

Minutes from the Meeting
of the
North Shore Board of Governors
April 7, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the North Shore Board of Governors was held on April 7, 2015, hosted by Tracy Poyneer. In attendance at the meeting were Lana Matovcik, Bonnie Howatt, Rick Scruggs, Jeff Schell, Cyndi Gottschalk, Tracy Poyneer, Carl Kuhne, Rae Regula, Ben and Kelly Wisthoff, Doug O'Connell, Jeanne Brush, Rick Watts, and guests Kristen and Brian Burkhart.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund opening balance in March was \$12,983. Revenues from membership dues totaled \$4,550. Two additional donations of \$50 each (one earmarked for the garden club) were received. After accounting for normal operating expenses, the closing balance in the General Fund is \$17,220.

The reserve Fund CD balance is \$27,845.00

Beach

Doug passed around the reservation form to verify its accuracy. The only change suggested was to remove the reference to the grill, since we no longer supply a grill for private events. Also, we are continuing the practice of waiving the refundable deposit for beach reservations as we have done for the past few years.

The Beach has already been reserved for the following dates:

Saturday, June 27 - Wayne Bartholome
Saturday, August 1 - Drew Hawkins
Thurs, Sept 24 - Rick Scruggs

Member Concerns

Kristen and Brian Burkhart attended the meeting to voice their concerns about conditions on Dutchship Court. The combination of non-functioning street lights, trees encroaching on street lights, and on-street parking of RVs, boats and trailers, creates a very unsightly and potentially hazardous condition. We understand that BG&E is going to address the situation with the trees, and Rae is going to follow up with Sarah Gannon from Steve Schuh's office to see if we can make progress on the issue of our streetlights.

With regard to the obstructing boats and vehicles, this has been a problem for many years, particularly on Dutchship Court. As long as the vehicles are tagged and legal, there is little the Board can do to ameliorate this situation. We suggested that the Burkharts contact the fire department which does issue citations if access for emergency vehicles is impaired.

Brian also advised the board that he found the bottom of a soda can at the beach, which is sometimes used as drug paraphernalia. All residents should please be vigilant and keep an eye out for people who don't belong in the community.

Entertainment

Tracy gave a very ambitious and enthusiastic presentation to the board with her plans for the year, with her overarching mission to host and create neighborhood events that everyone who attends will enjoy, find memorable and add value to our community. She has proposed the following events for 2015:

North Shore Neighborhood Earth Day Clean Up	Saturday April 18 <i>(rain date April 19)</i>
North Shore Spring Fling	Saturday, May 16
North Shore Summer Kick-Off and 1 st annual Cardboard Regatta Race	Saturday, June 20
Annual 4 th of July Parade	Saturday, July 4
Annual Crab Feast	Saturday, September [TBD]
Children's Halloween Party	Saturday, October [TBD]
North Shore's Adult Oktoberfest	Saturday, October [TBD]

Tracy has many fresh and new ideas for each of these events, so watch for details as the dates approach.

Other events under consideration are

- Continuing the Happy Hours at the Beach
- Bull & Oyster Roast
- Community Flea Market or Yard Sale
- Movie Night for Kids

With the Community Clean Up fast approaching, Tracy challenged each of the Board members to attend and bring at least one new participant. She will get a flyer out tomorrow. She and Amy Bartholome will make use of our new facebook page and social media to keep everyone in the loop and to promote these events.

The Board approved a budget of \$150.00 for the Earth Day Clean Up.

Membership

Paid Memberships to date: 75
(includes 6 new neighbors given complimentary first year memberships)

Total collected: \$4,500

Second mailing will go out about the third week of April. Reminder signs have been placed at the entrance to the neighborhood and will be moved every few days.

There seems to be some confusion about our fiscal year. It is March 1 to February 28/29.

Garden Club

Sarah Ann was not in attendance but submitted the following brief report:

The next meeting will be at Laurie Gardner's house on April 21 at 7pm. Her address is 477 Edgewater. The program will be about raising orchids. Thanks to all who have been working in the gardens. They are looking great. I will mention their names next month so I can list everyone.

