



Huntcliff Summit Residents Association
General Meeting August 4, 2022
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by president Walter Weinberg.

Walter introduced Shirley Andrews as the team member of the month—representing all the front-desk staff. She gave a gracious statement of appreciation.

Evie Childers described an incident in which Shirley went above and beyond her duties to assist a resident who was having difficulty dealing with her luggage.

Secretary Ray Bowyer reported an error in the minutes of the June meeting as distributed. The minutes stated that Winsome Barrow thanked Sarah Levy for her work on the friendly reminders. She actually thanked Sara-Davis Merriam. The minutes were approved with that correction.

Treasurer Lynn Adcock reported a balance of \$11,122.09 in the team appreciation fund. She reminded everyone that the goal is \$70,000 by December 9. Walter expanded on the need for the fund, and the appreciation expressed by team members for their share. He reminded us that contributions should be placed in the box in the post office area.

Ed Wexler reminded us that the recommended donation had not changed in many years, even though the value of the dollar has decreased considerably in that time.

Rosemarie Hosbein introduced the following new residents:

- Bill Sonenshine moved here from Kennesaw, Georgia. He has three children and four grandsons. He worked as a research associate. His interests are fishing and music. He likes to laugh, tell jokes, listen to music, and talk philosophy and religion.
- Marcia Ivers moved here from Kennesaw, Georgia. She was a teacher and home care/nursing home director.
- Joseph and Emily Roman moved here from Canton, Georgia. They have three children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was a business executive in the carpet industry. Their interests are reading, bridge, music, watching golf, painting, gardening, travel, and music.
- Rose Stacio moved here from Sandy Springs. She has two children and one grandchild. She worked for Marshall's Department Store for 35 years. Her interests are walking, television, bingo, and movies.
- Penny Lawing moved here from Pasadena, California. She has three children and three grandchildren. Her previous occupation was broadcast sales and house restoration. Her interests are art, animal rescue, music, water exercise, Dodgers baseball, and live music.
- Sue Taylor moved here from Dunwoody, Georgia. She worked for Rich's Department Store. Her interests are bridge, gardening, bird watching, and mystery programs on television.
- Judy Madden moved here from Roswell, Georgia. She has one child and one grandchild. She worked as a membership director at a county club. Her interests are gardening, University of Georgia football, and the Atlanta Braves.

- Marvin and Barbara Fellner moved here from Coral Springs, Florida, and before that from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They have two children and two grandchildren. He worked as a computer programmer and teacher. She worked as a teacher and school principal. His interests are soccer, ice hockey, reading, and puzzles. Her interests are knitting, quilting, sewing, reading, ice hockey, and soccer.
- Mary Hannah moved here from Brookhaven, Georgia. She was a homemaker. Her interests are golf, reading, and current events.
- Roz Grossman moved here from Jacksonville, Florida. She has three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She worked as a store owner and bookkeeper. Her interests are reading, water aerobics, and Mahjong.
- Janice Lorah moved here from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. She has two children. She worked as a teacher and librarian. Her interests are singing and walking.
- Art and Ruth Schultz moved here from Decatur, Georgia. They have three children and two grandchildren. Art was an entrepreneur and Ruth was director of breast and cervical cancer for the state of Georgia. Their interests are reading, music, art, and travel.

Winsome Barrow gave the following report for the food committee:

- Residents are encouraged to submit their signed likes, dislikes, and requests, by placing them in the food committee box located in the mail area.
- Because Sunday brunch is only one meal, pickup and delivery will be in only one box.
- Pickup and delivery orders for lunch should be submitted at 11:30 a.m., and will be ready by 1:30 p.m.
- Liquids (except soup), and ice cream sandwiches, will not be added to pickup and delivery.
- Please request your condiments when the sever takes your order.
- Please do not remove the cushions from the lobby and take them to the dining room. If you really need one, please bring your own.

Walter added a request that we all show patience in and around meals. The staff is working to serve meals as quickly as they can.

Julian Yudelson reported for the garden committee. They are dealing with lots of weeds. The vegetable crop is down this year, for a variety of reasons. The newly-constructed raised beds are working well. The key to the tool shed is available at the front desk. His detailed report is attached.

Franki Groh reported for the activities committee. Reservations for the casino night are due by August 9. The party will be 5:00 to 7:00, and those planning to attend are reminded to eat early. The attractions will include craps, roulette, and blackjack. Everyone will be issued \$100 in play money, and money in hand at the end of the evening will be exchanged for lottery tickets, which in turn will be used to obtain prizes.

Franki asked all female residents to consider joining the Juliette club. Please read your monthly calendar for the club events.

Art Schultz reported for the rejuvenated men's group. All male residents of Huntcliff Summit are invited to a meeting on August 23 at 9:30 a.m. Two meetings per month are planned. One will be outside—a tour of a business or an attraction that members might enjoy. The other will be inside, and plans are being made to have invited speakers, such as the mayor of Sandy Springs or the chief of police. Consideration is being given to creating a men's chorus or doing some outreach.

