

CICA Board of Directors' Meeting
May 20, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Mike Beiter, Jim Carter, Phyllis Doyle, Ray Farnesi, Joan Ferrick, Troy Gunden, Sonny Hayes, John Murch, John Murray, John Reber, Chris Shelton, Justin Thomas

Board members absent: Ray Farnesi, Troy Gunden, John Murch

Community members / guests present: Frank Conway, Karen & Bill Dryden, Andrea Gilde, Don Manges

President's report (Chris Shelton)

Since the publication of the Newsletter, the 4 wheeler mayhem on our roads has calmed down a bit, thanks to all of the residents who took the hint!

Thanks go out to all of the Board members and other volunteers who have "taken up my slack" during the busy season for Blue Cheetah Timing and the opening of the Crab Shack.

Spring is here, summer is right around the corner – enjoy the season!

Secretary's Report (Jim Carter)

Jim e-mailed the draft minutes to the Board on April 17, with a response deadline of three days. Final minutes were e-mailed to the Board on April 21, and were approved (10 yeas, 2 non-votes which counted as yeas,) with minor requested changes incorporated.

The final minutes were posted on the web site on April 21, and on the beach and harbor bulletin boards on April 21.

Treasurer's Report (Justin Thomas / Andrea Gilde)

Justin presented and reviewed the March CICA Monthly Treasurer's Report providing an overview of the income and expenses.

Income:

\$ 60.00 – Boat storage
490.00 – Annual dinner
17.00 – keys
150.00 – membership
237.50 – moorings
2350.00 – grass mowing
1255.00 – 5K

Expenses:

\$ 300.76 – Easter Egg hunt
28.84 – electricity
95.05 – tractor tire – split with Community Maintenance
80.25 – hardware – moorings
1368.25 – 5K

Justin presented and reviewed the March Community Maintenance Monthly Treasurer's Report.

Expenses:

\$ 141.84 – beach clean up day materials
31.30 – electricity
(50.00) – credit from Cecil County mosquito spraying
7310.86 – repairs to boat and fishing docks from ice damage
95.05 – tractor tire – split with CICA
5960.00 – roads - regarding of Harbor/Rolling /Racine
283.87 – Beach erosion project; required trees for planting

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

Committee Reports

- **Anchors Aweigh 5K (Andrea Gilde, Diana Hawley, Chris Shelton)**
Another successful event, despite the weather. Many thanks to all who volunteered and participated!

We have 2014 T-shirts available for \$15. – see Andrea Gilde for your shirt!

- **Architectural Review (Bill Dryden)**
The removal of the front porch and replacing it with a 12' x 25' addition was approved for:
Thomas Grieco & Robin Buccos
Lot: E-12, 80 Cliffview Drive

- **Beach (Jim Carter)**
My thanks go out to all that helped on Clean-Up Day! We accomplished quite a few projects and have the beach and pavilion ready for the start of another season.

Many thanks to the Community Events Committee for morning coffee and goodies and the traditional pizza lunch! My thanks also go out to the Harbor crew who showed up with the mooring puller and set out the swim area floats for us, and finally to the picnic table moving crew.

The swim platforms were set by the Gildes this week and are ready for summer fun.

Shuffleboard and bath house keys were distributed at this event – if you purchased a key and have not received it; please contact Karen Dryden.

Contact Jim at: jtcarterphoto@comcast.net

- **Beach Erosion (Don Manges)**
Ed Howell, Inc. has been selected to install the rip-rap at the Beach. Their proposal has been signed by Chris Shelton and delivered to them. I have also given them all the permit information. The County has been made aware that Howell is doing the work. I asked them if they could complete their work before the end of the school year (June 13th) and they see no problem at this point.

We have agreed that they will dump the stone in the parking area and not on Beach road. The large rocks that are currently on that section of beach will be used as fill or for toe material. In either case, they will be gone. I don't have a start date yet but it will probably be in the next two weeks. We will need to close that section of beach during construction. The work should take 3-4 days.

All the plants that Christy Michaud specified for the 'planting areas' are safely tucked away in my side yard. There are 30 of them and I hope to get a group of volunteers to do the planting as per Christy's guidance when the contractor's are done. Maybe we can get some teenagers involved with the planting thus giving the beach goers some ownership.

I have not included any top soil, fine grading, or seeding in the contract. When construction is done I will have top soil delivered and will ask for volunteers to do the fine grading and seeding.

If anyone has any suggestions as to how to keep the area watered until the plants are established, I would appreciate your suggestions.

- Bulletin Boards (Karen Dryden)

The March Board Meeting minutes were posted on April 21; no other activity for the month.

The "paid" list of property owners for CICA and yearly Maintenance Fees will be posted on the Harbor bulletin board will be posted in the near future.

Reminder: Classified and for sale ads will remain posted for three months and then removed.

- CICA Clothing

There are leftover 2nd Annual 5k tee shirts available for \$15 each. These are very nice shirts for warm weather, or exercise purposes, "Dry-Tech" fabric.

