



CHESAPEAKE ISLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
P. O. BOX 150 NORTH EAST, MD. 21901

**CICA Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
January 11, 2005**

The meeting began at 7:10 at the pavilion.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Brian Clare, Bill Dryden, Janet McKenna, Bill Day, Jen Green, Gordon Osborne, Michael Szep, Sr., Sue Schooley, Sonny Hayes

ABSENT: Ward Kever, Jay Gilfillin, Ken Knapp

Committee Members and Guests Present: Dave Byler

President's Report: Since our meeting in November we:

1. Sent out our fourth dues letter. We are down to (23) twenty-three unpaid owners which we should take to court for non-payment.
2. Our harbor was put to bed for the winter.
3. We had another successful Christmas carol night.
4. Santa had some help from two local helpers.

Thanks to all who make this a great place to live.

Bill Dryden, President

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from November 11, 2004, have been approved with a minor revision. Organizational minutes of December 9, 2004, were distributed for review. Secretary to contact the web master to update the website. December 9, 2004, Organization minutes have been circulated and approved. (Janet McKenna)

TREASURER'S REPORT: There is approximately \$4,000 in money received from dues, keys, shuffle board, etc. at this time. Sonny noted that he needed to move \$3,000 to checking with a \$7,000 balance remaining. Paper copy to be provided. (Sonny Hayes)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Architectural Review: The committee had no chance to meet since our last meeting but we did take the following actions.

1. Gave preliminary approval to Sue and Ward Keever for a new dormer on the south end of their present residence. Final approval to be based on submittal of complete drawings as required by ARC regulations.

2. Approved a 24' x 24' extension on the south end of Reber/McKenna's present residence.

Ken Knapp will be out of town for the months of January and February. Any new submittals shall be given to Bill Dryden who will work with Mimi Szep for processing. Gordon Osborne shall be the "board person" for signing off on drawings. (*Gordon Osborne* for Ken Knapp)

Beach: Nothing new to report. (Gary Gilde)

CICA Clothing: Nothing new to report. (Charles & Mihaela Godby)

E-mail and Web: Nothing new to report. (John Reber)

Erosion: March 5, 2005, John would like to have as many volunteers as possible for the Jacob's Nose maintenance. (*Bill Dryden* for John Bates)

Grass Mowing: Nothing new to report. (Brian Clare)

Harbor: The harbor remains quiet and cold for the 2005 New Year. However, planning is required in the near future for the harbor mooring puller. This activity needs to commence early February and may include either a new mooring puller or extensive work to the current one.

There are two hovies still remaining in the harbor and they need to be identified and removed before winter weather sets in.

During the very low tide in December, a mooring was spotted in shallow water by Neil Barr and was retrieved by Bill Dryden and Bill Day. Another mooring was located and documented but we were unable to retrieve it because of the depth of the water.

Thank you Brian Clare and Frank Slupsky for your hard work and efforts and in getting the outboard running. (Bill Day, Harbor Master)

Historical: The History Committee met on October 15, 2004, with Renee Smith, Anna Green, Iva Burroughs, Peggy Graef and Pat Day in attendance. We were successful in completing our review of the By-Laws of CICA up to and including 1990-91 which was issued in the CHESAPEAKE ISLE GUIDEBOOK AND DIRECTORY in 1991. We will complete the formulation of our review at our meeting to be held on January 21, 2005, at the home of Pat Day.

Because of traveling among the members of the committee, meetings will be curtailed during February and March. Our final review will be presented prior to the April Dinner. (*Pat Day* for Audrey Buck)

Legal: Update on the CICA lawsuit.

The CICA has been sued by 68 plaintiffs requesting to be exempt from the requirement to pay for and become members of CICA. The Board of Directors has been advised by legal council that membership in CICA can not be made mandatory, so on that point the board of Directors and the plaintiffs are in agreement.

The Board of Directors, however have been advised by the same council, that all Chesapeake Isle property owners are, by Maryland law, required to pay a maintenance fee for maintaining the roads and common areas. The Board of Directors has entered a counter suit against the 68 plaintiffs, requiring them to pay a maintenance fee.

The 68 plaintiff's suit and the Board of Directors' counter suit is scheduled to be heard in the Circuit Court of Cecil County January 21, 2005. (Dave Byler)

Maintenance: Everything is functional and ready for snow plowing. (Ed Earle will have keys when Brian goes on vacation.) (Brian Clare for John Bates)

Membership: Nothing new to report. (Les Fritz)

Newsletter: Please have any newsletter materials in by January 12, 2005. (Andrea Gilde)

Roads: Nothing new to report. (John Bates)

Snow Plowing: Approximately 24 contracts have been signed and returned. (Brian Clare)

Pavilion: The shuffle board equipment has been replaced. There have been a few calls already for next year, and a calendar is started. (*Sonny* for Sara Hayes)

Social: There is a Progressive Dinner slated for March 12, 2005. We are looking for volunteers for the host house and appetizer. Please call Karen Dryden or Diane Gilfillin. The Annual Dinner is scheduled for April 16, 2005 at the Chesapeake Bay Golf Club in Rising Sun.

Town Watch: Everything is going well. Schedules have been distributed and the members have been on their posted duties. (Jorja Osborne)

Tractor: The tractor seems to be in good shape. (Brian Clare)

Old Business: There will be a hearing on January 21, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cecil County Court House.

Appropriate action needs to be taken for the 23 people who have not paid dues for 2004 year.

New Business: It is time to start thinking about nominating the Man and Woman of the year. Mike Szep will circulate the criteria that is used for nomination of the individuals for this honor.

Winners are in for the Christmas Holiday Light Contest. The Campbell's are our overall winners taking home the gold with the Bates' and the McGettigan's in a tie, taking home the silver for second place. Prizes awarded are CICA's fashionable apparel. Thanks to all who participated and thank you to all our members for making it happen.

Next meeting February 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet McKenna, Secretary

cc: Committee Chairperson
Elk Neck Park Rangers