

February 7, 2012

MINUTES FOR NORTH SHORE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

Board Members Present: Lois Warner, Jennifer King, Bonnie Howatt, Roberta Watts, Brian Ferguson, Jennifer Harris, Rae Regula, Marty Gavin, Robin Gearhart-Sayler, Sarah Ann Parsons, Amy Bartholomee.

Guests: Fran Kuhne, Karl Kuhne, Jerri Rupprecht, Charlie Parsons, Brenda DeRemer, Joe DeRemer, Jeanne Brush, Mike Worsham, Marsha Brady, Ty Hancock, Bart Arconti, Wayne Bartholomee, Claudia Warner.

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM at Our Lady of the Chesapeake at 8325 Ventnor Road in Pasadena, Md.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2012 meeting. Motion approved by Fran Kuhne, seconded by Jennifer Harris. All were in favor, motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Treasurer: Bonnie Howatt reported that her treasury report has revenue and expenses for the past 11 months. February has not been entered, but only has minor expenses. *See the Treasurer's full report on the website www.Northshoreaa.com. Thank you.*

Membership: Lois Warner reported for Phil Gerber as follows: Membership budget for 2012 is the same as last year at \$150. This year's total membership numbers were 143 members paid dues for a grand total of \$11,575.00. The membership forms will be sent in early April, and can be found on the North Shore on the Magothy website.

Roads and Zoning: Jennifer Harris reported that from March 2011 through January 2012 she has received 8 requests for the removal of trees (all were approved); 1 request for a deck (approved); 1 request to replace a patio and driveway (approved); and 3 requests for shed (all approved). Thanks to all who follow the covenants and submit their applications, which can be found on the North Shore on the Magothy website.

Pier: Brian Ferguson reported that this year expenses were down, but we did have to remove 5 trees. Clean-up day was good. 1 slip was unused last year, but he hopes that all slips will be taken this year. 61 keys have been sold out of 100. They replaced several marina lights and now all are working. No ice-eaters were used this winter, which means less expense (energy bill). This spring he hopes we will replace the marina shed and conduct a marine inspection for repairs. Slip invoices will go out at the end of February.

Park: Rae Regula reported: This past year has been exciting at the community park. We were very excited to have the playground structure donated by the Briggs family. Thank you to all that helped with the installation of the playground equipment.

The park is in desperate need of help with the playground mulch. This coming spring I plan on having a couple of community clean-ups for the park. One day to dig up all the very stubborn weeds in the playground area and clear out leaf and tree debris in the area surrounding the playground. A second day for spreading new mulch, cleaning the basketball hoops, backboards and court and a final day to help fix the mulch runoff problem. First I will meet with Jim Logan to figure out alternative landscape options to prevent the mulch from washing into the storm drains during heavy rains. Not only do we lose our mulch, but also we end up with clogged drains.

As always, I appreciate any ideas, help and support from the community of North Shore on the Magothy.

Entertainment: Jennifer King reported that the holiday events went well. July 4th was great, we donated to the firefighters for their participation. The crab feast generated a profit. Shirts are still available to all interested. The progressive dinner is Saturday, February 25th. Finally, lots of little kids are moving into North Shore, so there should be plenty of participation in our upcoming community events! Karl Kuhne mentioned that he would be away September 14-15 so the crab feast should be held on a different weekend. Jennifer King likes to schedule the crab feast for the 2nd weekend in September.

Beach: Marty Gavin reported that he had 11 beach rentals this year, the drop-off probably due to the summer's bad weather. Thanks to all who have volunteered over the year to clean up the debris that has washed up, help with the pavilion and the tables and chairs (notably Jerri and Harry Rupprecht). The eaves of the Pavilion are so damaged from abuse that they all need replacing/repair. The beach might need some infill at the low areas to slow down erosion. Finally, the change in curfew from 10PM until dusk has reduced the vandalism to nearly nothing now that it is enforceable. *Thanks to all the neighborhood kids for respecting the community property and taking care of our beach and park!*

Garden Club: Sarah Ann Parsons reported: The Garden Club had a very busy year in 2011 with gardening in the community, maintaining the community property, and planning fun events. We have many active and creative members who spend countless hours planning, planting, decorating and contributing their time and efforts to make North Shore the best community in which to live.

