

HOA Activities Committee Minutes

February 20, 2025

The HOA Activities Committee Minutes met on February 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Denise Fell, Board Liaison, at 10:00 am. In attendance: Joyce Foreman, Jeff Jenson, Susan Gregory, Denise Fell, Jane Holdridge, and Sue Wasserott. Suzanne Offut, Deb McKinstry had excused absences. Jan Norris was absent also.

Minutes of the January 15, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously.

Current balance of \$997.13. The difference between the January balance of \$1397.13 and February's balance of \$997.13 is due to Card Parade awards and Shredding Truck. Suzanne just took over the Treasurer role and \$997.13 was the balance when she took over.

Denise reported a new resignation of Barbara Klockson.

Completed Events

- Sue Gregor said the Activity Fair held on Sunday January 19th, 2025 was successful. There seemed to be a sufficient number of people working. There were 34 Activities represented out of 70. She thought the room set up and change to flow were not ideal. Some vendors wanted 2 tables, and initially Sue did not think 2 tables would work, but there is plenty of room for 2. People seemed happy with the event, signed up for activities, and realtors holding Open Houses sent potential buyers to see the types of activities that Herons Glen offers. Denise said Sue did a wonderful job. Sue put together a book with a timeline for future reference.

Upcoming Events

- Apple Technology Class – First class was scheduled for January 23, 2025, but was cancelled due to the instructor's illness. A second class is rescheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Even if you signed up for the January class you need to sign up for the March class. Sign up begins outside the HOA office on Monday, March 3. 30 people maximum in the class.
- The annual Shredding Event is scheduled for Monday February 24th, 2025, from 10:00-11:30am. Denise said the Check for \$350 has been paid. We discussed work assignments, a critical piece being the donations box. Denise asked Joyce to handle donations. We need 10 people to cover the roles and we only have 5. Other roles are directing traffic and helping residents with bags/boxes. Denise and Joyce were going to ask for volunteers. (The day after our meeting the Shredding event had to be rescheduled due to heavy rain forecasted for February 24. Denise was able to get everything moved to Monday, March 3, 2025.)

- Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, April 6, 2025. Sue Gregor reported that the ballroom is secured from 3-7pm. and it is advertised in the newspaper. We are serving from 4 to 6 pm. Debbie M is working on getting the Jazz band from Island Coast School to perform; if they cannot do it, another option is asking Tom Foster to play music. Sue developed a timeline and passed around a signup sheet so we could volunteer for set up crew, scooping, etc. Since scooping is hard on the hands/wrists, we normally ask men to scoop, and they would need to bring their own scooper. So far Sue has 4 scoopers and 4 topping people. We also need crockpots for hot fudge. Last year we spent \$600. Sue did a cost analysis and currently it looks like \$700 but she is trying to get that cost down using BOGO at Publix. The HOA office also requested a \$50 gift card from Publix. We learned that we cannot hold a 50/50 raffle due to laws regarding HOAs but we could consider putting out a bowl/bucket and asking for donations. Sue also has some two 'bunnies' that were left at the home she purchased and we could consider raffling them.

Future Event Ideas

- 5K Fun Run/Walk - Joyce Forman & Jeff Jensen shared the results of their meeting. We would need to be hold the event early (8 or 9am) due to warm weather. In order to hold it this season we would need to advertise heavily on the Herons Glen page daily and in the Google Group. Joyce and Jeff have the 3.1 km route mapped out, which would go by many homes in the historic district. We could develop and distribute flyers to people participating. A \$25 sign up fee would give participants a tee shirt and bottle of water so the sign up sheet would need to include tee shirt size. Joyce found cones to use for the Start & Finish areas and we would post signs at intersections to show the direction of the route. There is a minimum two week lead time to order tee shirts. At this point we probably would not need sponsors. We discussed opportunities to make a donation, possibly to a No Kill Animal Rescue Center. Denise said the charitable organization would need to be present to accept a donation. Perhaps the Center could bring puppies and kittens for residents to consider for adoption. Denise asked if Craig / SSEP was consulted about an ambulance, plus shutting down applicable roads. Next steps to see if we can proceed: Discuss with Joyce G for HOA input, then JB B for HGRD permission to use the driving range parking lot. Another option to consider for the starting area is the large parking lot by the maintenance area since it lets out onto Palo Duro Blvd. If we can get the go ahead from Joyce and JB, we can proceed with further steps, like conducting a poll to determine interest and designing an event/budget
- Golf Cart Madness – delayed due to HGRD Resident's Events Committee doing a golf cart rally like the 'poker run' that residents held in January. We will hold our scavenger hunt cart rally later.

- Gardening Class- Denise reported that Riverland Nursery can hold a class for up to 40 people at their facility for no charge. They would talk about plants that do well in our area. Riverland is located at 13005 Palm Beach Blvd, about 30 minutes away. Something to consider in 2026.
- Tangled Roots Potting Bar – Denise saw this craft/activity at Babcock Ranch and it was packed. Tangled Roots brings the items for purchase, residents put them together and then take them home. Tangled Roots provides the pots and plants (succulents/cacti), residents choose and pay for what they want and then decorate. They can hold the activity outside in a parking lot or in an activity room. Denise suggested we consider this for May or June 2025.
- Old-fashioned Ice Cream Truck — we learned about an ice cream truck that plays music and drives through the community to sell ice cream. No work for our committee other than getting permission and advertising. The company that owns the truck can do this on Saturdays. Something to consider for 'in season.'
- Home & Garden Show - tabled for next meeting. The show held at Pine Lakes had a great deal of medical information rather than more varied vendors. It appears to be a great deal of work to offer this type of show. We learned that Pine Lakes charged vendors \$400 to \$500 per table.
- Christmas Cart Parade – We got feedback about fewer carts and we discussed ideas to increase participation. Ideas include advertising early by sending reminders and putting an article in the HG Magazine in October so residents could start thinking about it. The fire department, sheriff's department and Island Coast band want to come back. Consider setting a 12 cart minimum and letting residents know the minimum to hold the Parade. Sue G suggested driving through with a decorated cart ahead of time as a teaser. We could ask different Activity groups, like bocce, pickleball, the various golf groups (Animals, Mavericks, etc) to have a cart. We could also consider other types of participation to make the Parade interesting, like asking the line dancers to perform in Christmas outfits as part of parade, asking the tap dancers to be part of parade, etc., and asking the chorus to perform in the ball room after the parade. Having the chorus at the end could draw people to watch the award ceremony. The parade route will be in the Historic District next year.
- Holiday Decorating/Candy Lane – Jeff Jensen suggested we get the info out EARLY as part of golf cart parade advertising. The way Solana decorated, they would have won the award.
- Anniversary Dance 2026 – Denise & Suzanne to Co-Lead this idea for next year. Tasks would include securing sponsors, getting music, contracting with a photographer, etc.

Due to the two recent resignations we had, we have openings on this committee. Denise suggested that if any current members know someone who would like to be part of the Activities committee, we should ask them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Next meeting to be held on March 20, 2025, at 10:00 am in the HOA Conference Room.