

River Club Homeowners Association
North Augusta, SC
Board of Directors
Meeting 7/7/09
Minutes

Voting members present: Ed Hensel, President; Steve Donohue, Vice President; Lee Wetherington, ACC Chair.

Voting members absent: Tim Pate, Treasurer ; Alyce Oliver, Secretary.

Others present: Cindy McGahee, HOA member; Barry and Natalie Abercrombie (entered the meeting at 7:10 pm.), HOA members.

The President called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Ms. McGahee said she was speaking to the Board out of frustration because of the recent activities near her house on Shoreline Dr. She said the owners of lot #39 frequently have a boat trailer in the street as does the property owner across the street. The neighbors have 5-7 cars parked in front of the house and are very loud. The resident jump jet skis up on the dock and have water and float toys everywhere. The previous Monday, the garbage truck could barely make it past the cars parked on both sides of the street. She did not think firetrucks could make it through the congestion. She said she had seen trailer parks that looked nicer than her section of the street. The Board advised her that unless there was a specific covenant that was being violated there was not much they could do. Boats and trailers were specifically prohibited from being parked on the street or the driveway, and we would enforce that when brought to the Board's attention. Ms. McGahee thanked the Board and departed the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Mr. and Mrs. Abercrombie addressed the Board about their dog, a Doberman Pinscher. Mrs. Abercrombie presented the Board with a packet of eight articles concerning dog breeds and breed specific legislation from the American Veterinary Medical Association, Wikipedia, Animal People, Applied Animal Behaviour Science, and the web site <http://stopbsl.com>. Mr. Abercrombie said he had owned a Doberman prior to this one and had received no complaint. After he bought this one, his neighbor told him he was very afraid of the breed. Mr. Wetherington, the ACC Chairman, had discussed the complaint and the covenants with Mr. Abercrombie. The Abercrombies said they had raised their fence at a cost of about \$1600 to further ensure the dog could not escape from their property. The Abercrombies asked for guidance from the Board, short of getting rid of their dog.

Mr. Hensel advised the Abercrombies that the Board had not drafted the covenants, but the duties of the Board is to enforce the covenants they inherited. He reminded the Abercrombies that the covenants and their enforcement help to maintain property values, and we don't have the luxury of selective enforcement.

A general discussion ensued among the Board members and the Abercrombies. A consensus was reached to try to change the covenants from breed specific prohibitions to behavior specific

modeled after the city's vicious dog ordinance. The Abercrombies agreed to work with Board members and develop language to change the covenants prior to the next Board meeting on August 4th. The Abercrombies departed the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Mr. Donohue moved and Mr. Wetherington seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the 6/16/09 Board meeting. Without discussion the minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Pate submitted the Treasurer's report for June prior to the meeting. Mr. Donohue moved and Mr. Wetherington seconded approval of the June 2009 Treasurer's report. Without discussion the report was unanimously approved.

The Board then discussed the "No Wake" signs provided by SC DNR last October to the city. After multiple phone calls, Mr. Sam Bennett, City Administrator, agreed to have the signs erected within the next two weeks. Mr. Wetherington said he would place on sign on the HOA dock facing the river.

Mr. Donohue briefed the Board that he had spoken to Dave Caddill about replacing our faded road signs and he said he would look into it.

Mr. Wetherington said he had received two landscaping bids: one from Total Property Maintenance for \$445/mo. and one from Mowit for about \$315/mo. Before making a final recommendation he said he would get a new quoted from the current vendor Laurelwood. Laurelwood's current fee is \$485/mo.

Mr. Donohue noted that Lot #3 had a tax seizure notice posted in the last few days. The grass there and on Lot # 62 needed cutting. He said he would contact both property owners and remind them to cut their lots.

The Board set the next meeting for Tuesday, August 4th, 2009 at 7:00 pm at Lee and Joyce Wetherington's house, 289 E. Shoreline Dr.

Mr. Hensel moved and Mr. Donohue seconded adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm by acclamation.

Certified true and correct and approved at the _____ Board meeting.

Alyce Oliver (date)
Secretary