Fred Ortyl reported for the new newsletter, Huntcliff Harbinger. Its goal is to remind residents of significant events coming up. It is designed to catch everyone's eye. The committee welcomes suggestions for future issues, and the committee members are listed in each issue. The next issue is planned for September.

Loretta Walker made a plea for volunteers to staff the sundries shop. We could start off with just greeting cards, and build up from there.

Walter introduced the board members—himself, Jean Collette, Ray Bowyer, and Lynn Adcock.

Ray reported on the Huntcliff Residents Web Site. Concern had been expressed that the original design of the web site contained information that some people might not want available to the world. The redesigned site has a welcome page, and two information pages. One is open to the world, and at this point it contains only the monthly activity calendar, so friends and relatives of residents can know what is available. The other is password-protected, meant for residents only, and contains news and information that the webmaster thinks will be of interest. The address of the web site is www.huntsumres.org. An information sheet will be distributed soon containing more information.

Lisa Schilling gave the following report.

Welcoming new team members: since our last meeting we have welcomed Francis Smith as our Facilities Director, Jessica Henderson as a server, Tiana Odom in Housekeeping, and Alima Sokera in our Laundry department. If you see these folks around the community, please help welcome them to Huntcliff. I know they are all happy to be here. Deborah, who works at our front desk is still on leave but hopes to return sometime in September. Staffing challenges are no secret — it's happening everywhere. We are working with our internal Sunrise recruiters as well as outside recruiting sources to fill our open positions. Sunrise has also worked very hard on retention packages to help retain the current team members.

Unfortunately, we are still operating with some covid-19 precautions. The latest BA-5 variant has shown to be highly contagious and now accounts for approximately 85% of the covid cases. If you are not feeling well, please let the front desk, Jessica, or myself know. We will arrange for testing if needed. Regardless, covid or something else, if you are not feeling well, please refrain from group activities including dining and happy hour. We strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask outside the community, in addition to inside the community outside your apartment.

As many of you know, our emergency call system went down on Tuesday; however, we are back up and running. Just to be safe, over the course of the next few days we will be conducting tests to make sure the pull stations are operating as they should.

We have several mechanical projects taking place throughout the building — air-conditioning unit on the first floor, air-conditioning unit in the dining room, and a new pump for the pool. We expect to install the new pump tomorrow. It is taking a bit longer to source supplies so bear with us as we work to complete these projects with our outside contractors.

Sidewalks and walking paths — I have signed a contract with Sudlow Concrete to complete the hardscape project. We are awaiting a project start date but look forward to finally completing this project.

A few other upcoming projects: dining room carpet, dining room window treatment, lobby flooring. These projects are slated for this year, and they are sourcing the product, freight, and labor now for the projects to be completed sometime in the early fall.

We are certainly in the dog days of summer weather wise but it's also the time of year to remind our pet owners to be responsible for cleaning up after their pets — both outside and inside. Also make sure that your four-legged companion is current with their vaccinations. The front desk requires a current vaccination report on all animals.

The Activities Department continues to add more and more events and activities so please be sure to read your calendar thoroughly — sign up by the deadlines for activities that require advance ticket purchase or RSVP.

I want to make sure everyone is aware of the upcoming Casino night on August 16th — information went to your cubbies yesterday — please be sure to read the invitation as an RSVP is required by August 9th.

After 10 years of volunteer service, Jobie Ponder has retired from her job of "Getting to Know You," which involved taking new resident's pictures and displaying them on the board near the mailboxes, along with a brief biography. If anyone is interested in taking on some or all of this important task, please see Franki or myself.

We will also be assisting with those residents wishing to register to vote. The deadline to register is October 11th. More information will be coming out regarding absentee ballots, early voting, and voting on election day.

Keep an eye out for upcoming information regarding annual flu shots and/or any possible covid booster. These clinics typically happen sometime in September.

Please continue to support the dining room staff in allowing them to remove your walker and locate it in a safe place. This is for staff safety and your safety. We continue to struggle with this so please work with us.

Remember to sign up for transportation on the sixth floor. The front-office staff cannot accept a request for transportation. The front desk is the right place to submit work orders for repairs in your apartment.

Please bring any durable medical equipment you no longer need to the B level north. A charity has agreed to make this equipment available to those who need it. Let us know if you want us to pick it up.

We have a new ice cream vendor.

Remember that we can't hold a table empty waiting for part of your party to arrive. Let the receptionist know when your party is all here, and then proceed promptly to the table when it is available.

Lastly, myself and the entire team ask for your patience during this time when things take a little longer to accomplish, and some items are hard to get or get timely. Our team is working extremely hard to continue to provide the best service they can. We will hit a few bumps now and then, but we remain committed to serving you to the best of our ability.

Lisa gave the following answers to questions:

- It is probably not possible to add more six-person tables, because in general they displace two four-person tables.
- We are still working on the automatic system to eliminate the need to check in every day.
- The transportation department cannot accept pets in the cars, because of pet allergies.
- There is not much we can do about traffic noise on Roswell Road. If a vehicle stops while making excessive noise, the front desk can call the police department.

Walter reminded everyone to look at the activity calendar and sign up for activities by the deadline. It's a good idea to put it on your refrigerator door so it is available to you every day.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Bowyer, secretary