

**Irongate Civic Association  
General Membership Meeting  
March 2, 2017**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Marty Montjoy

Introductions: President Marty Montjoy introduced the current Board of Directors:  
- Roger Rose, Vice President                      - Tim Stock, Member at Large  
- LeAnn Lester, Treasurer                              - Pam Poelker, Secretary  
- Marty Montjoy, President

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the November 2016 General Membership Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by those present.

Quorum: A count of members present was made, and it was determined that a quorum was not present, but that there were enough proxy votes submitted, so we were able to conduct a vote at this meeting.

Treasurers Report: LeAnn Lester presented the following account balances:

Current Checking balance - \$54,587.39

Current Money Market Account balance - \$5,519.60

LeAnn stated that 2017 Homeowner dues are due April 13, 2017. In 2016 we collected dues from 435 homes, plus some back dues and late fees. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented. If you ever have questions about you bill you can contact LeAnn at [IrongateTreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:IrongateTreasurer@gmail.com).

Old Business:

a) Violations Report – Roger Rose, Vice President

There were 40 violations recorded in January 2017, as of this date, 10 of the violations have been complied with. Roger stated that we are not holding 'hard and fast' to the 15 day requirement to have violations resolved. He offered thanks to everyone that does comply when they receive a letter.

We continue to have a problem with 'abandoned' or unregistered vehicles and with homeowners keeping trailers and boats on their property.

A question was asked about trailers and Roger replied that according to our C&R's, trailers are not permitted anywhere on a property, except in a garage, where it can't be seen.

Marty Montjoy read aloud the section from the C&R's. (section 33).

Roger also reminded folks that parking on the grass is also not permitted at any time – Section 32 of the C&R's – cars can only be parked in driveways or in garages.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Vice President's report.

b) Pool Report, Theresa Paro, Pool Committee

Theresa informed the meeting that Chris Ciochetti is a new member of the Pool Committee.

The pool clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 15 at 10 am. Homeowners that participate in clean up day will receive a \$25 discount on their pool membership. Rain date is April 22.

2017 Pool Rates will be as follows:

Members - \$175

Sr. and Military - \$150 (Srs. are over 60 years of age.)

36 pool keys were not turned in and those key deposits will be forfeited.

The pool will open on Saturday, April 29 and close on October 1.

The pool is getting acid washed and the algae cleared.

The pool key deposit system is being phased out. If you currently have a pool key or you return your key, you will get a new key. If you returned your key last year you will get a key. If you join this year the key is included in your fee and it is yours. You will have to pay if you lose it and need a replacement.

The pool committee does close the pool each evening.

If you have any questions or want to help with the pool, contact Shelisa.

c) Crime Watch – Rob Ahlemann, Crime Watch rep.

Rob reported information from the Summerville Police Department (from November 2016 to March 2). February 12 & 14 there were individuals with firearms coming from Evergreen and the woods. There was a homicide and people were arrested. There have been 10 civil offenses and 1 vehicle theft. Don't leave items in your car and LOCK your vehicles. Rob also encouraged folks to leave their porch lights on for security.

If you see anything suspicious – CALL 911.

Soliciting – if a business has a business license, by law they can solicit – it is not against the law, but you don't have to talk to them. Someone in the meeting stated that a solicitor jiggled their door handle – if that happens, call the police.

If you have a street light out – Call SCE&G -they are very responsive.

d) Discussion of the proposal of having a Management Company handle our accounting and violations.

- at the last meeting we did not have a quorum and could not vote on the idea (or the budget)

- there was a question as to whether the budgeted amount would be enough to cover the handling of violations – the answer was yes.

- With a management company, grievances concerning violations will still go to the Board of Directors. In fact, all violations will be approved by the Vice President before going to a homeowner.

- a resident expressed concern with the management company doing the violations, based on our past experiences. The BOD stated that this will not happen and that we will have the ability to cancel the contract with the Management Company if the relationship is not working.

- LeAnn Lester stated that initially she was hesitant with the idea of a Management Company, but she spoke to the benefit of continuity, as the Board of Directors is always changing, and she fully supports the hiring of a Management Company.

- the HOA annual fee will not go up due to the hiring of a Management Company.

New Business:

a) Vote on the 2017 budget and the proposal to hire a Management Company -  
Results (including proxy votes):

For the Budget – 72                      Against the Budget – 3  
For the Mgt. Company – 63              Against the Mgt. Company – 13  
Both items are APPROVED.

Thanks to Tom Jeffries, 101 Barrington Ct for tallying the votes

- b) Yard of the Month – Kathy Brooks volunteered to head a committee
- c) Community Yard Sale – Lucia Wattrick will organize a spring sale
- d) Join our Facebook™ pages – it's a great way to share information, but it is NOT an official communication from the Board of Directors
- e) Community Cookout – scheduled for Saturday, June 3
- f) Board of Directors – there are openings – please consider volunteering
- g) Volunteers are always needed for 'special projects'
- h) A resident asked if we still have an Architectural Review Committee – yes, [ARC@Gmail.com](mailto:ARC@Gmail.com)
- i) Don Wright stated that the electrical panel at the front entrance needs to be replaced. He volunteered to get bids for the repair
- j) 102 Cobley Place asked about the \$4 street lighting fee on his bill. He thought that the HOA paid that. Marty Montjoy responded that every resident pays that fee, but the HOA does pay for some of the street lighting too.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Poelker  
BOD Secretary