

Minutes of the Lake Barcroft Association Board of Directors
July 13, 2016

The meeting of the Lake Barcroft Association (LBA) was called to order at 6:02 PM by President Bill Lecos at the Mason District Government Center, held prior to the WID special community meeting. Those present were LBA Directors Bill Lecos, Andrew Casolini Dal Bo, Anne Cullather, Todd West, Rick Aldrich, Sara Franco, Brian Allen, Sarah Mattingly, Kevin Kampschroer, David Emmerson, Susan Escobar, Kevin Howe and George Waters. LBA Office Manager, Chris Lawson, was also in attendance, as well as LBA resident Ralph Smalley.

MINUTES: The minutes of June 8, 2016 were reviewed. George Waters moved that they be approved as amended, which was seconded by Kevin Kampschroer. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

CALENDAR REVIEW: The Community calendar was reviewed without modification.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY OPEN COMMENTS: Nothing at this time.

REPORT FROM THURGOOD MARSHALL FOUNDATION: Ralph Smalley reported that 10 scholarships were distributed for 2016: 4 for \$4,000 and 6 at \$1,000 for a total of \$22,000. Scholarships were awarded to 8 women and 2 men out of 20 applicants. Approximately 170 residents made contributions to the Thurgood Marshall Foundation totaling \$30,000. Ralph had provided Jim Kilbourne with a draft description of the committee's responsibilities and Bill will follow up with Jim and report back to the Board. **ACTION: Bill to review status of report with Jim.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER' REPORT: Todd reported that expenses and revenue remain on track. He is working to resolve the outstanding matter of how to categorize in the budget the equipment storage locker that was procured for the lifeguards. Two boats have been purchased and added to the financials, while the funds allocation to the reserve account do not yet appear. Todd will discuss with the book keeper. The completion of the audit is still pending.

MEMBERSHIP: Rick reported 14 lots are currently unpaid for 2016. Chris received a delinquent payment in the amount of \$3,500 from a non-member lot at settlement (A "non-member lot" is a resident that has never paid the original membership fee to enjoy voting rights in the Association, as opposed to the annual fee), leaving only two lots within the community that are classified as "non-members." A total of \$3,950 was collected in the month of June.

ARC: The committee approved 10 applications last month. Rick attended the Fairfax County hearing for an RPA encroachment application regarding a property on Lakeview Drive and reported that the proposed footprint of the house was approved by the county. Regarding a fence issue on the Ireland property, Bill Lecos made a motion to approve the exception request to accommodate a taller fence, which was seconded by George Waters and approved unanimously by the Board.

WATER SAFETY: Andrew reported that Green Flags have been at all the beaches and lake water quality has been very good. Except for the closure of Beach 4 on July 12 due to the Culmore sewage spill, all the beaches have been open and ready for use. Regarding Bill Stage's Water polo event, we are awaiting insurance forms to be provided to LBA for the event; Kevin Hardy is ready to support and facilitate the event, including managing boating lanes and beach visitors. Liability waivers have been sent over to Bill Stage to be completed. Beach hours have been extended at beach 2, and resident use has been logged during the extended hours. There is a minimum of one guard on staff during the extended hours. Regarding the life guard staff, the guards are on full coverage since school is out. We have 25 guard personnel on staff; approximately 70% is high school age. The majority of staff live in Lake Barcroft. Kevin Hardy is holding Life Guard classes and anticipates 6 graduates – two adults and 4 high school students. He is concerned about August coverage due to the number of students returning to school. He reported that the boat and equipment are operating in a satisfactory manner. Nearly \$3,000 in new equipment was purchased for the season, almost half of which is paid for by the individual guards. Other expenses this month included ancillary costs associated with the new boat, necessary repairs to beach stands and first aid boxes. With the purchase of new boating equipment for guard use and Geese Peace, an evaluation of the old equipment will be provided at either the August or September board meeting along with a surplus equipment list for disposal. Andrew also reported on the pre-emptive closure of Beach 4 during the threat of a sewage spill in the nearby Culmore neighborhood and indicated that the Swift 911 alert system worked as planned. Andrew also reflected on the recent popular and successful food truck event at Beach 4, which raised some unanticipated issues related to trash disposal. He indicated that for future events, provisions for trash need to be discussed, reminding the board that there are beach rules regarding trash and these food truck events should be run in a manner consistent with the rules. He indicated the Board may want to review the rule and determine how to enforce during special events. Andrew closed his report with an update on Beach Maintenance. Planning is beginning for storm water drainage upgrades, noting that a small group of residents are working with WID to help steer the work and improvements. Andrew is recruiting volunteers to work on his committee over the upcoming weeks. The work will entail working with the Environmental Quality committee regarding planting and WID with the drainage improvements.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Sara reported that the July movie night was enjoyable but only four families participated. The attendance could have been impacted by the weather or the competing July 4 weekend activities. (Bill noted that Dominion Power did not show up on time to turn off the street light for the movie event). On other events: the food truck event at Beach 4 was well-received and the food truck operator would like to return. Volunteers will coordinate future trucks and hope to have 3 more events. Bill suggested having food trucks available at the National Night Out on August 2 at Beach 5. There will be a cardboard boat race again in August or September, and the event is in the planning stages.

