

***Chesapeake Isle Civic Association***

***Board Meeting Minutes for 3/13/08***

The meeting was called to order @ 7:03 pm.

**Board Members Present:** Sonny Hayes, Brian Clare, Bill Tucker, Andrea Gilde, Bill Dryden, Dave Byler, Art Wood, Mike Burroughs, Diana Hawley, Allan Johns

**Absent** – Janet McKenna, Chris Ann Szep

**Community Members and Committee Chairs Present** – Paul Pudlinski, Jean Tucker, John Bates

**Presidents Report** – Sonny has been hearing good reports about the progressive dinner, which was well attended and a successful evening. Credit goes out to the Community Events committee for organizing the event and getting many of our newer community members involved. Thanks to Phyllis Doyle for chairing the event, and to the Mistysyn's and the Manges for hosting the Appetizer and Dessert courses, and to all the host families who made their homes available for the main course.

Spring events are starting to happen in the community, – mooring pick up & inspection on 3/15, mooring placement on 3/29. Clean up day is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Spring dinner is 4/19, yard sale on 4/29, and the Easter Egg Hunt is on 3/22.

We received a thank you card from St. Mary's Ann's church for our contribution to the outreach program for food donation following our fall cleanup.

A primary goal for the board should be involving new & old community members in as many activities as possible – to help build a sense of community and improve neighborhood appearance & sociability. The community events committee continues this effort with Pavilion Socials, family oriented events such as the Ice Cream Social & bingo. All board members should make an effort to include more neighbors in activities.

Committee chairs should be thinking about budget expenses for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Secretary's Report**–A motion to approve the minutes from Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, but with minor changes from the Legal Committee that have been submitted to the secretary but not yet updated. Art Wood may also have a small change for the harbor report. Minutes will be posted on the website.

**Treasurer's report** – reports involving CICA & Community expenses & income were distributed and discussed.

- Tractor repair bill has been received & will be paid soon.
- Taxes & worker's compensation premium will be split evenly between CICA & community accounts

Treasurer's report approved with amended copy to follow soon. (Received by board members on 3/14)

## Committee Reports

**BEACH** – proposal to install new basketball poles, backboards, and nets on the basketball court at a cost of approximately \$4000 was discussed. The new equipment will be of schoolyard quality. Motion made to approve to allocate \$4000 from CICA checking account – all approved

It was also noted that the shuffleboard court needs to be repainted.

*Submitted by Andrea Gilde for Gary Gilde*

**Newsletter** – copy for the April newsletter is due by April 12<sup>th</sup>, go to printer after spring dinner

*Submitted by Andrea Gilde*

**LEGAL** – On advice of our attorney, we need to get an estimate of costs associated with removing the extra blacktop on the Osborne's driveway and of performing a survey for determining the exact Osborne/CI property line. We will need this information if we need to go to court. Going to arbitration/mediation is CICA's preferred next step as it is quicker and less expensive but the Osborne's have communicated that they are not interested in arbitration, so it looks like we will have to go to court. There is a shortage of available judges and the case may not go to court for a year.

*Submitted by David Byler*

**HARBOR** – mooring pickup Sat. 3/15 starting @ 8:30am. So far, we have 83 moorings to put in. Work continues on the floating docks (redecking), which should be ready for Mooring Set Day on 3/29/08. The kayak rack was damaged by a recent storm & will need to be repaired. The committee will get a crew together or wait until clean up day. Art is trying to contact all kayak owners (some are not identified). Floating docks will go in before mooring set day.

- Ramp update (Paul Pudlinski) – new issue has arisen. AW spoke with Reggie Graves from Department of Natural Resources regarding our permit application to double the size of the existing ramp with a new ramp. DNR will not allow us to expand the width to 24 feet. We can replace the width that is there, but not expand. We may be able to appeal to the DNR, but it doesn't seem likely we would be successful as the requirements are extremely strict. Joe Greenfield is revising the drawings to reflect 12 foot & we received an estimate that would reduce the cost of the ramp from \$43000 to \$37500. Since the cost of even the smaller ramp with the necessary coffer dam is above the amount approved to spend by the vote at the annual meeting last August, it will have to go to a new vote at the next meeting. The permit process is proceeding so if we get approval for funding we will be able to move ahead with the project. There is a very narrow window of time in which we can work due to environmental issues.
- Even if it can't be expanded, the ramp still needs to be replaced, and we hope to have new information for the next board meeting. A proposal will go out to the community explaining the proposed plans & costs, once they are finalized. A suggestion was made to put in a smaller ramp to help with the overflow on the far end of the beach – this will have to be approved by the state as well. Another suggestion was made to leave the existing ramp alone & put the new ramp on the other side of the dock, which will eventually be removed. Art will contact DNR official & ask about various scenarios & try to get a feel for what might be approved. (add new, then replace old or replace existing or add a small overflow ramp)

*Submitted by Art Wood*

**Arch Review** – one new set of plans (Jeffrey Mack) has been submitted.

Rizzo – update from last month: they have moved the wall in question. It now meets CICA setbacks & construction is under way.

