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Secretary's Message

Dear CAHA Members,

It is time to put the serious business aside and enjoy the company of friends and business associates for an evening of good food and surprises. The annual banquet will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at the Elks Club in Augusta. Your Board of Directors, Ramona Venskus and Charlie Anderson, are working hard to gather door prizes for the raffle at the banquet.

The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. Social hour will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Prices remain as last year-- \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for the first guest and \$25.00 for additional guests. Please make reservations ahead of time in order to be served (no tickets sold at the door). Note: You have until January 31st to pay your dues! Members will lose their membership status after that date.

Members who have not paid their 2017 dues will not be served. Please avoid missing out on the banquet and paying a membership reinstatement fee of \$15.00.

Elections for Board of Directors and officers will be held that night. CAHA is looking to fill the President and Vice-President vacancies and add more Board of Directors to its organization to better represent you, the landlords. Those of you who are interested in becoming an officer or director, please contact CAHA by phone or email.

Slate of Candidates for the next two years (2017-2019)

Charles Anderson, Ratna Don, Cheryl Dostie, John McNaughton, Ramona Venskus

The Board of Directors are looking forward to joining all of you at the 2017 Annual Banquet!

Barbara Eckhardt

CAHA Secretary

Executive Committee Minutes
Capital Area Housing Association (CAHA)
Held at The Senator Restaurant, Augusta
November 15, 2016

CAHA Secretary and Board Member Barbara Eckhardt opened the meeting at 5:55 p.m., with the following present:

Treasurer, Ratna Don
Board Member, Charlie Anderson
Board Member, Cheryl Dostie
Board Member, Ramona Venskus

Motion was made by Charlie, and seconded by Ramona, to accept the October 11, 2016 Executive Committee Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Charlie, and seconded by Cheryl, to accept the January 1 through November 14, 2016 Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board to have Ratna discontinue Constant Contact. Ratna had informed them it was an unnecessary expense for the amount of times CAHA uses its services.

Legislative Outreach/CMAOA-Update: **Motion** was made by Charlie, and seconded by Cheryl, for Ratna to pay and sign CMAOA's contract for the sharing of their lobbyist's expenses for one year at \$3.50 per approximately 250 members per month. And for Ratna to do the same, in a similar manner, when the contract comes due for the second year.

Oil Committee News: There was no new information to discuss.

2017 Annual Banquet: The Board members were concerned that Valentine's Day landed on the second Tuesday of February, 2017. Although Valentine's Day is not a holiday, the Board felt it might be an inconvenience for some if its members to attend this event on that day.

Motion was made by Ramona, and seconded by Charlie, to contact the Elk's Club to reserve Thursday, February 16, 2017, to hold CAHA's annual banquet.

CAHA Phone & Phone Number: CAHA's cell phone number 207-523-2180 was transferred over from US Cellular to Straight Talk Wireless in May, 2016. When CAHA bought a new cell phone the following September, Straight Talk Wireless lost the number, which CAHA had for ten years, leaving the cell phone out of order. Meanwhile, Straight Talk Wireless had been collecting \$33.17 from CAHA's debit card every 30 days, all the while. Because of the loss of CAHA's cell phone number and the difficulty in receiving appropriate compensation from Straight Talk Wireless, Charlie suggested for CAHA to buy a tracfone.

Motion was made by Charlie, and seconded by Barbara, to have Charlie buy a suitable tracfone and order the minutes, before the December 2016 Executive meeting. Ratna will reimburse Charlie for the purchase.

Year-End Membership Renewals: Motion was made by Ramona, and seconded by Charlie, to have Ratna and his daughter, Nichole Don, continue to do the year-end database management for the membership renewal work under the same terms as was done in the past for a fee of \$1,400.00. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board also approved Ratna's draft of the annual membership invoice to include pay pal.

Review of Staff Person's Duties and Cost: Tabled

Audit of CAHA'S Books: It was the consensus of the Board for Ratna to contact CAHA's former treasurer, Emmy Swanton.

Slate of Candidates for the Board of Directors to Serve for the next two years- 2017-2019:

Charles Anderson, Cheryl Dostie, Ratna Don, John McNaughton, and Ramona Venskus

December News Letter: Barbara will write her secretaries message.

Miscellaneous: The Executive Committee broke for a twenty-minute supper break (6:05 p.m.-6:25 p.m.).