Special offer! Buy one 2nd Annual 5k shirt and get a large 1st Annual 5k shirt *free* – hurry, only three 1st Annual 5K shirts left – large only!

- Community Events (Pat Day / Sue Seeley)

Another month has gone and we are now approaching summer. Hooray!!! With that said, we are approaching our busiest time of the year for Chesapeake Isle. We sincerely hope that all community members will take part in the activities that are presented and will volunteer their time and talents to helping out to make them a success.

We neglected to thank Phyllis Doyle who was instrumental in serving coffee and donuts to the crew at the Mooring Set. Thank You.

The Easter Egg Hunt, chaired by Diana Hawley, was a rousing success on Saturday, April 19th. Many children with their parents and grandparents participated in welcoming the Easter Bunny and scrambling to find those valued eggs. They demonstrated their competitiveness in the different contests admirably. Thanks go to the bunny partners who hid the eggs and helped with the games and such.

Spring Clean-Up was held on Saturday, April 26th. We thank all those who showed up with their rakes, shovels, machinery and happy smiles and strong backs to make our community something to be proud. Thanks go to Jim Carter, Bill Dryden, Sonny Hayes and Sue Seeley and their coworkers who worked so hard and were rewarded with coffee and donuts in the AM and pizza, soda and beer when done.

Kathi Lichtenstein chaired the Spring Yard Sale this year. Again, people did their spring clean outs and made a few bucks. Like the saying goes, "Someone's trash is another's treasure." Thanks, Kathi, for chairing this again this year and doing a bang up job.

The Annual Spring Dinner was held on Saturday, May 17th at the North East River Yacht Club. Chairperson, Polly Carter and her committee did a fine job again arranging the dinner and the program. The Man and Woman of the Year were announced by Phyllis Doyle who performed the function of Mistress of Ceremonies. They are Don Manges who has served the community in many capacities and Diana Hawley, who needs no explanation. But since she wouldn't give up the mic, Polly and Phyllis allowed her to do the raffle. Lovely ice tubs full of goodies were arranged by Polly and Jim Carter and won by Sandy and Bob Biedermann and Karen and Bill Dryden. Pictures taken through the year of the different events were compiled by Karen Dryden and Pat Day for everyone's enjoyment.

Next on the agenda is the Friday Night Social which will be held on Friday, May 23rd, 7:00 pm at the pavilion, Bill and Pat Day will be your hosts. Please join us for an evening of neighborly fun and conversation. Bring a snack or dessert item to share.

The Ladies Brunch will be on June 7th at the Pavilion. This is to welcome all newcomers who choose to live in our community this past year. Cindy Mistysyn chairs this event and invitations have gone out. Plan to come down at 10 AM that Saturday with a brunch item and coffee, tea and juice will be provided. This allows the new and longstanding (wasn't sure how to state this!) ladies to get to know each other.

As usual we invite any members who are interested in helping out with upcoming events to contact Pat Day (9432) or Sue Seeley (0025). We NEED volunteers and appreciate the help and ideas!

- Fourth of July (Diana Hawley & Andrea Gilde)

Plenty of behind the scenes activity for the month! All of the past volunteers have been contacted and most have agreed to again help out with this years event.

If you would like to get involved in this family event as a volunteer, please contact Diana, Andrea or any Board member.

- General Maintenance / Erosion (Sonny Hayes)

I received a call from the superintendent of the Elk Neck State Park, Robert Bailey. The tree being investigated is definitely on State property and they will remove it in the next few weeks. They are concerned about property line encroachment. Seems that our horseshoe pits and equipment behind the garage are on State property. They are going to let me know if we need to move these items. Also mentioned that if our swing set had to be brought up to code that there would be a problem with encroachment.

We are having continuing problems with the right front tire on the tractor – keeps going flat despite the “normal” fixes. Sonny will remove and take for inspection of the tire and wheel.

We are looking for **help with community grass mowing** from mid-June to July, Sonny will be out of commission due to some surgery. If you are over 18 and want to make some extra money this summer cutting grass, contact Sonny!

- Grass Mowing (Karen Dryden)

OPEN LOTS:

(38) CICA Seasonal Contracts (representing 41 lots) were sent out March 6, 2014
(Balance of lots are being maintained by owners or are not cuttable).

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

(4) Invoices sent for lots cut who had not paid the seasonal rate

*MOWING COMMENCED IN LATE APRIL

The Sanden property at 192 Rolling is an ongoing problem, the Community cannot access this property for mowing due to fencing

- Harbor (Bill Dryden, Interim Harbormaster)

We have fifty (50) moorings placed or to be placed in the harbor which is up slightly from last year.

The lumber and hardware has been ordered for the balance of the work on the Fishing Dock.

The rehab work will begin shortly.

The harbor crew is aging – we need some younger volunteers to help with this important task! AND, we need a permanent harbor master!

- History (Pat Day)

No activity for the month.

- Legal (Bill Dryden)

No activity since the last meeting.

- Library (Joan Ferrick)

The books come in -the books go out! Saturday morning library volunteers have been assigned their dates for the season. Total coverage, thanks to our great community of volunteers!