*Submitted by Mike Burroughs*

**COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE** - The Progressive Dinner was held on Saturday, March 8; 63 people attended. Phyllis Doyle chaired this event, with the help of Karen Dryden.

Upcoming events include the following:

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday, March 22, at 1:00 p.m.)
- Annual Spring Dinner (Saturday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chesapeake Bay Golf Club, Rising Sun location): The cost is \$25 per person; money and RSVPs are due to me by April 7. As mentioned at the last meeting, we are assembling one or more garden-themed pots to be raffled at the Annual Dinner. All money generated from the raffle will be donated to the local Fire Department. If you would like to donate a garden-themed item for inclusion in the pot, please contact Sandy Biedermann (410-287-8766), or drop off your item to her house (91 Caldwell Road) by April 13, 2008.
- Yard Sale (Saturday, April 26): Please contact Jennifer Greenfield (410-287-2904 or jsg\_phd@yahoo.com) if you are interested in participating.

The CE Committee is also providing breakfast at the Mooring Pick-up and Inspection on March 15 and breakfast and a lunch sandwiches at the Mooring Set on March 29.

The next CE meeting is on Monday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Biedermann (91 Caldwell).

**Membership** – to date, 6 property owners have not paid their complete 2007 Maintenance fee. This was noted on their second reminder notices (2008 billing) One overdue 2007 payment was received this month, and another late payer has been in touch regarding payment arrangements. Second notices for 2008 maintenance fee were sent out to 75 property owners.

2<sup>nd</sup> notices went out for 2008 fees as yet unpaid.

2008 to date

- Community
  - Maintenance -- 264 of 326 lots (81%)
  - Bath House -- 104 keys requested
- CICA
  - Membership – 211 of 300 owners (70%)
  - Shuffleboard 51
  - Boat storage 97
  - Mooring set & pull 85
  - Mooring p/u & return 76
  - Donations/Late fees \$88.40

*Submitted by Jean Tucker*

**GRASS CUTTING** – letters and bills need to go out to empty lot owners. Owners can either use CICA's grass cutting service or make their own arrangements. The committee is picking up driveway stakes from snow plowing. Brian Clare is looking for replacement person to take over the coordination of tractor maintenance. After the meeting, Mike Burroughs had agreed to take over the tractor maintenance with Brian Clare serving as backup.

*Submitted by Brian Clare*

**Maintenance** – CE committee met & discussed the possibility of having ceiling fans installed at pavilion. It would make warm-weather activities at the pavilion more tolerable. John Bates doesn't like idea due to the likelihood of damage from birds, wind, and vandalism. The maintenance committee would prefer one or two large oscillating fans. He will check into options & prices of large oscillating fan & see if it isn't too powerful or too noisy.

John is working on developing a task list for cleanup day. The committee is considering pursuing a possible pay increase for tractor drivers. They are paid for grass cutting & snow plowing. They have not had a raise for over 4 years.

**ROADS COMMITTEE** -- Road maintenance is underway (filling potholes & spreading millings) Milling supply is low & hoping to get more soon (refined millings). There are two roads in particularly bad shape at this time – the lower part of Bennett Ave. & Arden Rd. have both lost their crown & need to be built up.

The Roads committee is looking into possible paving sites (the hill on Rollins/Rolling near school bus shelter, the south entry to Caldwell). These hills require continual maintenance and the committee is considering having them paved in a similar manner to the entrance to Bennett Ave. & the north entry to Caldwell. These paved sites have held up well. Roy Leffew is considering becoming the replacement chairperson for road maintenance.

*Submitted by John Bates*

### **TOWN WATCH –**

On Saturday, March 15th there was a campfire at the beach. It appears that there were two people down there and when Town Watch went by, they ran. Please remember, the beach is there for the community's use and enjoyment. If you have a fire, stay with it and watch it; don't run. Second shift on Town Watch put the fire out when the wind picked up and stirred the fire into action.

If Town Watch stops by it's only to make sure everything is okay, not to confront anyone. Stay and enjoy your fire, talk with the Town Watch people. It's reassuring to know that you will take responsibility. But, whatever you do - please, please when you leave make sure the fire is OUT.

I am currently working on a revised schedule and will send it to the members of Town Watch shortly. I am also going to place a box for the bag drop-off next to the house. It will be marked and I think prove to be more convenient for all.

Anyone willing to donate their time to Town Watch, please contact Janet McKenna at 410-287-1277 or jamckenna@wcsr.com.

*Submitted by Janet McKenna*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Insurance** – Bill Dryden is investigating different insurance options for the community.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Nominating Committee** – Diana Hawley has agreed to serve as the chairperson for the nominating committee. Board members and other community members who have a suggestion for a potential board member should contact Diana with relevant information. Any community members wishing to run for election to the board should also contact Diana.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrea Gilde for Chris Ann Szep, Secretary*