

MINUTES OF THE LAKE BARCROFT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 8, 2000

The Lake Barcroft Association (LBA) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:43 PM by Secretary Bob Schreiber at 6425 Lakeview Drive, Falls Church, Virginia. Those present were LBA Directors Bob Schreiber, George Waters, Nan Brent, Peter Browne, MacKensie Canter, David Feld, Karol Forsberg, Therese St. Hilaire, Ken Leventhal, Bill Lowenthal, George McLennan and Ralph Smalley. Also present were WID Operations Director, Stuart Finley and Improvements Committee Chairman, Ernie Rauth. LBA members included Holly Hazard

The minutes of the LBA Board meeting of February 9, 2000 were approved as corrected.

George Waters introduced new Board members, Peter Browne and George McLennan and welcomed them to the Board.

ELECTION RESULTS: George Waters read the new slate of directors to the LBA Board and noted that he was term-limited as President. Therefore, a new President needed to be elected. The following officers were elected unanimously: President – David Feld; Vice President – George Waters; Secretary – Bob Schreiber; Treasurer – Karol Forsberg. Waters proceeded to turn the meeting over to President Feld.

Feld stated he would defer making committee assignments until next month allowing him time to discuss assignments with various parties. He requested standing committees to continue in the meantime. Feld appointed George McLennan to the vacant chair of the Security/Community Watch Committee.

George McLennan described his proposal for a golf tournament in September or October. McLennan stated that he expected to raise money from local sponsors to cover costs. He estimated participation cost per person would be between \$40 and \$60. It was suggested that a committee should be formed to review this further and report recommendations to the Board.

Mac Canter made a motion suggesting calling the tournament the Lake Barcroft Golf outing allowing it to be a tax-deductible function. Discussion took place and all voted in favor. It was also agreed to turn this over to the Special Events Committee.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY LBA MEETINGS: It was agreed to continue the monthly Board meetings on the second Wednesday of every month unless otherwise rescheduled.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

LAKE BARCROFT WEBSITE: George McLennan suggested referring the website discussion to the Publications Committee.

ALL NIGHT J.E.B. STUART PARTY: Bob Schreiber informed the Board that he had been contacted by a representative of the local high school asking if LBA would be making a donation to help cover the costs of the annual senior party. Schreiber made a motion to again contribute \$100 to their worthy cause. Therese St. Hilaire amended the motion and suggested increasing the donation to \$150. The motion was accepted and all voted in favor.

GEESE PEACE: David Feld discussed WID's role in a humane geese reduction process by adding their eggs. The Board adopted a motion to authorize the WID to do this season's egg adding on LBA common property to reduce the population. Stu Finley said the WID would give the LBA a list of residents whose properties appear to have nests on their lots and requested LaChance to contact them, so that the WID could work with them on the adding process.

CONSTRUCTING A NEW BARGE: David Feld presented a proposal for purchasing commercial plastic pontoons for construction of a new barge to be used by LBA for the border collie operation. The following motion was made and approved: "LBA approves construction of new barge with foam filled, commercial grade plastic pontoons for a cost to LBA not to exceed \$2,000. Construction may be carried out on Beach 1 over three days during late March or early April."

REQUEST TO FLY SMALL ELECTRICAL PLANES: A request was made by Ralph Smalley for Board approval to permit a small group to come to the Lake as his guests to fly small electrical planes and boats on the lake. The foot bridge was suggested as an ideal place to launch these crafts, since swimming was not permitted in this area and therefore would not present a conflict with Lake residents. A motion was made and seconded to coordinate this function with the Water Safety/Beach Maintenance Committee and the Improvements Committee.

PRESENTATION ON SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET: George Waters introduced Holly Hazard to discuss a resolution supporting approval of the School Board budget. He distributed a proposed resolution. Mac Canter expressed concerns about supporting such a resolution when Board members had not been given adequate time to review or pose questions prior to a vote being taken. Ralph Smalley agreed and the following resolution was made and passed by the Board:

Resolved, that, as a general policy, the Board consider motions endorsing matters of public policy only after such matters have been introduced and referred to an appropriate committee for review and careful consideration.

Ken Leventhal reminded the Board that it had previously taken policy positions on public issues, such as school district boundaries, Eckerd Drug's development of the Culmore playing field, etc. George Waters made a motion to accept the submitted proposal with modified language offered by Ken Leventhal. The motion adopted 11 to 1. (The above-mentioned motion is attached to the minutes)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WID REPORT: Stu Finley reported that the WID was currently involved in street sweeping and that the rental cost of the machine was \$350 a week. He noted that 11 to 12 tons of material had already been removed and suggested that in the future, this should be done annually after the last snowfall in hopes of collected the salt and sand from the streets before it washed into the lake. He informed the Board that the materials were then taken to VDOT's lot in Merrifield.

