

Minutes from the Meeting

Of the

North Shore Board of Governors

April 2, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the North Shore Board of Governors was held at Melinda Caropreso's home. Members present were Melinda Caropreso, Celeste Slifer, Rae Regula, Sue Coburn, Anita Bailey, Mary Jeanne Ordakowski, Ben Wisthoff and Dave Klatt. Drew Hawkins and Lisa Stamper were not present. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Betsy Gregory with the Barnacle, Jon Bailey, Maureen and Glenn Ebaugh were present.

***Motion:** To approve the minutes of the March monthly meeting. Moved: Ben; Seconded: Mary Jeanne; all in favor. Approved as written.*

Treasurer's Report:

Celeste reported that the starting balance for March was \$10,632 in the general account. The total from revenues/dues was \$4,675. The expenses in the general fund for the month were a BGE \$185.66, mailings/Barnacle/sign were \$90.31. The amounts of \$8,846.80 (Marina Surplus) and \$355 (Marina Fund) were transferred to the Marina Fund.

The checking account for the Marina Fund had a starting balance of \$3,974 and the ending balance was \$13,176.

Discussion: Jon Bailey suggested that next year a dues reminder go out a month earlier by Facebook with an online payment option to reduce mailing costs. Questions arose regarding methods of online payment options and how we would track who the payments came from and what limits there were for electronic transfers in/out of our current bank account.

***Motion:** To table Jon's suggestion for now and revisit the issue at year end. Moved: Melinda Caropreso; Seconded: Ben Whistoff; All in Favor. Motion Approved.*

Motion: To remove Lisa Stamper, Laurie Gardner and Marion Glasby from having authority to sign checks on behalf of North Shore Association with Arundel Federal Savings Bank. Moved: Melinda Caropreso; Seconded: Ben Whistoff; All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Motion: To give Melinda Caropreso, Celeste Slifer, Drew Hawkins, and Anita Bailey authority to sign checks on behalf of North Shore Association with Arundel Federal Savings Bank. Moved: Melinda Caropreso; Seconded: Ben Whistoff; All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Motion: That the number of signatures/authorizations required to pay an expense under \$1,000 shall be one (1); and the number of signatures/authorizations required for an expense over \$1,000 shall be two (2); and all expenses over \$1,000 shall be paid by check. Moved: Melinda Caropreso; Seconded: Mary Jeanne Ordakowski; All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Motion: To give the treasurer, Celeste Slifer, authority to conduct online banking in order to pay the Board's monthly and/or yearly bill's via online electronic payments, and for the banking institution to assign a login and password to the treasurer, Celeste Slifer. Further, the Board directs Celeste Slifer to share the banking's online account login and password with Melinda Caropreso. All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Membership Report:

Mary Jeanne reported that 90 households (out of 191 notices that went out, including Villa Isle) have paid their annual dues so far. Rick Watts notified her of 2 new households and billing notices have been sent to the new households. Newsletters should start going to Villa Isle.

Motion: To add Benny & Amanda Tucker (who used to live on Valley Drive and now live in the home adjacent to Villa Isle), to the membership. Moved: Melinda Caropreso; Seconded: Ben Whistoff; All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Park Report:

Rae reported that drainage problems continue at the Park and Beach. She and Ben will contact the County before the next meeting to explore what solutions may be available from the County's perspective.

Beach Report:

Ben will see that the beach rental form (that was updated by Rae) is posted on the website. A private party previously reserved for 5/5/19 has canceled and will need a refund check. A reservation has been received for 6/1/19 and he is awaiting a payment. Porto potties will arrive on 4/15.

Entertainment Report:

Ben reported Community Cleanup Day will take place on 4/27 and only about \$100 will be needed because he procured food/beer donations, the dumpster has been reserved for April 29th at noon through May 1st at noon. Ben announced a proposed schedule of upcoming events: 6/15 Summer Kick-Off; Fourth of July Celebration; Crab Feast in September; Adult Costume Party on 10/26; Kid's Halloween Party/Pizza Party on 10/31; Christmas visit from Santa on 12/15; Family Friendly Friday Happy Hours during the summer; Community Yard Sale/Fall Clean Out; and Luau to be determined by the Garden Club.

Marina Report:

Dave reported the lock at the boat ramp has been changed. Boat slip renewals are coming in. There may be a need to re-assign some of the smaller slip holders. Thermal sensor ice-eaters helped reduce the winter BGE bill and he recommended that we purchase 2 new ice-eaters for next winter to replace aging units, which will cost approximately \$1200. The ice-eaters have been removed and returned to the shed and the water is back on at the marina. He has procured some donated gravel to fill in some holes in the parking areas and by the bulkhead. He and Glenn Ebaugh will have their boats connected to the electricity and will pay any differential in the BGE bill.

Roads and Zoning:

Sue reported that there is a request from the Klatt family to add an 8x8 shed (which does not require a permit) to their back yard.

Motion: *To approve Klatt family's request. Moved: Mary Jeanne; Seconded: Rae; All in Favor. Motion Approved.*

Garden Club:

Lisa was not present. No report.

Welcome Committee:

Rick Watts was not present.

Barnacle:

Betsy reported that Robert Thompson has inquired about advertising in the Barnacle for his upcoming election for Circuit Court Judge (to continue in his currently appointed position). It was recognized that judicial positions are generally non-partisan and no objections were raised.

Old Business:

Rae thanked Jon Bailey for installing the solar panels to keep the community sign lit up. They have been working without interruption.

Melinda and Ben raised the issue of re-visiting the Special Tax District to help raise money for capital improvements to property the community owns, such as the marina. Ben will explore the issue further and collect information which can be disseminated in a concise manner to the community. He reported that most neighborhoods who have adopted this have been very pleased, although the idea was met with resistance. Initial informal feedback to the idea was that dues be raised.

New Business:

Maureen Ebaugh initiated a discussion about the use of the community Facebook account by “advertisers” because of concerns raised by a recent disagreement over the topic. Questions were raised as to whether any advertising should be permitted, whether it should be limited to advertisers who currently advertise in the Barnacle, how often advertisements should appear and on what days. A question was also raised about whether former community members who had moved outside the community could continue to access the community Facebook page. The group generally approved of continued access.

Motion: *To table the discussion regarding the availability of the community Facebook account to advertisers pending the development of “rules of use.” All in Favor.*

Motion: To designate Board Members Melinda Caropreso and Dave Klatt as moderators for the community Facebook account and remove the current non-Board Member moderators, namely, Tracey Poyneer and Roberta Watts. *Moved: Ben; Seconded: Mary Jeanne; All in Favor. Motion Approved.*

Next Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be May 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be hosted by Dave.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn meeting at 8:32 p.m. *Moved: Melinda Caropreso; Seconded: Ben Whistoff; All in Favor. Motion Approved.*

Prepared by Anita Bailey, Secretary