In addition to gardening we held three very successful events this year. The first was the Spring Dance (after it being cancelled the past 2 years due to weather) that was held at Kurtz's Beach. It was a lot of fun and well attended. After a survey, it was felt that it would be best to have the dance every other year so that it will continue to be greatly anticipated. The second event was a terrific Luau held in July on a very hot night and attended by 200 people. And lastly, was our wonderful introduction to the holiday season with the Christmas Open House. Thanks to Clara Bartholomee and Patty and Tom McMahon for opening their homes for us to decorate and for the community to visit. Also, a huge thanks goes to the community for your overwhelming donations for Arden House, the domestic violence shelter. It was greatly appreciated and made us so proud to live in such a generous community.

Our programs included a visit from the Bay Wise Master Gardeners and tours of the gardens of Jeanne Brush and Sarah Jenkins. We hope to expand our programs this next year.

One of the goals for the year was to determine the cost of the Garden Club activities by encouraging everyone to turn in receipts for things they purchased for the gardens and the events. In the past, Garden Club members, in addition to their donation of time, donated much of what was used in the gardens and what was needed for the events. We feel that it is not fair for the members to take on the expenses associated with the gardens and the events. As is apparent in the financial report, this year we were over budget because we finally accounted for our expenses. Next year, we have a better idea of how to plan in the budget. We are also looking at some small fundraisers to help defray the costs.

All in all, it was a very successful year and we know that everyone appreciates the efforts exerted by the Garden Club to keep North Shore beautiful and to help maintain our property values and also to continue to foster a community spirit and insure the continued enjoyment of living here. We would encourage anyone interested to join us. We have a lot of fun.

Lois Warner mentioned that the 2012 membership form will have a donation section for those interested in supporting the events unique to North Shore on the Magothy.

Welcome: Lois Warner reported for Cris Imle that she has greeted several new families to the neighborhood. A list of the 17 new residents was distributed at the meeting. Cris also has

requested to leave the board. Lois Warner asked that anyone interested in the Welcome position contact her and plan to attend the next board meeting at Roberta Watts' home on March 6 at 7PM. **The Barnacle:** Amy Bartholomee reported that the Barnacle's expenses have gone up because it is now offered in hard copy format and hand delivered to each resident. She has tried to keep delivery within 10 days of the board meeting. In an effort to save money, she will be trimming the content of the Barnacle, getting better pricing from Office Depot and delivering it electronically to the AA County delegates and executives.

Projected annual cost of the Barnacle is \$780.00

She thanks our 10 advertisers and also thanks Jon Bailey for all his help getting The Barnacle on the website each month.

Lois Warner mentioned that the photomontages should continue quarterly as they are a treat for neighborhood kids and adults.

Greater Pasadena Council: Robin Gearhart-Sayler reported the following: the attendance for the Greater Pasadena Council has been an issue all year as it has come down to just board members showing up for the meetings. With the same four to five people every month showing up every month, there has been little to discuss. The board has not met in the last couple of months and the board members will be meeting soon to discuss options for continuing the Greater Pasadena Council. Once we have the options I will bring them to the North Shore on the Magothy board meeting for discussion.

The GPC membership dues are \$25 per neighborhood with over 160 communities paid.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: *Lois Warner asked that the community vote on Treasurer Bonnie Howatt's proposed budget for 2012. Claudia Warner approved the motion. Sarah Ann Parsons seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.*

Lois asked the community to vote on the North Shore on the Magothy membership dues remaining \$50 for senior member households and \$100 for non-senior households. Charlie Parsons approved the motion, Rae Regula seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Lois Warner noted that two voting board members positions are open. New board members volunteers are encouraged to attend the March 6, 2012 North Shore board meeting. It was moved and seconded to approve the existing, continuing board members: Jennifer King, Roberta Watts, Bonnie Howatt, Marty Gavin, Phillip Gerber, Jennifer Harris and the nomination of Rae Regula for another 3 year term. It was then voted on, all approved, motion passed.

