

Baycliff Civic League Meeting
February 13 th, 2024, ZOOM

Those Present:

Eileen & Pat Genzler
Christine Westendorf
Margie and Gary Brown
Lauren Stephens
Sheri Lohman
Mandelyn Gray
Alison Cunningham
Joan Fowler
Steve Zahn
Fay Zinas
Vasil & Marika Tsikarishvili
Howard Kinlaw
Jennie??
Pam & Graham Fox

Call to Order/Welcome: Mandelyn Gray

Secretary's report

GF summarized the Minutes from the last meeting held November 15th, 2023 but excluded items to be discussed...

1. The proposed Budget was unanimously approved.
2. Social Activities: Since the last meeting the following planned activities had, thanks to the volunteers, successfully taken place; Oyster Roast, Santa Visit, Lighting of the Luminaries, & Christmas Decorating Contest
 - a. It was recognized that the winners of the Decorating Contest had not been announced and would happen in the coming week. MG

Treasurer's report Kenny Vaughn sent his apologies but had submitted his report for GF to present....

Checking account:	25,919.60
Venmo	25,565.76
Money Market (Capital acct)	10,067.99
Pending Deposits	700.00
Total	62,253.35

132 dues had been received vs 220 budgeted.

An additional \$6400 had been received for the Boat ramp fund leaving a shortfall of \$6500 (which had been funded from our Capital Account).

The Boat ramp project had been paid in full although bump rails were yet to be installed on the dock pilings.

26 families had purchased boat ramp access.

Baycliff Bugle / Directory Format and Distribution

Lengthy discussions considered the pros and cons of electronic vs physical distribution of the Baycliff publications but without a general agreement on future direction.

It was recognized that there was additional cost involved in physical printing and distribution but despite past initiatives to encourage changes and results would confirm that many to use the electronic form, some residents still preferred that option and needed to be accommodated in some fashion.

In addition, it was generally felt that the Bugle advertisers, who had committed to 2 years, 2023/24, and had expected their adverts to appear in 5 issues of the Bugle each year, had grounds for disappointment and as a consequence the Board had lost some credibility.

Therefore, it was agreed that Advertising should be a standalone focus. It was too onerous to add to the role of Newsletter Editor.

It was unfortunate that the person who had initially volunteered for this role had resigned and the position remained open for the next advertising cycle for the years 2025/26.

Faye Zinas expressed interest in the position but with some concerns. Further discussion...

FZ/MG

Also there was some security concerns expressed about the personal information included in the electronic Directory with some inconclusive considerations of future options: more frequent password changes or removing from the Web site altogether and relying on physical / email distribution.

It was agreed that all these topics needed further consideration by the Board and perhaps a broader input solicited from the community.

MG

Upcoming Board Member Changes

Because of term limits, all of the current Board positions would be open for the next year beginning May 2024.

Baycliff Byelaws directed the formation of a nominating committee responsible for soliciting volunteers for each open position.

In debating the nominating process and the difficulties in attracting candidates: some felt that a nominating committee was unnecessary and could even introduce conflicts of interests, some questioned the wisdom of pitting competing neighbors against one another in potential election runoffs, and others questioned whether incumbents should get seniority status.

It was agreed that an initial approach would be a solicitation via our Website. MG

There was general agreement that all volunteers were not appropriately recognized for all the work that they do and this contributed to the difficulties in recruiting new and keeping the existing.

In response it was suggested that neighborhood functions to acknowledge the volunteers should be organized and be included in the annual budget. Perhaps a role for the Social Coordinator? MG

in addition, we needed to inject an element of fun into the organization. The roles should not be considered as a punishment.

Other Business

1. Boat Ramp/Key Access
 - a. Following the completion of the capital improvement the ramp was open.
 - b. Need to reiterate that Laura Frank is responsible for Key Access and requests must include signature of the Rules Statement.
2. Alanton Food Bank Drive. Donations at Alanton Elementary School, February 24th between 10 and 2pm.
3. Spring Egg Hunt. (FZ)
 - a. March 23rd from 2pm to 3.30 .
 - b. Volunteers required
 - c. Alanton would be making a donation.
 - d. LS to send out reminder nearer the date
4. Yard Sale (Abby Crawford)
 - a. Scheduled for May 4th.
 - b. More to follow.....