Park

Over the past month, Rick has replaced one basketball net, repaired one swing, disposed of trash, and temporarily removed one damaged swing due for replacement. He has priced picnic tables which are on sale now for \$98.00 plus delivery and assembly. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the board approved the purchase of two picnic tables for up to \$300.00. Jeff suggested that we also purchase rectangular concrete pavers to put under the legs of each table to prevent rot. The board unanimously agreed and increased the authorized expense to \$400.00.

Pier

1. The new sign is up! This is a great addition which is both useful and very attractive. Thanks to Julian Bartholome and his troop for a job well done.

2. Bills for slip rental and ramp keys will go out this weekend.

3. We are down to three members waiting for slip upgrades, with two new people on the waiting list whose boats do not fit in available slips.

4. Two of our new members have inquired about the marina. One has rented a slip and both have paid for ramp keys.

5. The shed continues to be a point of focus for Jeff and the marina users. However, Jeff indicated that the water system is a bigger concern for those in the marina. The consensus from the Board was that these two issues probably need to be addressed simultaneously, because the water treatment situation is made worse by the lack of a proper shed.

A bit of debate ensued, with all recognizing the importance of the marina as a community asset and as source of revenue. Capital investment is needed. Carl pointed out that we charge much less for slips than neighboring communities. Lana suggested that maybe rates could be raised after we improve the facilities, but in their present state, it

may not be warranted. Rick Scruggs suggested that Dredging would probably be our best investment because it would create more usable slips. There are, however, no county funds available for this expensive project unless we are willing to create a special taxing district.

Carl noted that to fund a prior project, North Shore slip holders were asked to pay for five years slip rental in advance. This might be an option if we need additional funds.

Jeff believes that the total needed improvements (without dredging) would cost about \$30,000.00. Tracy offered to help with fundraising efforts, if needed. We suggested that Jeff start the process of getting proposals for the work, and get some solid numbers to work with. Jeff expressed his frustration with this situation, which is a huge task, and is further complicated by the permitting process and each project seems to open a whole new can of worms.

Roads & Zoning

Cyndi submitted paperwork for a shed behind her garage. All neighbors had signed off, and the shed is small enough that it is exempt from permit requirements. This submission was approved by the Board.

Old Business

1. Rick Scruggs suggested that we fill the unsightly muddy area at the intersection of North Shore and Mountain Roads with gravel to eliminate the “thrill” of driving through the mud. We discussed the ownership issue that we have run into in the past. We agreed that this would be an item we take up with Sara Gannon, if/when Wayne is able to meet with her.

2. Rae is going to send the street light info to Sara Gannon without waiting for her meeting with Wayne.

3. Lana has signs to be posted at the marina, playground and beach, and will ask the newly-formed “Get-R-Done” committee to post them.

4. Lana will also follow up with John Stopowski to remove the ball pit from the beach property.

New Business

1. Many of our North Shore residents play golf in the Monday Night League at Compass Pointe Golf Course. This is a co-ed league, and open to all. Registration is \$30.00 and weekly greens fees are \$25.00 for 9 holes. Play begins on April 13th at 5:00 pm.

2. Ben provided some more info about the workings of the Greater Pasadena Council, and the Board decided again, not to join the organization at this time.

3. Cyndi asked whether we wanted to join the Magothy River Association, and the consensus was to decline.

4. Bonnie received notice from the County that we are once again on the list for a free dumpster. Our scheduled dates are October 7-9.

The next meeting will be held May 5 at the home of Doug O'Connell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

SEPARATE SUBMISSIONS TO THE BARNACLE:

from Doug O'Connell:

Beach Rentals

The North Shore Community Beach is now available for rental for the 2015 season. The beach offers an ideal, low cost venue for your next family or business gathering, but rentals are limited and going fast, so get your reservation in as soon as possible. The North Shore Community Association Beachfront Usage Agreement can be found on the North Shore web page, with instructions on how to apply. Have a great summer.

from Lana Matovcik:

Washington Post is Here!

After several prior attempts to get home delivery of the Washington Post in North Shore, it has finally happened! It is now available for daily or Sunday-only delivery in our community.