

CICA Board of Directors' Meeting
July 16, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Phyllis Doyle, Joan Ferrick, Andrea Gilde, Troy Gunden, Diana Hawley, John Murch, John Murray, John Reber, Chris Shelton, Justin Thomas

Board members absent: Jim Carter, Karen Dryden, Chris Shelton

Community members / guests present: Mike Beiter, Frank Conway

*** = This Committee report was submitted before the Board Meeting but was not passed along in time to be read into the minutes at the Board meeting.*

President's report (John Reber)

Reminder that dogs are not permitted in the beach area, nor are they permitted to run loose throughout the community. Your pet may be friendly, but some, especially children are still terrified of them. It's not fair to your neighbors to allow your pets to run free and they have to clean up after them. Additionally, they tear up the carpeting on the swim platforms, which was just replaced.

Another reminder, ATV's and mini-bikes have never been permitted on the roads, beach/harbor or wooded areas of Chesapeake Isle. Be kind to your neighbors, they are loud and as the roads are unpaved they raise a lot of dust.

Also golf carts. Please don't allow your young children to drive golf carts through the community unsupervised.

A big thank you to everyone that made this years 4th of July celebration the success that it was. It was the largest I've ever attended with an unofficial count of 'well over 300 people'.

Still need association members to run for the board. Whether you want to help with how things are run or dislike the way things are run, the best place to make an impact is to become a board member where your vote counts.

Secretary's Report (Jim Carter)

Jim e-mailed the draft minutes to the Board on June 28 with a response deadline of three days. Final minutes were e-mailed to the Board on July 1, and were approved (11 yeas, and 1 abstention due to absence) with minor requested changes incorporated.

The final minutes were posted on the web site on July 2, and on the Beach and Harbor bulletin boards on July 3.

Treasurer's Report (Andrea Gilde)

Andrea presented and reviewed a revised version of the May 2013 CM Monthly Treasurer's Report. Small change noted to balance of Community Maintenance total due to balance transfer.

Diana made a motion to approve the revised May 2013 treasurer's report. Justin Thomas seconded. All in favor.

Andrea presented and reviewed the June 2013 CM Monthly Treasurer's Report. Highlights include: General Maintenance expenses were larger than expected due to costs associated with new roof for the garage. However the community saved over \$2000 by doing the roof replacement themselves.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's reports. All in favor.

Committee Reports

- Architectural Review (Bill Dryden)**

A driveway addition was approved for:

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Stumpo

59 Caldwell Road (K-07)

North East, MD 21901

The driveway has been installed with the recommended drain pipe.

- Beach (Jim Carter)**

Thanks go out to Bill Day who replaced the fill valve and flapper in the Men's bathroom toilet before the 4th of July Event!

Another occurrence of vandalism to the playground climbing structures was reported on Saturday, 7/6/13, by Diana. This damage occurred some time between 8:00 p.m. on the 4th and 10:30 a.m. on the 6th. Some of our, probably adolescent, residents are kicking boards loose from the guard rails. If anyone sees this in progress – please notify law enforcement immediately!

Joe Greenfield and I repaired the damage and reinforced the structure on Sunday afternoon. Thanks go out to Joe, and also to Jennifer Greenfield who sent grilled Italian sausage sandwiches with peppers and onions to keep us fueled!

The toilet in the Ladies room has been repaired. It was discovered to be filling *v-e-r-y s-l-o-w-l-y* during the 4th of July Event.

Due to an increase of outsiders (trespassers) using our Beach and Harbor, we have started a more aggressive parking enforcement program.

In addition, the bathrooms have been found unlocked on several occasions – please lock the bathroom when you leave! This will help our efforts to discourage outsiders who are currently using our “free facilities”.

As of July 7, we began placing notices on vehicles found parked at the Beach and Harbor which do not have CICA stickers visible. All vehicles (including boat trailers) parked in either of these areas are **required to display either a CICA sticker or a Guest Pass**. We are maintaining a Log Book of vehicles to track any repeat offenders. Repeat violators may be towed and / or subject to trespassing charges.

- Stickers are available at **no charge** to all residents, property owners and renters.

- To obtain stickers: Contact Karen Dryden at 410-287-9598, Sue Seeley at 410-287-0025 or the person who just placed a yellow “Friendly Reminder” notice on your vehicle! Be nice, they are working for your benefit!

- We will confirm eligibility via the Community Directory and issue stickers.
- You do not have to be a member of the Civic Association to obtain stickers.
- A sticker must be attached to any boat trailer left at the Harbor or Beach.
- Stickers do NOT have to be attached to cars / trucks, however, it must be *readily visible* from the outside of the vehicle. You can make your own mirror hang tag using our sticker or simply lay the sticker on the driver's side dashboard.

Two vehicles containing 3 people and 3 dogs left the Beach area during the evening of July 7 under the threat of trespassing charges.

Residents are again reminded that dogs are not permitted in the Beach area.

- CICA Clothing
- Community Events (Pat Day / Sue Seeley)
Our social on June 28, had about 20 in attendance, due to the threat of storms, I believe. Our next event is the Ice Cream Social on the 19th and another Summer Social on the 26th.

