Minutes from the Meeting of the North Shore Board of Governors December 2, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the North Shore Board of Governors was held on December 2, 2014, hosted by Cyndi Gottschalk. In attendance were Rick Watts, Jennifer Harris, Lana Matovcik, Bonnie Howatt, Rick Scruggs, Jeff Schell, Cyndi Gottschalk, and Wayne and Amy Bartholomee.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Wayne was pleased to report that there are several members who have expressed interest in serving on the Board, including Tracy Poyneer, Doug O'Connell, Jeanne Brush, Denny Debus, and Kirk Gautreau. All those interested in serving on the Board for the coming year should plan to attend the annual meeting on February 3 – 7:00 pm at the Mountain Road Library.

Welcome

No Report.

Roads & Zoning

Cyndi has followed up on some decorative fencing panels on North Shore Road. The panels are a temporary holiday decoration, so no further action was warranted.

Pier

Thanks to Phil Gerber for the electrical repairs at the marina. Jeff requested that the board authorize the purchase of another ice eater for the marina. Upon motion made by Lana and seconded by Jennifer, the Board authorized the expense of approximately \$500.00 for an ice eater.

Ice eaters will be installed sometime during the week of December 15. Once the ice eaters are installed, the ramp will not be accessible. If members intend to use the ramp to pull your boat for the winter, this must be done before the ice eaters are installed. Another lock will be placed on the ramp access for the winter.

Rich Fenton will take care of winterizing the water system at the marina.

Paperwork has been submitted for the planned signage at the marina to be approved as an Eagle Scout project.

Park

The final grass cutting for the season has been done. There has been some damage from vandals driving through the park, leaving ruts and damaging the grass. This is a recurring issue. The board discussed the possibility of some type of barricade to keep cars out. No action was taken on the matter. Clean up and other improvements are planned for spring.

Membership

Bonnie reports that total revenue from membership dues for 2014 to date was \$12,310 from 143 households. We anticipate a few additional households may pay before the end of the year. Bonnie gave Wayne the program CD that Robin had used to keep track of membership dues.

Garden Club

Sarah Ann submitted the following report which was read in her absence:

The Garden Club met at Rae's house to finalize plans for the Christmas Open House. The first house will be Wayne and Amy Bartholomee's (441 Edgewater Road) from 6-8 pm and the second house will be Adam and Tracy Poyneer's (389 North Shore Rd.) from 8-10. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. The Garden Club will decorate Adam and Tracy's house on Wednesday and Wayne and Amy's on Thursday. Thanks so much to them for volunteering their homes for our celebration.

Our next meeting will be on January 13, remaining on the third Tuesday of the month for the time being. The location is to be determined. We will be planning for the up coming year and hopefully, we can encourage some more participation as we need help maintaining our gardens. Our members are getting tired. For the February meeting, we are planning to meet at a restaurant for a special treat. Other meetings and plans are still in the works.

Entertainment

The annual caroling and visit from Santa has been scheduled for December 14. Details will be published on the front page of the Barnacle.

Beach

Some concerns have been raised regarding the new cable because it limits pedestrian access and also blocks access for some boats, kayaks, etc. to the water. Adjustments will be made in the spring. Wayne and Ted are also planning to deal with the berm that has developed near the sea wall, and will address this in the spring.

The gaga ball pit will be removed.

<u>Barnacle</u>

- 1. In order to ensure timely publication, the due date for submissions to the Barnacle is December 4.
- 2. Amy has discussed with Jon, the need to coordinate the website and the Barnacle publication. She is not able to utilize the software Jon has created for the website, so, on Amy's recommendation, the Board agreed that we should utilize a website builder program from GoDaddy, at the same price as we currently pay for hosting. Amy will undertake the project to redesign the website and work with Jon to transfer information from the old to new. One of the advantages of this plan is that the new site will be accessible by Board Members for direct updating. Amy will follow up with Jon on the issue of password-protected access to the Porthole.
 - 3. The board agreed that we should renew our existing e-mail blast service.
- 4. Amy suggested that we establish a North Shore facebook page, and she volunteered to set it up and also add a paypal feature to the website that would facilitate collection of dues and other payments from members. The paypal account would cost \$30.00 per year, and charge 2% of revenues. The board agreed that this was a good idea.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund opening balance in November was \$20,500. There were expenses of \$2600 (beach and pier repairs) and no revenues. The closing balance at the end of November was \$17,900.

The reserve Fund CD balance is just under \$28,000.00

Old Business

- 1. Lana is following up with Absolute Signs on the proposed new signage at the beach and playground.
- 2. Community drains Wayne has the plans/drawings for the community drains. He and Rick Watts will meet this month to review the plans, locate the drains and develop a plan of action.

New Business

1. Street Lights - Ted is away and has not yet given Wayne the list of street lights that are out. Members are asked to get the number of any non-working street lights near their houses, and give them to Wayne. He will take up the matter with our local politicians, who are very responsive to this type of issue.

- 2. Port a Potties have been picked up and will be returned in April.
- 3. The Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at the Mountain Road Library.
- 4. Wayne has obtained quotes from a new insurance provider for D&O as well as general liability policies for the community. The new quotes represent a substantial savings over our existing policies for identical coverage from an A+ rated insurance company. The board voted unanimously to go with the new company at the expiration of our existing policies.
- 5. Traffic Following the presentation by the traffic engineer at the November meeting, and review of the written materials he provided, the Board acknowledged that the community does not have enough traffic to qualify for traffic-calming intervention by the county.
 - 6. The next meeting will be held on January 6 at the home of Jeff Schell.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.