- Membership (Karen Dryden)

2009 – 2011 MEMBERSHIPS:

(4) - Lot owners have not responded or paid two years or more prior to 2012

(Hill (2)* Lam, Miller)

*Property has gone to foreclosure – lien may be wiped out

- (3) Liens placed against owner (Jewel, Lam & Miller)
- (2) In foreclosure (Hill (2) Lots)

2012 MEMBERSHIPS:

(318) – Lot owners have paid their Maintenance Fees for 2012 to date
(98.452%)

(242) – Of those paid have joined the Association

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

(3) Lien placed against (Foley/Jones, Lam & Miller)

(2) In foreclosure - Hill (2) lots

2013 MEMBERSHIPS:

(313) – Lot owners have paid their Maintenance Fees for 2013 to date (96.90%)
Plus (4) Mason Lane owners

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

(3) – Quinn owes balance on legal fees for cancelled court case.

2014 MEMBERSHIPS:

(286) – Lot owners have paid their Maintenance Fees in full for 2014 to date.
- (88.54%) – a slight increase from last year for this point in time.

Plus (5) Mason Lane Owners

Plus (2) Partial payment

(205) – Of those paid have joined the Association

*** PAYMENTS WERE DUE ON FEBRUARY 15, 2014**

*** (55) 2ND NOTICES WERE SENT OUT APRIL 15, 2014**

*** (40) 3RD NOTICES WILL BE SENT OUT WEEK OF MAY 19, 2014 TO PAST DUE LOT OWNERS (TO INCLUDE 6% INTEREST)**

*****BATH HOUSE & SHUFFLE BOARD KEYS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED. ADDITIONAL KEYS ARE AVAILABLE – contact Karen Dryden if you would like to purchase a key.**

- Newsletter

The Spring Newsletter was published May 3.

The next Newsletter will be published in mid- July, the deadline for copy is July 1; this is a firm deadline as we must publish the 2014-2015 Budget in this issue.

Copy should be submitted to Andrea Gilde.

- Nominating (Sonny Hayes)

Sonny Hayes has volunteered to serve as the nominating chair, thanks go out to Sonny!

There are 4 Board members with expiring terms this year, one has agreed to run again. If you are interested in running for the Board, please contact Sonny or any Board member!

- Pavilion Rentals (Sonny Hayes)

The pavilion is currently committed for **Community** and private events on the below dates for 2014:

5/23 6/2 6/6 **6/7** 6/9 6/14 6/18 6/21 6/25 6/26 **6/27**
6/29 **7/4** 7/12 7/15 **7/18** **7/25** 7/26 **8/8** **8/22** **8/24** **8/30**
8/31 **9/27** **10/11** **10/25** **12/13**

- Road Maintenance (Sonny Hayes)

The roads are still in bad condition and we will work on them once S&M delivers millings being donated by the State Highway Department. I can be reached at 410-287-7588 if there are any problems or concerns.

There will be a large quantity of millings available this summer as there is a major resurfacing project scheduled for Route 40.

- Roads / Drainage Improvement and Planning (John Murray)

Work is advancing.

Harbor, Rolling & Racine has been re-graded per the S&M contract.

The **Bennett & Rolling** intersection has been completed.

Both intersections will be seeded shortly.

The AES Survey has been completed for **Mason Lane**, we have just received the CAD document. Eric Sturm will now field check it for accuracy before completing his design work for this phase. He will then complete and submit the MDE application.

After careful consideration by the Budget Committee and serious value engineering by the design team, the Design Solution we will present here is what we believe to be in compliance with the Court order, all governing agencies and within the financial capability of CICA.

John presented a revised drawing for the steep slope section of Mason Lane. This design eliminates the need for a trench drain, avoids cutting any significant trees and avoids incursion into any wetlands.

This new design provides significant cost savings from the initial design. Unlike the initial design, nothing in this design precludes future paving of this section in the event that the Community were to decide to pave all of our roads in the future.

- Tractor (vacant)

The position of Tractor Committee chairman is vacant. In the event we cannot find a new chairman, we will need to contract for professional maintenance for the tractor and mower.

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

Routine updates continue to be performed. Please report any additional web site revisions to Diana Hawley. chesapeakeisle.secretary@gmail.com

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.)*

Frank Conway mentioned that the ruts are getting pretty deep on Mason Lane due to construction trucks using the Lane. As is our normal policy, John Murray will contact the construction company doing the work and get them to repair the damage caused by their trucks.

Property owners and residents are reminded that all Board meetings are open meetings and visitors are always welcome.

Old Business

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! Community storage space is available for the various sign materials if you do not have space in your home.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Committee volunteers are: Bill Dryden, Andrea Gilde, Diana Hawley, John Murray, John Reber, Chris Shelton and Justin Thomas.

This Committee has met several times in the last few months and have compiled a proposed budget for 2014 – 2015.

The proposed 2014 – 2015 Budgets for CICA and Community Maintenance were presented, reviewed and unanimously agreed upon by the Board.

These budgets will be published in the July Newsletter.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Meeting adjourned: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pavilion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Carter, CICA Secretary