

Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Association

General Meeting Minutes November 16, 2021

Friendship Park 73 Lake View Drive East Ocala FL

Present: President Jim Thomas, Vice President Marilee McGinnis. Absent: Treasurer Karen Reade, Secretary Jenny Adams

- I. President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. President Thomas called for new members, and welcomed residents from 62 Never Bend Dr and 67 Lake View Dr. East.
- III. President Thomas received a motion to approve the minutes from the last General meeting as posted on the web site. Motion was seconded and passed.
- IV. President's Report: President Thomas reported several phone calls on issues which the Association cannot deal with, and he referred them to the proper agencies to handle.
- V. Vice President's Report: Vice President McGinnis stated that Meadow Wood Farms had a successful drive to raise funds for Alzheimer's research.
- VI. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Reade sent in her report. She states that we have \$11,669.69 in the bank, enough for about 11 months of fixed expenses. Besides the normal duties, she has begun to investigate the costs of online newsletters and directories. For a password protected program, they run upwards from \$50.00/month plus fees. It would be possible to recoup some expenses through advertising on these sites.
- VII. Secretary's Report: Secretary Adams had no report.
- VIII. Committee Reports:
  - a. Control: No new issues have been reported.
  - b. Activities: Carolyn Camp reported
    1. The Veterans and First Responders Bar B Que was a success. She thanked and praised Frenchie for her work. About 80 people attended. We do not have a final cost, but we raised more than the costs. Bob Coveney raised \$225 to donate to the USO.
    2. The Equestrian Club will have a tach sale on Dec. 4 at the park.
    3. Dorothy Henry is organizing the Hot Rods and Horses Cavalcade for Dec. 11 starting at 1:00 p.m. Contact her for more information.
- IX. Unfinished Business: none
- X. New Business:
  - a. The Executive Board is looking for information from the members. President Thomas called for a vote as to whether to continue the 50/50 draw at meetings.

The vote was to continue with the draw. Ian Reade volunteered to sell the tickets.

- b. The Executive Board has been pressed to change the methods of communicating with the membership. It has been proposed that we put the newsletter and the directory online only. President Thomas made a motion that we send out a survey to find out the members view. President Thomas opened the floor for discussion.

- 1. Directory: Pro Comments included the convenience of having a copy to carry.

- Con Comments included the ability to update, as our paper copies need corrections by the time they are printed and distributed. It was pointed out that the online version could be printed by the user.

- 2. Newsletter: Pro Comments included how often people use the printed copies, how the membership application is available there, and how people who don't want them can just opt out now. The newsletter is available online on the website.

- Con Comments include the cost and difficulty in delivery.

- President Thomas called for the question, and the members voted to conduct a survey. He tasked Vice President McGinnis to continue with this project.

- c. President Thomas reported that we have a new webmaster, Steve Gallagher. [steve@cs-advertising.com](mailto:steve@cs-advertising.com) or 352-439-6409. We also have a new Newsletter Editor, Gena DeCamella [Genad66@yahoo.com](mailto:Genad66@yahoo.com) 727-808-8918. The Board thanked Wayne Hebert and Sydney Smith for their previous work in those posts.
- d. President Thomas reported that the Executive Board is recommending that we return to St. John's Methodist Church on CR328 for the January General Meeting. He stated that it would be more comfortable to be inside in the winter months. He also stated that holding the meeting by Zoom, as the Executive Board meets, is untenable due to the meeting size. He made a motion to meet in the church for the January meeting, it was seconded, discussed at length, and passed.

XI. Announcements:

- a. Frenchie announced that she still has some tickets on sale for the Strides and Stirrups Mystery Dinner Theater on Dec. 4. Contact her for more information.
- b. Frenchie also announced that next year's Veteran's / First Responder BBQ will be on Nov. 5, 2022. Save the date!

XII. Recognizing Good in Meadow Wood Farms:

- a. Jeff Rice recognized Frenchie for her wonderful work with the Bar B Q.
- b. Jim Thomas recognized Jeff Rice for the Trunk or Treat on Halloween.

- c. Frenchie recognized Jeff Rice for cleaning up after the Bar B Q.
- d. Bob Coveney recognized the Military Vehicles Preservation Society for providing the vehicles at the Bar B Q. President Thomas is to send a letter thanking them.
- e. The 50/50 was won by Sandy Mollberg for \$23.00.

XIII. Future Meetings:

Executive Board: (via Zoom) Dec.14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8.

General Meeting: (at St. John's) Jan. 18, March 15

Meeting Adjourned.

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President Jim Thomas

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Treasurer Karen Reade