

Minutes from September 15, 2011 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Marina as Dave was out of town. We had 9 members and two guests present.

The August 2011 minutes were approved by the membership.

The Webmaster reported that he was satisfied by the action on clearing the weeds from the ditch on Miles Rd. and Greenhurst St. He said he thinks Joe Baker has continued to mow the center space.

The Secretary reported that she has changed the center decoration to a fall theme. That will probably be OK until we put up the Christmas display on the 3rd of December.

The President noted there appeared to be more trash around the entry areas and some large tree limbs which need to be cut up. On her side the house at 109 Braly has had the back lawn mowed and 119 Braly home is in foreclosure.

There was no old business to report.

New Business: Members have noticed the new signs around the sub-division reminding residents to lock their vehicles and not to leave valuables in the car. These should have a positive influence.

The Webmaster brought up the question of making a donation of about \$70 to cover the cost of maintaining the domain for the website. This will be brought up at our next meeting for discussion.

Guests:

Dorchester County Sheriff LC Knight was the first guest to speak.

- He was thanked for the new signs by the members. He stated that there were a lot of break in calls lately in all the sub-divisions. He also stated that citizens need to report suspicious behavior. When we follow thru in reporting the Sheriff's job is a lot easier. He said the County budget is very lean this year and they have made some changes to be more efficient by putting more supervisory personnel out on the streets. He discussed the recent changes in Immigration Law and how this has increased the time officers must spend to process arrests.

Captain Decker reported on the changes in the Sex Offender law which now requires 2 in-home visits plus 4 office visits per year. The Greenhurst subdivision had an increase in Criminal Domestic Violence calls this month and several burglaries.

A visitor reported criminal behavior near her home. Two incidents of men with guns threatening others. She had not called the Sheriff as she was afraid she would be targeted if a police car came to her home. Captain Decker explained how to call the NON_EMERGENCY number at 873-7311 and explain that activity was taking place but she did not want to have the car come to her house. Sheriff Knight encouraged her to call him directly if she had any additional problems. Captain Decker will be providing the Webmaster with Community Event information.

The meeting ended at 8:10. Sheriff Knight stayed a little longer to answer questions.