Lois Warner brought up the issue of scheduling the North Shore children's Halloween party. She and Jennifer King proposed to have it on the last Sunday of October. After some discussion it was decided to keep it flexible, depending on what day of the week Halloween falls.

Lois Warner brought up the issue of having the North Shore Covenant #2 changed. It currently states That all garage and other outbuildings of any kind whatsoever shall be in the rear of the dwelling but shall not be within ten (10) feet of the rear boundary of the lot, shall not be within ten (10) feet of the dividing lines of the said lot; and shall be of neat design and kept in repair and painted at all times. She would like the community to consider changing the setback rules to concur with those of Anne Arundel County, which dictate a setback of seven (7) feet from the property line. Wayne Bartholomee commented he believes that the overall distance between two buildings that share a property line must remain at 20 feet, although that may only be with primary structures.

Karl Kuhne remarked that changing the covenants to reflect that of the county would be a good idea, make life simpler. The consensus is to proceed with this recommendation. This issue will be researched, reviewed with an attorney, and put to community vote (next annual meeting) following the proper procedures for changing covenants (including attaching an addendum to every deed in North Shore that carries the covenants).

Lois Warner opened the floor to community members for other business:

Karl Kuhne remarked that there is a vehicle parked at the edge of the community and has been there several days. Its tags are current, but he will contact the police barracks on Mountain Road if no neighbors confirm that the car belongs to them.

Fran Kuhne noted that the January 29 *Annapolis Capital Newspaper* had a reminder that the Homestead Tax Credit application issued in 2007 will be expiring December 2012. Homeowners should confirm that they have their application on file otherwise their property taxes could increase beyond the limit set by the Homestead Tax Credit. For more information and to confirm that you have the paperwork filed, call the AA County Division of Assessments and Taxation: 410 767-2165.

Several neighbors are reporting on an issue with a neighbor using illegal blow dart guns. The police have been contacted and a report is on file. The board expressed their concern and Lois Warner will contact the owner of the property.

Claudia Warner asked if the community could apply for speed bumps on our roads. Lois Warner said that we don't have the volume of traffic that is required for county speed bumps, although we could possibly install metal removable speed bumps.

Karl Kuhne thanked the community for the wonderful job they did monitoring the beach and park during the Bumper Bash event. He mentioned that Senator Bryan Simonaire killed the bill requiring permits for boat raft-ups of 50 or more boats. [Editor's note: Simonaire has since requested our community have a representative join a work group on dealing with the Bumper Bash. The first meeting is Monday, February 13, at 5:30, in Room 415 of the James Senate building].

Jennifer King suggested that the community purchase a semi-permanent sign with removable letters that could announce the numerous community events, dates and information rather than the repeated purchases of temporary signage (current expense of \$15-\$18 per sign).

Lois wrapped up the meeting by saying the following: THANK YOU to: Jon Bailey our web master; all who advertise in the Barnacle; all who pick up trash along our roads; all who look out for their neighbors, their neighbor's property and pets; all who volunteer their help with our community events; all who deliver the Barnacle; all who pay their dues; all who contribute additional funds to the Association; all who watch their speed when they turn off Mountain road; and last but not least my fellow Board members who give their time and energy to meet every month, they come prepared and enthusiastic. All of them love this community and love making it better for everyone else. I have had a great time these past 3 years working with each of you. I plan to volunteer with the garden club and with any community events as needed. Thank you very much!

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 6 at the home of Roberta Watts at 7PM.

Lois Warner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM. Jennifer Harris approved the motion and Marty Gavin seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Roberta Watts, Secretary