

# Highland Lakes Association of REALTORS®

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, July 17, 2007

## Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 9:00AM.

Terry Tuteur conducted the meeting. Pat Burton was on vacation.

**ROLL CALL:** Terry Tuteur, Dale Riley, Sherry Raymer, Chad Thibodeaux, Tommy Ferguson, Iva Weston, Charley Swift, Linda Ferguson, Caryn Paye, Janet Henley

**ABSENT:** Pat Burton, Elaine Roberts

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the June meeting were presented and approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial report was presented, reviewed and approved.

- It was discussed that over \$6,200 of MLS Fines had been collected to date
- It was discussed that the \$50K CD was opened at IBC and that would be reflected on next months financial statement

**AE REPORT:** Linda Ferguson gave the AE Report

- It was reported that there were approx 706 total members
- It was reported that there were approx 499 Board Members
- Reported that a member had requested the board minutes be emailed to the membership following each Board of Directors Meeting
  - It was discussed that the minutes are available for review at the Board Office at any time they are requested
  - It was agreed that the minutes would not be sent out in mass email form
  - It was recommended that a blurb be posted on the website stating that the minutes were available for review at one's request
- It was discussed that there is a Flood Plain Seminar tentatively scheduled for August. The exact date has not yet been determined. The Board Office will email information to the membership in reference to this seminar as details become available.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Donna Green has completed the appraisal of the Board Office and lots.

- Appraisal was reviewed by the board
- Task Force on Land and Building Improvements will need to set a meeting date to review the appraisal and discuss options

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Guest:** Elizabeth James, Central Texas Field Representative for Texas Assoc of REALTORS® presented an update of the issues that TAR lobbied for or against with the Texas Legislators in the last session.
  - It was reported that there were 8 priority bills and all 8 came out in TAR's favor. Texas REALTORS® was the only organization that came through with 100% success rate.
  - It was discussed that HB716 passed and that the state would be forming a Task Force to combat Mortgage Fraud

- It was reported that TREC will begin requiring all new licensees to undergo an FBI background check which will also require fingerprinting applicants. F/P will be required for license renewals, also.
    - Tommy Ferguson suggested that we might check into providing a fingerprinting service to our membership for license renewal requirements
  - It was discussed that the Vehicle Tax Bill passed – where mixed use vehicles would be exempt from taxes
    - This will come up for vote in November before becoming law
    - Iva Weston mentioned again that the Public Relations Committee should do some advertising to inform the public of this bill.
  - It was also discussed that TREPAC was in its final yearend push for fundraising across the state.
  - It was reported that HLAoR had already met our TREPAC goal set for 2007
  - It was also mentioned that TxDOT must sell a certain number of “I Am A Texas REALTOR®” license plates or they will be discontinued.
- **Elections:**
    - Upcoming election of officers was discussed
    - Reported that emails have been sent to membership for nominations
    - August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting set for Nomination Committee to pick candidates that will appear on ballot
    - In addition to the new nominees the officer positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer will appear on the ballot as well.
    - It was reported that we may now host electronic voting. This was updated in the Bylaws that were approved and accepted by the Membership and NAR. A copy of the HLAoR Bylaws and the MLS Rules and Regulations have been posted on the website.
  - **Membership Luncheon:**
    - It was mentioned that a membership luncheon was being planned for August or September.
    - It has been decided that Tea-Licious in Burnet would be the sight for the next membership meeting.
      - Sherry Raymer to check on the availability
    - Discussion was raised about who to get as a speaker for the upcoming membership luncheon.
      - It was suggested that Herb Darling with Burnet County would be a good choice for a wide variety of topics.
      - It was suggested that a person or persons eligible to cover the topic of “Fill Area” be sought after and presented as a speaker(s) for future luncheons.

- **Candy Cooke’s Letter to the Board:**
  - Email letter received from member Candy Cooke was presented to the Board and reviewed.
    - It was recommended that the request be sent to the Education Committee for possible future classes to be offered to the membership
    - A motion was made and seconded...motion passed to forward Ms. Cooke’s request to the Education Committee.
- **Staff Quarterly Bonus:** Discussion and approved

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Membership:**
  - New Members were presented and approved
  - The Annual Meeting formerly known as the “Affiliate Social” now to be addressed as the “General Meeting and Election Social” was discussed.
    - It was reported that this meeting would be held at Packsaddle Country Club in Kingsland on Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
    - It was reported that HLAoR would pay for 2 drink tickets for each attendee. Additional drinks would be available for purchase on an individual basis.
    - Menu proposal was discussed
      - Board declared that the food items should be meal type items instead of hors d’oeuvres
      - Other expenses for the dinner were discussed
        - Iva Weston to take menu back to Membership Committee for revision
- **Public Relations:**
  - The School Supply Drive was discussed
    - It was asked why the Seriff Foundation was taking the donations to the schools
    - It was recommended that the supplies that are collected from HLAoR members be presented to the area schools by our PR Committee as an outreach effort by area Realtors® instead of letting another entity get the credit
    - There was discussion about the budgeted funds for charitable donations and an amount of that to be used toward purchasing much needed school supplies for those in need. The subject of recent flood victim families was brought up in reference to a more vast need for school supplies this year.
    - A motion was made to use \$250 of the budgeted funds for charitable donations to be used to purchase school supplies.
    - Motion was seconded and approved.
  - Terry Tuteur reported that the PR Committee has discussed taking donations of blankets for the elderly

**MEETING WAS ADJOURNED**