



Colony at Smithville

Minutes from Meeting

3/26/08

Chris Lucia was elected as the new President of the board. Tim McCreavy is the new VP. Jackee Brousse remains secretary and Ellen Larrabee remains Treasurer.

The Colony no longer maintains a PO Box. All mail should be sent to Ellen Larrabee.

A question was raised as to whether a monetary credit should be given to those households who give their time and energy to the maintenance of the common grounds. It was decided that a vote will be held at the next meeting.

It was determined that dues will be due at the first homeowner's meeting of the year. As no meeting was held during 2007, there are a number of households who have not yet paid their dues. They will be notified personally of the amount due the community. Dues for the year 2007 were \$250. Dues for 2008 are \$300.

The homeowner's association has been in receipt of a letter (complete with photos) from neighbors, Dave and Carrie Warner @ 811 Moss Mill Road. Their property abuts the easterly border of common open space for homes in the Colony at Smithville. They complained that the chain link fence which the Colony owns (and runs along their property) is damaged, unsightly and overgrown with poison ivy and oak. There is also a dead tree which causes potential threat to their vehicles and power lines. The group approved, by vote, to have the fence and tree removed, and have a split rail fence installed. This will greatly aid in our ability maintain said space.

Donna Delaverdac recommended that we create a By Laws Committee, as we have not revisited them since their inception. Most present agreed and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was decided that May 3rd would be a community work day- from 10am-4pm. We are requesting that all able-bodied persons get out on that day to clean up our common space. The recycling center is open on that day. It was agreed that the area surrounding our Colony at Smithville sign requires the use of a backhoe, in order to remove old and overgrown shrubbery (and make way for sensible carefree plantings).

**** A great big thank you to Ellen and Paul Larrabee, the very gracious hosts of our last meeting.

Next Homeowner's Association Meeting to be held on May 6th at 7pm. Place to be announced