Upcoming in AUGUST are: Ice Cream Social on the 9th and another Summer Social on the 23rd. Also, our Annual Meeting covered dish social on the 25th.

- Fourth of July (Bill and Pat Day)
Oh Boy! What a day. We were blessed with beautiful weather, a huge group of families and friends. It was one of the most successful Fourth of July's so far for Will and I. The sub-chairpersons did an absolutely spectacular job of keeping the people busy with the different activities and filled to capacity with the Blue Plate Special, waffles, ice cream and berries, corn on the cob and snow cones.

It would appear that we enjoyed a profit of approximately \$1,146.89.

The people responsible for this year's success along with their wonderful volunteers are:

Sue & Harry	Food for the Blue Plate
Diana Hawley	Flyer to the Community and schedule of day's events
Dave Byler	Horseshoe tournament
Erika & Dick Ullman	Peanut bags
Amy, Allie & Brittnay Graver	Face painting (Ullman's daughter and granddaughters)
Ed Turner	Chipping tournament
Ann Bate	Crafters
Will Day	Tents and furniture
Kathi Lichtenstein	Pie eating contest
Cindy Mistysyn	Bike parade
Jennifer & Joe Greenfield	Kids games
Brian Clare	Sound system and electricity
Diana Hawley	Emcee
Brian Clare	Cardboard boat races
Karen & Bill Dryden	Snow cones and waffles

Sonny Hayes	Tug-O-War and shuffleboard tournament
Bonnie Boyer & Sue Clare	Silent auction
Bob Boyer, Jr.	Picture
John Murch	Corn on the cob
Phyllis Doyle	Tickets
Nancy & Ed Turner	Corn hole toss

I am sure that everyone in the community enjoyed the day. Since this is our last year for chairing this event, Will and I want to thank everyone for all of their support, planning and attentiveness over the last five years. Without their involvement, it would not have happened. Thank You.

- General Maintenance / Erosion (Sonny Hayes)

Great work, lead by Jim Carter, was performed on the roof of the community garage. Thanks to Jim and his many volunteers.

Comcast has been doing work in the neighborhood including work to get cables across the road and there were complaints about inadequate back filling in those spots. Please make sure you report any issues on the roads caused by Comcast contractors to Diana Hawley and she will communicate them to Comcast contractors.

If anyone is aware of other items needing attention, please let me know.

- Grass Mowing (Karen Dryden)**

OPEN LOTS:

(39) CICA Seasonal Contracts sent out April 1, 2013

(Balance of lots are being maintained by owners or are not cuttable).

(30) Contracts and payments received for CICA Seasonal Mowing to date.

(4) Not interested

(5) No response

(2) In the process of Bankruptcy (Hill & Short)

(4) CICA cut and billed (Coco, Hill, Miller & Smith)

LOTS WITH HOMES:

(Grass exceeds six inches which is documented in our Restrictive Covenant #3 of our Deeds)

(2) Cut – (Hill & Short) -Banks own properties – (Bank names unknown at present)

- Harbor (Jay Gilfillan)

No report.

- History (Pat Day)**

Nothing new to report.

- Legal (Bill Dryden)**

Nothing new to report.

- Library (Joan Ferrick)

All is well. Please come down when the library is open and take advantage of this great service the community offers.

- Membership (Karen Dryden)**

2012 MEMBERSHIPS:

(301) – Lot owners have paid their Maintenance Fees for 2012 to date.

(242) – Of those paid have joined the Association.

(13) – Lot owners have not responded or paid 2012 Fee.

(2) In foreclosure (Hill & Short)

(4) - Lot owners have not responded or paid two years or more.

(1) Lien placed against owner (Lam)

(1) In foreclosure (Hill)

(1) Foreclosure took place – payment not received to date (Wm. Shaw)

(1) Attorney trying to serve owner (Miller)

2013 MEMBERSHIPS:

(287) – Lot owners have paid their Maintenance Fees for 2013 to date.

Plus (4) Mason Lane owners

(218) – Of those paid have joined the Association.

- To date 88% of the lot owners have paid their Maintenance Fee

- As of April 1, 2013 6% interest started occurring.

**(11) – Legal letters will be sent by June 27, 2013 from the Legal Chairman to owners who have not paid 2012 & 2013 MF. If no response by August 1, 2013 (30 days) they will be submitted to our attorney for legal action.

(1) Responded with a partial payment.

- Newsletter (Diana Hawley)

The July newsletter was sent via e-mail on Friday, July 12. Thank you to all of the proofers for their work and quick turn-around time: Andrea Gilde, Don Manges, and Angie Thomas.

The print version was picked up yesterday and was given to Susan Clare this morning (July 16) for labeling and delivering. Because of our efforts to send more via e-mail, we only printed 90 copies of the newsletter and 100 copies of the guest passes that were inserted in the newsletter (with extra copies to be given to the membership committee). Printing costs were \$116.

Thank you to Susan and Brian Clare for all of their work delivering the newsletters to the tubes/houses to reduce cost of mailing. They delivered 53 of the copies, with only 31 remaining to be mailed to non-Chesapeake Isle addresses.