Finley informed the Board that the annual WID spring meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:00 PM at the Fortune restaurant at 7 Corners. The meeting will include a dinner menu for those interested. The price would be \$10 for the first person and \$5 for the second. He added that an announcement would be going out shortly on this to the community.

Ken Leventhal commented on the WID annual budget and Finley provided an explanation.

WATER SAFETY/BEACH MAINTENANCE: Bob Schreiber discussed Bob Foster's written report that he had submitted to the Board and distributed pictures of recent vandalism that had taken place at Beach #4. He explained residents had been awoken by a tow truck that knocked down the concrete gate post at the entrance to the beach. Unfortunately, no one called the police and the time and the vandal was not caught. Rauth suggested replacing Beach 4's gate with a residential-type double gate similar to the one at the community garden. Rauth was asked to submit a proposal at the next Board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ken Leventhal reported that currently there was \$119,000 in reserve. He informed the Board that he had been in contact with two auditing firms that had expressed an interest in reviewing the books after the tax season. He emphasized that any contractual agreement would clearly state a start and finish date for completion of the audit.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW: Nan Brent discussed a recent application submitted to the committee. Ernie Rauth stated that he had received a call from a resident about satellite dish placement. Peter Browne stated that he had just placed a dish on his property and would be happy to lend his expertise on technical problems and limitations regarding placement problems.

CIVIC/EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: Bob Schreiber addressed the Culmore playing field and Eckerd's status. He stated that a proposed buyout could be in excess of \$2 million. March 26th has been proposed for a rally at the field. Schreiber informed the Board that D.C. United soccer team would be involved in the event.

COMMUNITY WATCH/SECURITY: David Feld expressed a desire for a meeting to be held prior to the next Board meeting with himself, George McLennan, Chris LaChance, Ken Leventhal and Fritz Trakowski to begin preparation for the upcoming season, including special arrangements for July 4th coverage.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: David Feld stated that phase 1 of reducing the geese nests had begun and phase 2 would be carried out in April through mid-May. This would be the time of nesting and would not involve the use of the border collie.

Bob Schreiber queried recent reports of beaver damage that had been taking place throughout the community.

IMPROVEMENTS: Ernie Rauth stated that beavers had taken down three trees in the community garden area. He discussed a glue product that has been used to discourage beavers.

Rauth stated that there is a major erosion problem on Lakeview Drive medians and that he has called the problem in to the State and Highway Department. He explained that the erosion made it difficult for his crew to cut the median strips. George Waters questioned repaving of Lakeview Drive that was raised at the annual meeting. Rauth agreed to mention this as well at his upcoming meeting with VDOT.

Rauth stated that he had completed his survey throughout the community and that his crew would begin spring maintenance work the first week of April.

LEGAL: George Waters stated that he had received a call from Edythe Frankel of Supervisor Penny Gross's office informing him that the Fairfax County Site Plan review Department had not received complete documentation as yet plans from the Rec Corp on Parcel A. It was explained that an environmental water quality report was still required. David Feld stated that a special committee should be appointed to continue active follow-up on Parcel A issues.

MEMBERSHIP: Bill Lowenthal reported that four new transfers have been received and that he would be meeting with LaChance prior to the next meeting to go over the status of houses currently on the market. Presently there are 1006 active members, 7 non-members, 2 partial payers and 17 transfers outstanding.

PUBLICATIONS: Therese St. Hilaire asked Board members if they had been enjoying the recent articles being submitted by lake resident Tony Bracken detailing the history of the community. She encouraged Board members to contact Mr. Bracken and express their appreciation. George Waters agreed to send Mr. Bracken a thank you letter from the Board.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Karol Forsberg informed the Board that she had a signed day-of-delivery agreement for the fireworks for July 4th.

The 50th anniversary gala was discussed and Forsberg stated that she was working with Ken Leventhal on a letter and post card that would be mailed to all residents about the upcoming event and to determine how much interest there was in attending the black tie event. It was agreed that discussion of allocating \$5,000 from reserves to cover costs would be put on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Bob Schreiber explained to new Board members the history of Barcroft Beach, Inc. being the title holder of all common property within Lake Barcroft, that BBI was 100% owned and managed by LBA and that an annual meeting of BBI was required every year. He noted that newly appointed officers for LBA would hold an annual BBI meeting immediately after the LBA meeting was adjourned.

The LBA Board meeting was adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Chris LaChance, Lake Manager