

# Haigs Creek Homeowners Association Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

**Present:** Louise Wilson-Pres, Jackie Amerson-Sec, John Murdock-Treasurer, David Rowell-Webmaster, Debra Lybrand-Member At Large      **Absent:** Paul Curtis-Vice Pres

Louis called the meeting to discuss updating our website. This has been discussed several times in the past but not really acted upon.

There was a discussion as to what we'd like on the new site and logistically how to make it happen. To include:

- Updated look, more welcoming, more user friendly
- A neighborhood directory accessible only to HC residence via password added
- The removal of the assessment payment options leaving only the dues for online payment with associated convenience fees
- Yard of the Month will probably be removed because that position is currently unfilled.
- Addition of a calendar with scheduled events such as meetings, yard sale, cook outs, etc
- Bylaws, covenants, board members should stay but be possibly be linked to GoogleDocs so the most up to date info is always available

David relayed that currently in regard to the website we pay for the domain name only. The site is hosted through WordPress which is free. This is why advertising will show up on the site. Also the presentation options are limited.

David has been working on building a new site and showed us it to us. David also stated that the 2020 dues payment option has not been set up on the website because he need the paypal login info or for John to set up the link in paypal and email it to David.

David relayed a few options for hosting the new site. They were:

- Wordpress.com – completely free but currently thru David - BlueHost
- Wordpress.org – free but you have to host it thru someone else to have a secure hsl
- Less expensive way is to buy a virtual host – no separate computer to host our website.

David said for under \$138 annually we could do our own hosting and for an additional \$108 annually we could have the password protection for accessing the directory plus we have the domain name of HaigsCreekHOA.com

Jackie made a motion to authorize David to spend up to \$150 to secure a host company that he is most comfortable with and to build us a new website. Debra 2<sup>nd</sup> and all were in favor.

David stated that he will use Bluehost which will allow us 5 emails, 1 domain, 25 subdomains, 100mb per account for email storage. They have a deal going right now for \$2.75 per month for 36 months. We authorized David to do that.

David will get back in touch with the board once he's got the website ready to go, maybe in a week or so. He'll email it out to the board to review.

In the meantime, we need to get everybody on Google Docs onto Google Drive and get everybody up to speed on them.

Jackie also asked about the possibility of using some type of calling or texting service as an efficient way to communicate with HC residents. David said he'd look into doing text blasts and how much that will cost.

Meeting was adjourned around 4pm.