Diana presented the following issues to be discussed and noted for the record:

1. It is very difficult and frustrating to spend extra time hand delivering newsletters when many of these residents do not have Chesapeake Isle tubes and or marked house numbers visible. Furthermore, it is particularly frustrating to hand deliver print copies to residents who are delinquent with their maintenance fee payments.

In the future, because newsletters are not required to be sent, we will not be delivering to residents who do not have these things. (The exception is the July newsletter, which contains the proposed budget and is therefore required to be sent.) This can be noted in the next newsletter. Residents who therefore do not receive it can provide an e-mail address or request a tube.

2. Another question that arose is whether classified advertisements should be limited to members and/or lot owners who have paid their maintenance fees. After discussion, it was decided that all lot owners can provide classified advertisements for inclusion in the newsletter, since it is not strictly paid for by CICA funds, contains information for all lot owners (not just CICA members), and all lot owners will pay maintenance fees eventually (as required by law), even if they are delinquent.

- Nominating (Diana Hawley)

Bios for two of the candidates were included in the newsletter. Bios for additional candidates will be sent to the community via e-mail. It is the hope and intention to name two more candidates; Board members were asked to assist with this effort. Diana will inform the Board when additional candidates are named.

Please contact Diana Hawley if you are interested in running for the Board of Directors.

- Pavilion Rentals (Sonny Hayes)

The pavilion is currently committed for the following dates in 2013:

7/19 7/20 7/26 8/9 8/10 8/17 8/23 8/24 8/25 9/9 9/10
9/28 10/12 10/26 12/14

- Road Maintenance (Sonny Hayes)

Road work was completed in late June on Harbor Rd., Mowbray and Rolling Ave. A copy of the maintenance log is attached. I can be reached at 410-287-7588 if there are any problems or concerns.

No work remains other than those drainage activities planned by the long range Roads and Drainage Committee.

I can be reached at 410-287-7588 or 443-693-2090 if there are any problems or concerns.

- Roads / Drainage Improvement and Planning (John Murray)

- Mason lane – John and Eric have a meeting on July 25th with MDE to discuss issues with runoff and wetlands protection.
- Harbor Lane was staked out, but needs additional stakes to complete the site work.
- Bennett and Rolling – additional site work was done this past weekend and the contractor is working on a bid for re-grading road and installing pipe across intersection.
- Board expressed sincere appreciation for John's planning and project management. John has spent **hundreds** of volunteer man hours to design and implement this community wide drainage plan. He has saved the community

thousands of dollars by working with planners and coordinating efforts between the county and outside contractors. When you see John Murray out in the community....please say Thanks.

- Tractor (Harry Seeley)**

Nothing to report for the tractor or mower.

I purchased screws and epoxy for repair to the large cooler donated to CICA by Joe & Jennifer Greenfield – thanks go out to the Greenfields for this donation!

- Web page / e-mail (Gordon Hawley / John Reber)

Need to move the web hosting site from a personal web hosting service to a new commercial site due to the recent upgrade to Comcast cable.

Anyone with a personal email address ending in “.chesapeakeisle” will need to get a new email address.

No email addresses for Chesapeake Isle organization will be affected.

Community Members Issues *(Community members present at the meeting who have questions or issues to bring before the Board were given the opportunity to speak.)*

Question about how soon after you contact Comcast do they start burying cable?

It varies but typically it is 2 weeks or so between when you call and when they schedule appointments. Several CICA members relayed frustration with the delay and rescheduling of getting cable.

Concern again about non community members using the beach and the facilities without any CICA stickers. CICA members are asked to display a sticker on the car. Invited guests are required to display a guest pass on the car. A friendly reminder letter is available that will can be placed in car windows. Repeat violators will be reported and towed.

Discussion ensued about posting “Tow Away Zone” signs in the parking area of the park and the harbor to try to reduce the amount of trespassing. Chris Shelton has arranged to get several signs from a towing company that will remind all visitors that they need to display a sticker or risk getting towed.

Discussion about laminating the guest passes and having them available to easily hand out. It would be difficult to make sure we get the laminated passes back...so we will stick with the current paper passes with dates listed.

Capital Meats vans have been spotted in the neighborhood. There have been reports from community members about issues in the past with high pressure sales tactics and misleading claims. Please be aware if they approach you with a deal that is too good to be true. If any doubts check out this website for other opinions:

<http://www.ripoffreport.com/reports/directory/capital-meats>

Old Business

Annual Budget

The Annual Budget for 2013-2014 was published in the July Newsletter, July 12, 2013.

Comcast Cable Service

Comcast has completed and tested their main cable lines, they are signing up customers and connecting homes in CI!

Community Signs

Don Manges has been updating the community sign for some years and wants to retire. This position entails keeping the community sign up to date as to upcoming events, Board meetings, etc.

Anyone interested in taking over this position, please contact Don or any Board member! There may be community storage space available for the various sign materials if you do not have space in your home.

BEACH AND HARBOR PARKING:

Parking enforcement started as of July 7. See "Beach" report.

New Business

No new business was introduced.

Meeting adjourned: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Carter, CICA Secretary

Compiled from Committee reports and meeting notes by John Murch