

MINUTES OF THE LAKE BARCROFT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 12, 2000

The Lake Barcroft Association (LBA) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM by President David Feld at 6425 Lakeview Drive, Falls Church, Virginia. Those present were LBA Directors David Feld, George Waters, Bob Schreiber, Karol Forsberg, Nan Brent, Peter Browne, MacKensie Canter, David Feld, Therese St. Hilaire, Ken Leventhal, George McLennan and Ralph Smalley. Also present were Improvements Committee Chairman, Ernie Rauth, lake resident Holly Hazard and her daughter, and Sammie Guy representing the Watershed Improvement District.

The minutes of the LBA Board meeting of March 8, 2000 were approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: President David Feld confirmed committee assignments, including the following special committees and chairmen: Innovative Concepts – Ralph Smalley; Parcel A – George Waters; Lake Barcroft Foundation Governance Committee – Dave Goslin.

GOLF OUTING/TOURNAMENT: George McLennan discussed plans for a future golf tournament for the community and questioned the name given for the tournament that was in listed in the previous minutes. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to change the name of the proposed tournament from the Thurgood Marshall Golf Tournament to the Lake Barcroft Golf Outing. All voted in favor.

McLennan noted that the anticipated cost to participate would be \$65 per person which would strictly cover costs.

NEW BUSINESS

SECURITY COMMITTEE RECOGNITION'S: George McLennan informed the Board that Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, John Whittemore, was stepping down from his duties after many years of volunteer work for the community and requested the Board recognize his contribution to from the community.

LAKE BARCROFT WEBSITE: George McLennan called attention to information supplied in the packets about establishing a LBA website and explained its goal. A motion was made and passed to approve the Lake Barcroft website and list serve. McLennan added that lake resident George November has agreed to contribute his services as the list serve provider and that Board members would be added to the list. Mike Ward has agreed to serve as the host server with this project. It was suggested that a banner be placed at the bottom of page one of the Newsletter announcing the site once available. The address will be LBA.org. *Lake Barcroft.org*

SAND DAY: Ken Leventhal introduced Holly Hazard and daughter, Cricket Clayton, who presented the Board with a proposal requesting LBA to sponsor a "Sand Day" for community children to come to Beach #4 after the sand has been delivered and before it has been spread, to play in the piles. A motion was made and approved to hold such an event on Saturday, May 13 between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM at Beach #4 and that the cost of drinks and refreshments would come out of the Special Events budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WID REPORT: Sammie Guy introduced himself to the Board and presented the WID report in Stu Finley's absence. Guy reported that the contract to begin work on the causeway bridge would not be awarded until Fall, instead of the work beginning this summer as originally reported.

The annual WID meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:00 PM at the Fortune Restaurant, located in the 7 Corners shopping center. The WID has mailed a letter to the residents with more details.

David Feld called attention to a letter in the packets from Dave Alne agreeing to donate \$2000 toward the construction of an LBA work barge and thanked the WID for their generous offer. Feld explained that the barge would be used to implement "geese peace" efforts.

WATER SAFETY/BEACH MAINTENANCE: David Feld called attention to Bob Foster's written report submitted in his absence and informed the Board that beach clean up would be taking place on Saturday, May 6. Adding a new swing set to the beach #3 area was discussed and a motion was made and passed to provide up to \$1,000 for a quality swing set.

Funding will come from the Beach Maintenance budget. It was agreed to check with our insurance company to make sure this would be covered under the current liability policy.

Items concerning beach opening were discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Karol Forsberg reported that she had been given the name of two auditing firms that she would be contacting shortly for a proposal and would keep the Board informed.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW: Nan Brent discussed a recent letter the ARC had received from lake resident Larry Nixon concerning drainage issues on his property line and present problems with the adjoining neighbor. She added that the committee had met with Nixon to assist with the current problem. Brent reported that six plans have been approved and that 5 applications were recently submitted to the committee for their review.

COMMUNITY WATCH/SECURITY: George McLennan presented the Board with a list supplied by the Fairfax County Policy Department describing various crimes that have taken place within the vicinity and gave a quick overview. Ralph Smalley has agreed to meet with McLennan to discuss the information provided.

