonight's meeting. Ellen moved the minutes be approved and Joanne seconded. The minutes were approved.

Current Events Fund Balance – The balance is \$587.03. Susan explained that the lifestyle committee receives no funding from HOA dues. Two new coffeepots were purchased by the HOA but these will be used for HOA events as well as lifestyle. Lifestyle funds have bought wine glasses, coffee cups and basic pantry supplies. Nominal fees are charged for some events to cover costs such as wine tasting, ice cream social, fair share tickets are sold sometimes. We have tried to hold events that are self-funding, plus we have done charitable events such as the tea to raise money for prom tickets, food drive and walk run bike event for the fire department.

REVIEW OF EVENTS:

Food Drive – This occurred from June 1-Aug 31, 2018. Deb reported that we did collect 534 pounds of food but this was about half of what we collected last year, which was 1000 pounds. Our goal had been 1000 pounds this year. We did not have any signs this year as a reminder and not as many articles in the newsletter. It was suggested that for next year that more reminders be sent out, especially before an event at the clubhouse.

Ice Cream Social – Susan reported that we made a little money at this event. She did not have the exact figure with her. About 80 people attended.

Luau – This was scheduled for August 11, 2018 but was cancelled. Only 13 people were signed up a few days before and then the day before it was about 20. Perhaps residents were busy with summer company. It was suggested to post the sign-up sheet two weeks ahead of the event in the future.

Walk, Run Bike Event – This was held on Sept. 29, 2018. More than 35 people participated and \$1620 was raised to donate to the Lewes Fire Department.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October – The Radio Theater Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Saturday October 13, 2018. Forty people have signed up and one eight year old child will be attending with an adult. Food will be served first then the presentation of The Shadow and Burns and Allen, then coffee and dessert. The suggested donation to the group is \$125 and we have collected \$200 from the sale of the tickets. It was suggested to give the group \$150 and use the other \$50 towards anything that needs to be purchased. Gene and Virginia are making the coffee. Kate will do the nametags. The players will be here at 3:30 pm that Saturday to set up. Susan suggested that the committee set up the tables and chairs on Friday Oct.12 at 3 pm. We will do tablecloths and the remainder of the set up on Saturday afternoon. Dinner will be 6:00-7:15, the show from 7:15-8:15 and dessert from 8:15-9:00. Pat has been the contact person and will introduce the group. Ricky will try to take some pictures. Trick or Treat at the clubhouse will be held on Halloween from 5:00-7:00 pm. followed by an adult party from 7:00-9:00 pm. Ken and Judy Collins will be coordinating this event and their new neighbors Nick and Karen will be helping them with decorating and set up. Ken and Judy have all the decorations and supplies that are needed. When the notice goes out in the new letter it was suggested that the wording should be, “please bring individually packaged items to distribute for the children’s treats”. A sign-up sheet for adults will be posted two weeks before the event. Deb reported that the third highway clean-up for Adopt a Highway will take place this Saturday October 6, 2018 from 9:00-11:30 am. She explained the area that we cover. Participants will meet at the clubhouse at 9:00 am.

November – Ellen has made arrangements to have a DJ come to do a Music Trivia Night on Saturday Nov. 10, 2018 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the clubhouse. The cost is \$150 so we will be selling tickets for \$5 per person. Ellen asked for music from the 60’s and 70’s. The DJ will play for an hour, then take a break then finish the next hour. It will be casual. Participants will bring light appetizers or desserts. People will play in small groups at tables of 6-8, answers written down as a table team, table assignments will be random. There will be some small prizes for the winning table. Kathy will begin ticket sales on Halloween and Ellen will also do sales on Sunday, Nov.4, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 pm. We will do set up at the clubhouse at 3pm the afternoon of the event. Ellen will give Kathy sign-up sheet and receipt book prior to Oct.31.

December – A holiday super Saturday will be held on Saturday Dec.8, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Ricky will coordinate this event. A sign-up sheet will be posted two weeks ahead of time. There was discussion about having people bring a puzzle or book to donate and/or doing a grab bag gift. Set up will be at 3:00 pm the day of the event. There will be a cookie swap on Dec.19, 2018 from 6:30-8:00 pm and Deb will coordinate this event. She explained how it worked last

year with the numbers of cookies that are brought and packaged and recipes collected to share with all participants that night. Deb will do a flyer and put out information for an announcement prior to the event.

January – The Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan.26, 2019 and Deb and Kate Furnas will co-chair this event. Deb explained about dinner and dessert host houses and how the evening is organized. Two years ago there were 85 participants and last year 53 (but 4 cancelled). This event will be discussed further at another meeting.

Other – The lifestyle committee has previously discussed ways to welcome new residents to the community. Mike Herman introduced himself, thanked everyone who has worked on things for The Ridings and said he would like to start a welcome committee. He shared a positive experience his grandson had in another community with a welcome committee and Mike has done this prior to moving here. Mike suggested having a man and a woman do this to greet new neighbors and share community information with them. Deb has information from Jonathan about what is provided to new residents and she will share this with Mike. It was suggested to get some ideas together to share at the Nov.17 HOA meeting. There was discussion about what new residents are interested in and are aware of.

Susan is stepping down as lifestyle chairperson as of Dec.31, 2018. She sent out an email listing the different needs for the committee moving forward-, a chair person, tech support, finances, minutes and publication, event coordinators. Susan will stay on the committee and help with the transition. She expressed her appreciation to everyone for all their time, assistance and efforts these past years. She suggested maybe only having quarterly meetings and plan for 3 months at a time, have each event coordinator be responsible as per the guidelines we have set up and run questions and touch base with the chairperson in between meetings. Deb Dobransky offered to take over as chairperson and Charlotte Brown offered to co-chair. Donna Hutten offered to type the minutes and Kathy will continue to take the notes during the meetings.

Some ideas for new events were suggested- a corn hole tournament, an Italian night, happy hours off site.

Deb said we would hold meetings on the first Monday of every other month at 6:30 pm. The next meeting dates are: November 5, 2018 and January 7, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Kathy Boyd