Motion was made by Cheryl, and seconded by Barbara, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Next meeting to be held at Lucky Gardens, Hallowell, on Thursday, December 8, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Eckhardt, CAHA Secretary

Executive Committee Minutes
Capital Area Housing Association (CAHA)
Held at Lucky Gardens Restaurant, Hallowell
December 8, 2016

CAHA Secretary and Board Member Barbara Eckhardt opened the meeting at 6:20 p.m., with the following present:

Treasurer, Ratna Don
Board Member, Charlie Anderson
Board Member, Cheryl Dostie
Board Member, Ramona Venskus

Motion was made by Charlie, and seconded by Ramona, to approve the November 15, 2016 Executive Committee Minutes with a minor change to the CAHA Phone & Phone Number agenda item. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Barbara, and seconded by Charlie, to approve the November 15 through December 8, 2016 Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Outreach/CMAOA—Update: Ratna attended the meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2016 held at the Governor Hill Mansion, Augusta. Discussion concerning a legislative breakfast for the end of January. It was the consensus of the Board to contribute \$100 towards the continental breakfast.

Oil Committee: There was no new information to discuss.

2017 Annual Banquet: It was the consensus of the Board to book the Annual Banquet at the Elks Club and in accordance with the CAHA by-laws on the second Tuesday in the month of February, which is February 14, 2017. The prices for the meal will remain the same as the previous year, 2016. Prices are \$10.00 for the member, \$15.00 for the first guest and \$25.00 for additional guests.

CAHA Phone Update: Charlie emailed the details of the new tracfone he purchased for CAHA. Attached is the receipt. Best deal, best reviews, triple minutes. Precharged with 1350 minutes, 1350 texts and 1350 megabytes data for a year. Any remaining minutes, etc., will carry forward if purchased prior to year from now. Android 5 Operating System. CDMA off Verizon towers. I will set it up after it arrives. Here is their website and purchase options:<http://www.pinzoo.com/wireless-refill-minutes/tracfone-nationwide-prepaid-airtime-cards/>
I use pinzoo to order more minutes - easy - call 888-697-696.

Year-End Membership Renewals Update: Ratna mailed the membership renewals along with the banquet invitations in the first week of December.

Audit of CAHA'S Books Update: At its November 15, 2016 meeting, it was the consensus of the Board to have Ratna contact CAHA member Emmy Swanton to audit CAHA's books. Ratna reported back that Emmy Swanton was not available to audit them.

Therefore, it was the consensus of the Board for Ratna to contact CAHA member Wayne Niles to audit CAHA's books.

Slate of Candidates for the Board of Directors to Serve for the next two years- 2017-2019:

Charles Anderson, Cheryl Dostie, Ratna Don, John McNaughton, and Ramona Venskus

January News Letter: Barbara will write the Secretary's message.

Miscellaneous: The Executive Committee broke for a forty-minute supper break (5:40 p.m.-6:20 p.m.).

Motion was made by Cheryl, and seconded by Barbara, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017. Place not set.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Eckhardt, CAHA Secretary



Banquet Invitation



12/5/2016

Dear CAHA Member:

Our annual banquet is coming up soon and we're sending the reservation form to you now so that you can put it on your calendar and plan to attend. The 2017 Banquet will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at the Elk's Lodge #964, 397 Civic Center Dr, Augusta.

Below is the Annual CAHA Banquet Reservation Form. Please fill it out and return it promptly.

Please note the pricing structure for the banquet this year:

CAHA Member:	\$10.00
First guest:	\$15.00
Second and additional guests	\$25.00 each

What's Planned?

Social Hour: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Presentation, guest speaker TBA: 7:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Door Prizes and Social: 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Annual CAHA Banquet Reservation Form

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 Place: Elk's Lodge #964, Civic Center Dr, Augusta
Time: Social Hour at 5:30 p.m. – Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Price: \$10.00 CAHA Members Guests: 1st guest = \$15.00, All additional guests = \$25.00

(Please bring no children under the age of 16 to the CAHA Banquet)

A check must accompany this reservation form and be received by February 1, 2017.

Member Name: _____ Member # _____ Price: \$10.00

1st Guest: _____ Price: \$15.00

2nd Guest: _____ Price: \$25.00

3rd Guest: _____ Price: \$25.00

4th Guest: _____ Price: \$25.00

Total number attending _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____ (non-refundable)

Deadline for making reservations: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 (No tickets sold at the door)

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