McLennan stated that sections 1, 6, 8, 9, and 10 presently were active with residents patrolling their areas. He added that John Whittemore patrolled sections 2 and 3 at this time but that the community needed a coordinator. McLennan has agreed to place an ad in the Newsletter in hopes of recruiting someone. He presented a sample of a vest and hat that could be worn by LBA Neighborhood Watch participants.

McLennan reported that the community would have approximately 40% more police coverage this summer than previously. Officer Connor informed McLennan that he may have as many as 15 to 20 officers signed up for off-duty work within the community and that they would be allowed to use their squad car while on duty for LBA. One change that will affect the budget will be that officers are paid to work in the rain instead of leaving it up to their discretion as done in the past. The officer's will be instructed to be more aggressive about approaching people on the beaches and common areas. McLennan discussed prosecution options that can be taken against offenders. They are: 1) write letters informing them of their violation; 2) demand restitution; 3) offer community service; or 4) have the officer write a summons to appear in court.

Ralph Smalley reported that a resident had contacted him about her party barge being vandalized. Smalley instructed her to file a report with the police so that they had record of it.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Holly Hazard reported that 24 goose nests have been added. David Feld reported that Sam Ellis of the WID was in the process of building the new barge to be used in the "geese peace" efforts and that it should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Feld reported that beavers have been very actively destroying trees throughout the community and that the Fish and Game representatives came out to the community and offered the option of obtaining a permit to trap and kill them. LBA is looking at other options, along the lines of harrasing them versus injuring them. George Waters suggested a letter in the Newsletter recommending resident's wrap their trees with wire to prevent beaver damage.

Feld reported that all lake front residents would be receiving a green flyer addressing what to do if you have a goose nuisance problem on your property.

Bob Schreiber briefly discussed the need for hazard pruning on the beaches and surrounding common areas and that work would begin soon.

IMPROVEMENTS: Ernie Rauth reported that his staff began work on Tuesday on the beaches, common property and median strips. He added that another bridge had been purchased for the community garden area. He thanked the WID for their contribution of \$750 for the pier that was installed last year. Rauth concluded by stating that his crew would be working on the 16 cul-de-sac areas that needed cleaning and that after being contacted by residents on Dockser Terrace, he would be working on a design for this area.

LEGAL: Mac Canter discussed the desire for a path to be designed for access from the Parcel A development to the Beach #2 area. Feld directed that this discussion be deferred to a committee for discussion.

MEMBERSHIP: David Feld discussed a letter that was received from a resident requesting a waiver of past due services on a lot that the resident had just purchased. In Bill Lowenthal's absence, this discussion was tabled.

PUBLICATIONS: Therese St. Hilaire asked Board members to contact Mr. Bracken to thank him for the articles that have been written by him on the history of the community.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Ken Leventhal discussed mailing out a letter to include a return post card to the community to determine the interest in attending the upcoming 50th anniversary gala. He asked the Board to consider subsidizing the gala to a limited degree. A motion was made to authorize up to \$5,000 from the reserve for subsidizing the gala if needed. The motion was opened for discussion and it was suggested by Peter Browne that a budget should be submitted prior to funds being allocated. The motion passed with 7 voting in favor and 3 opposed.
Nan Brent mentioned the upcoming Women's Club House Tour to be held on Saturday, May 6.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS: Ralph Smalley reported that he had a useful meeting with the principal of J.E.B. Stuart High School. Further discussion was tabled until next month involving the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund.

LBA LIAISONS/REPRESENTATIVES: Bob Schreiber gave a brief report on the status of community efforts to save the Culmore playing field, including the recent rally that featured would famous soccer star Marco Etcheverry and Congressman Tom Davis and State Senator Leslie Byrnes.

FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: George Waters reported the status of the school budget and the outcome of the resolution submitted previously by LBA to the Mason District Council of Community Associations. Therese St. Hilaire suggested that Waters write a summary for the Newsletter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into Executive Session to discuss commemorative programs.

The LBA Board meeting was adjourned at 10:31PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Chris LaChance, Lake Manager