COMMUNICATIONS: Sarah indicated that work continues on the website. The wireframe is almost complete. Our contractor, Marvin, is scheduled to leave on vacation and he will provide a list of what needs to be completed so that we can engage another contractor to complete the work he is unable to complete.

Regarding the LBA directory, lake resident Charlotte Flounders raised a concern regarding how homeowners are listed in the directory, noting that men are always listed first. Sarah stated that with the new online directory, homeowners will be listed alphabetical which should hopefully resolve this issue. Chris noted that the database listings for owners and co-owners that supports the on-line and printed directory is based on how the homeowner entered the information on their settlement sheet.

Bill reported on the recent Swift911 alert and that residents were very pleased with being notified about a possible sewage leak in Culmore which fortunately had no impact on the Lake.

IMPROVEMENTS: George has had the dog-waste bag dispensers installed at both sides to the community garden and at beach 5. \$3,000 was recently spent to remove a large tree limb at beach 4 that had fallen on a power line. This resulted in a review of the trees near the beach and an evaluation of any other limbs that could be a risk to residents. Three trees and approximately 50 branches will be trimmed by Unique Landscaping for a cost of \$3,000.

George then answered recent questions that had been raised about the bridge in the Women's Club garden and whether it was common property owned by LBA or the County. George and Dave had reviewed the historic real estate documents and confirmed that the County had abandoned the bridge and turned it over to BBI/LBA years ago. There is an easement that is applicable to utilities and county employees, but the bridge is the private property of LBA.

Brian provided an overview of plans to install an additional boat dock at Beach 2 to improve lake access and distributed drawings of the plans. The project will require some regrading of the adjacent land and clearing of brush, as well as the installation of 2 new pilings to support a 10-foot dock. The project will be coordinated with and require the approval of WID. Kuldar Kurrik, a resident contractor, has agreed to install the ramp for free and LBA will pay for materials. Regarding the issue raised on LakeLink about a stand of bamboo that was impairing visibility on Waterway Drive, the owner had been out of town but has been contacted to cut it down to improve visibility.

SECURITY: Susan reported that she had received a request from a non-resident to provide physical training to a resident in the water at one of the LBA beaches on two Saturdays and two Sundays. It was determined that no Board action was required since a resident is welcome to be accompanied by a guest to the beaches. It was agreed that this activity should take place when the lifeguards were present and that the resident and his guest are responsible for abiding by the rules of the beach.

Susan also mentioned that a flier on a new listserv called "next door" has been received by residents. This discussion was deferred until next month.

Bill commended Susan for the time she has invested as Chair of Security. He also mentioned that a young resident received a citation from the police when she was at a beach waiting to be picked up by a boat; unfortunately she did not have her beach tag with her. Bill suggested this appeared to be over-zealous enforcement of the rules and that the police should be assessing the actual threat before citing residents. Kevin Howe also expressed his appreciation for Susan's help in engaging four police officers to address two homeowners that were setting off illegal fireworks on the fourth of July near beach 3, potentially compromising the Lake's fireworks events. Kevin agreed to draft a letter for the Board to send to the homeowners involved. **ACTION: Kevin to draft letter for board review.**

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Kevin reported that the Geese Peace program concluded two weeks earlier than normal and he may revisit it again in the fall for the northern migration. The Geese Peace boat is locked at Rhinehardt Lynch's property and Kevin asked the Board to send a letter of appreciation to Rhinehardt. Tree replacement program has been launched for the season. He needs to discuss replacement of trees on common grounds. **ACTION: Kevin to draft letter to send to Rhinehardt Lynch.**

LEGAL: Dave discussed ongoing work regarding the short term rental issue and Bill will propose dates for follow up meetings.

LAKE MANAGER'S REPORT –Deferred to next meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bill reported that the County denied a permit request by a nearby resident outside of LBA to house chicken and goats in their yard. He also reported that the Fairfax Board of Supervisors approved the zoning ordinance amendment for Seven Corners revitalization. Bill also commended Kevin Howe, the Kampshroer family and all the volunteers for the work on the Fourth of July firework display. George McLennan will be posting over 180 photos of the display on LakeLink.

Bill also discussed potentially donating an old LBA boat and motor to the JEB Stuart Crew Team to use as a coaching boat. Bill will investigate donating the items in exchange for a commitment from the Crew team to deliver the new LBA directories to the homes in the community when it is printed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Cullather
Secretary