

**Yorkshire Homeowners Association, Inc.  
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Minutes of the January 2008 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Homeowners Association (YHOA) was held on Sunday January 20, 2008 in the meeting room of the Walnut Hills Baptist Church located at 1014 Jamestown Road in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by the Association President, Mr. Robert Grossman.

Before business of the annual meeting was conducted, Mr. Jim Yankovich raised a question for discussion among members present regarding the validity of the vote taken at the general meeting that was held on October 10, 2007. That meeting had resulted in an affirmative vote by a two-thirds majority of members approving a one-time special assessment of \$200 from each lot owner for improvements to the community entrance. Mr. Yankovich questioned the legitimacy of the President's action in suspending that meeting to obtain additional votes. He urged that in the future, officers of the association avoid the appearance of subterfuge and manipulation of the voting process and expressed the opinion that the President should be neutral on contentious issues confronting the association. The President of the association resigned and turned over the conduct of the meeting to the Vice President, Mr. Jim Douglas.

The Vice President called the roll. The following lots were represented through their presence or provision of proxy forms including 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 42, and 45. The Vice President announced the presence of a quorum and directed the officers of the Association and committee chairpersons to provide a summary report to the members.

Reports of the Officers and Committees

The President, Mr. Grossman read his comments and recommendations and reported on the establishment of a Yorkshire Homeowners Association website. (President's report attached)

The Treasurer, Liz Hedgepeth summarized the 2007 and 2008 budget including the amounts programmed for landscaping improvements. (Draft budget attached)

The Secretary and YHOA Webmaster, Richard DuChateau provided additional details on the establishment of our new website at [www.yorkshirehomeowners.org](http://www.yorkshirehomeowners.org). This website provides a method for the Association to communicate important information, including events, minutes, important documents, and possibly a roster of members. During the meeting, members mentioned several items that might be added to the site including the community roster, a "call tree" to be used for emergencies, and information on the Systems Emergency Response Team.

Bill Bryant of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) reported. He thanked the members of the committee and discussed the total number of requests that had been reviewed during the year. (ACC report attached)

Cynthia Bryant of the Landscape Committee reported on the progress on the new entrance design and about the third phase related to maintenance of property that belongs to Walsingham Academy. (Landscape committee report attached)

Unfinished Business:

Increase in Board of Directors Approved: Motion was made and seconded on the question of amending Article III, Paragraph 2, of the by-laws of the YHOA increasing the number of Directors of the Corporation to five (5), such number to remain in effect unless changed by the Association. This measure passed by a count of present and proxy votes, 32 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Board of Directors Elected: Motion was made and seconded to elect three (3) new members of the YHOA to fill existing vacancies. Bob Grossman withdrew his name from consideration. Final nominees included Bill Burdine, Bill Bryant, Leslie Coe, and Liz Hedgepeth. The election resulted in the election of candidates Bryant (30 votes), Coe (31 votes) , and Hedgepeth (31 votes). Board members whose terms have not expired include Jim Douglas and Richard DuChateau.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Elected: Motion was made and seconded to elect two (2) new members of the YHOA to fill vacancies in the Architectural Control Committee. Nominees to fill vacancies included Will Hummell, Jerry Hedgepeth and Mary Ann Dallas. Mr. Hummell withdrew his nomination. Mr. Hedgepeth and Ms. Dallas were elected by unanimous voice vote. Terms have not expired for Ron Fox and Shirley Hern.

Change to Restrictive Covenants for Broader Use of Annual Assessments Defeated: The Vice President discussed the proposed change to the Declaration of Restrictions of YHOA that would permit annual assessments to be used for a broader range of purposes including social events and work on Walsingham property. The charter requires that 80% of members (a total of at least 36 of the 45 members) must vote in the affirmative to change the covenants. Fewer than 36 members and proxies are present and the Vice President was aware that several members/proxies are opposed to this change, therefore the measure cannot pass.

Change to Late Payment Procedure Defeated: The Board had recommended simplifying the penalty for late payment of assessments. Instead of the current 12% per annum penalty after 30 days from the due date, a new penalty would be \$10 per month with no proration. The motion requires 80% of members to approve, cannot pass at this meeting, and was not subjected to a vote.

Budget Referred to the Board: A motion was made, seconded, and passed by voice vote to allow the Board of Directors to make appropriate adjustments in the 2008 Budget in light of the previous votes not to amend the Declarations.

#### New Business and General Comments:

Members were asked to consider if we are displaying too many flags on too many occasions and to consider a merging their unquestioned patriotism with good taste.

The City of Williamsburg representatives have stated their desire to have at least one person in every neighborhood trained for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and volunteers are needed. Dennis Baynes of the Williamsburg Police Department is our point of contact. Marguerite Brown, who was the previous HOA CERT representative, has turned this over to Julie Hummel. Will Hummell is working on a call tree and needs residents' email addresses.

We should continue to seek feedback on any incidents related to public safety, including continuing to attend the Neighborhood Council of Williamsburg to get information from the police on any incidents.

Cars are often observed speeding in our neighborhood, notably coming in the entrance at Jamestown Road. Liz Hedgepeth will discuss possible increased monitoring of the speeding problem with police.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm

Richard A. DuChateau  
Secretary, YHOA