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**Newsletter**

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**“LANDLORDS WORKING TOGETHER”**

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Dear CAHA members,

Again, this year we have teamed up with CMAOA in Waterville and many other landlord organizations in Maine to introduce landlord-friendly bills to the Maine Legislature. We are making steady progress, and I am happy to inform you that there are three bills pending.

LD-71 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Service of Process in Eviction Actions

LD-221 An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Service Animal Housing Accommodations

The third bill is not published yet.

Members from CAHA are strongly encouraged to attend, and written testimony is also requested. Please plan on attending if to do nothing more than wear a sticker that shows support for our cause. It makes a difference. We have been told that when lot of people show up to a hearing it is a big deal.

We do not know when the legislative committee hearing for these bills will be held. As soon as we know the date and time, we will inform you. Further details on these events will be shared with you when it becomes available and when a hearing is scheduled.

We had a successful annual meeting on Tuesday, February 10th. There was good food and great door prizes. Every member who attended went home with a door prize thanks to the generosity of local businesses. I would like to thank all the door prize donors and all the members and guests who attended. I would like to extend special thanks to our CAHA board members who made this event possible.

Ratna Don  
CAHA Treasurer/Director of the CAHA Board

This is the list of vendors who most graciously donated door prizes  
for the 2015 CAHA Annual Banquet:

Aubuchon Hardware, Augusta  
Dennis' Pizza, Gardiner  
Fielding's Oil & Propane Company, Inc.  
Downeast Energy, Hallowell  
Gosline's Hardware, Farmingdale  
Hammond Lumber  
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Newcomer Relocation Rental Services  
Margaritas Mexican Restaurant, Augusta  
The Major's Furniture & Appliance,  
Farmingdale  
Northeast Bank, Augusta  
Sherwin Williams, Augusta  
Tractor Supply, Augusta  
Village Jeweler, Gardiner

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**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Capital Area Housing Association (CAHA)**  
**Held at Lucky Gardens Restaurant, Hallowell**  
**January 29, 2015**

Past-President & Treasurer Ratna Don opened the meeting at 5:46 p.m. with the following present:

Secretary & Board Member Barbara A. Eckhardt  
Board Member Charles Anderson  
Board Member John McNaughton  
Board Member Ramona Venskus  
Board Member Royce Watson  
Board Member Harrison Wolfington

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Charlie, and seconded by John, to accept the January 6, 2015 minutes with change to the Legislative Committee entry and strike out (like to) from the first sentence. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion was made by Charlie, and seconded by Royce, to accept the Treasurer's report of the profit and loss as of January 1 – 28, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

**CAHA Annual Banquet:** Ramona informed the Board that Cheryl Dostie will emcee the banquet this year. The Board of Directors gave their report on the vendors they had contacted, and the consensus was to have Charlie open the business portion of the meeting.

**February Newsletter:** Eric Dick, Esq., will include an Ask the Lawyer column; plus the January 6, 2015 Board Meeting minutes.

**Savings Account at KV Credit Union:** The Treasurer informed that the KV Credit Union will charge inactive fee because the account is no longer active due to no regular deposits or withdrawals. It was the consensus of the Board to have Ramona contact the KV Credit Union to find whether we are able to keep the saving account active without deposits or withdrawals.

**Legislative Committee:** CAHA was contacted by CMOMA to discuss CAHA’s working relationship with them and to discuss LD 71 – An Act to Amend the Law Governing Service to Process in Eviction Actions.



**Audit of CAHA Books:** Barbara informed the Board that she recently asked for clarification as to how Ratna made his entry on the Profit and Loss statement concerning the Newsletter printing and postage reimbursements on Copies Etc’s invoice. Barbara stated she was ready to submit the Audit Report.

**2015 Energy Committee/Continuing Oil Contracts:** Ratna will talk with J&S Oil and Fielding’s Oil to remind them of their oil contract with CAHA, which going on the second year with them.

Motion was made by Ramona, and seconded by Charlie, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Eckhardt, Secretary

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