

**Baycliff Civic League Meeting**  
**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ AES Cafetorium and via ZOOM**

**Those Present:**

See attached list

**Call to Order/Welcome**

Sheri Lohman introduced herself as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and substitute for the evening for the president, Mandelyn Gray, who had sent her apologies for not being able to attend.

**Secretary's report-** (Graham Fox)

GF summarized the minutes of the last meeting held on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's report/Dues** (Kenny Vaughn)

KV reported the following account balances:

Checking account:	28668.16
Venmo	11,656.85
Money Market (Capital acct)	42,063.85
Total	82,388.86

He noted that the income to date of \$31,488.86 was about \$3000 over budget.

The 223 dues payments received were only 3 short of budget.

However, the expenses to date of \$33,773.95 were about \$5000 over budget.

KV reminded the meeting that \$25,000 of the Capital Account had been approved as a contribution to the Boat Ramp Fund.

In addition, 3 donations totaling \$850 had been received directly for the Boat Ramp Fund.

**Agenda items**

a) **Boat Ramp Committee.** Melanie Karsanac reported:

- a. The Colin Marine contract was yet to be finalized and was awaiting the final design drawings.
- b. No upfront deposit was required.
- c. A need to begin an intense fund raising to amass an additional \$50,000 by September 2023, the expected start date.
- d. It was generally felt that the state of the Boat Ramp and the need for repairs was not well known, and any campaign must ensure that the need and the benefits to the neighborhood were recognized to support the fund raising activities. Some felt that the cost if everyone contributed, of \$200 per household, was not too onerous.
- e. Several fund-raising opportunities were suggested and discussed and it was agreed that all should be pursued: **MK**
  - e.i. The Bye Laws allowed, if approved by a General Meeting majority vote, for a Special Assessment to be levied against each Baycliff household. However, the assessment could not be enforced and

was considered therefore to be heavy handed and to be used when all other options had been exhausted.

- e.ii. Solicit donations.
  - e.ii.1. Include a highlighted line item on the Dues Subscriptions renewal form.
  - e.ii.2. Personal distribution of Donation Forms by the Neighborhood Watch Captains.
- e.iii. Fund Raising Activities
  - e.iii.1. Better use of the Community area at the entrance?
- e.iv. Boat Ramp Key Fees
  - e.iv.1. It was recognized that because of significant dredging donations, many key holders had been granted a number of 'free' years and therefore the potential benefit of increasing fees may be limited. Nonetheless there may be potential for a 'lifetime key'.
  - e.iv.2. To better control the access to the ramp, a digital lock had been acquired. Plans for its introduction to be reviewed

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- b) Commercial Oyster Farming, Floating Oyster Cages. (Melanie Karsanac)
  - a. MK proposed forming a committee to coordinated activities to oppose any application that impeded our boating channels. **MK**
  - b. Andy Reid reported that he had attended the last Application hearing and had, like many others, spoken against the proposal which could significantly impact recreational boating. However, it was evident that there was an orchestrated campaign by others who were not directly impacted but had been recruited to support the application. On this occasion the application was rejected but several other similar applications were expected to follow and would necessitate ongoing diligent efforts to defeat.
  - c. AR volunteered to be a member of the proposed committee. **AR**
- c) Landscaping (Pam Fox)
  - a. Reading from PF's written submission, GF reported:
    - a.i. She had been pleased with the appearance of the summer plants
    - a.ii. Autumn plants had been ordered for delivery October 27<sup>th</sup>.
    - a.iii. They would include white kale, yellow snapdragons, and a mixture of blue and yellow pansies. 250 plants in total.
- d) Baycliff Ad Sales (Alison Cunningham)
  - a. AC reported that she had only recently taken responsibility for the Ad Sales but had already achieved one new advertiser.
  - b. She had established a new email account: [baycliffsales@gmail.com](mailto:baycliffsales@gmail.com)
  - c. October 15<sup>th</sup> was confirmed as the deadline to the publisher for the next newsletter. **AC**
- e) Directory: Christine Westendorf reported:
  - a. An end of October target to submit the final directory details. **CW**

- b. 75% of neighbors had responded so far but many of those still outstanding appeared not to have emails and some not even a phone.
  - c. Generally, people seemed more cautious about sharing information.
- f) Baycliff Bugle
  - a. Sheri Lohman reported that after his distinguished tenure as Editor. Pat Genzler had announced his retirement and a replacement was required.
  - b. Lauren Stephens volunteered to at least help. **LS**
    - b.i. She explained that with her past experience she saw opportunities for streamlining and making the process for the Bugle and the Directory more efficient and with the potential for an optional electronic Directory.
    - b.ii. Since the Directory is virtually completed for this year this could be project for 2023 **LS**
- g) Fall Festival (Mike Coughlin)
  - a. SL reported that it appeared that the Zoom connection with Mike had ended and therefore he was unable to report. However, she confirmed that plans for the festival were proceeding including the usual children bounce house and Chili cookoff.
  - b. The date would be confirmed. **SL**
- h) Halloween and Christmas decorating Contests. Sheri Lohman reported:
  - a. The Halloween judging was scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> but the date for the Christmas judging was to be decided.
  - b. Generic signs designating "Baycliff Participant" were to be printed for participants to display in their gardens. The signs would not identifying a specific event, thereby allowing them to be reused. **SL**
  - c. Forward details of contacts capable of this printing to SL. **ALL**
- i) New Business.
  - a. Gary Brown detailed a program that he had been involved with since 1973 that donated, at Christmas, free toy train layouts to children of families that did not own one. 13 train sets were donated last year.
    - a.i. He requested names of any families, not necessarily in Baycliff, that might be eligible. **ALL**
  - b. Worth Remick, candidate for upcoming City Council elections, was informed that there was no Civic League Forum for prospective electoral candidates.
- j) Next Meetings
  - a. Exec only Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>
  - b. General Meeting, November 15<sup>th</sup>