

MINUTES
CSCIA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2014

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. in the Cox Meeting Room of the CSCIA Clubhouse. He said that our guests would speak prior to the scheduled agenda.

The first guest was Kyle Crosby of Hutton Miller Independent Film, seeking permission to film off of Lake Claire pier and in the parking lot for about 4 days in early May. He provided an information sheet briefly describing the film and his work. He is working with Peter Hutton, a Cape resident and Lake Claire slip holder. Neither Lake Claire nor Cape St. Claire would be mentioned by name in the film. He also mentioned that he would be using very little of our electricity.

The Board thanked him and said it would discuss the matter in New Business.

The second guest was Pat Lynch, of the Broadneck Council of Communities, of which the Cape is a member. She noted that Governor Biondi has stepped down as the Cape representative to the BCC and the Board needs to find a replacement. She gave a brief history of previous peninsula-wide community efforts, the formation and history of the BCC, and past and current efforts of the BCC with regard to comprehensive rezoning, current issues, and traffic issues. The focus is on zoning, rewriting and amending the County Zoning Code, the environment and stormwater, communications and transportation planning. There was some discussion of traffic problems on College Parkway as a result of the enlargement of a day care center there. There is a bill before the County Council, with Dick Ladd's sponsorship, to limit the size of day care centers.

The BCC meets quarterly with speakers and with non-member communities when they need help, including working with Bay Hills residents regarding the proposed expansion of Rite Aid. She cited examples of past abuses of the zoning system and noted that the BCC is working to get the fines and penalties raised and the laws tightened up.

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening at the Cape clubhouse with 9 speakers coming to discuss issues.

The Board thanked her for all the BCC has done and Governor Gardner had high praise for Pat and working with the BCC.

Governor Breeden will fill in as the Board representative temporarily. Governor Biondi thought that we might want to include BCC reports at the quarterly meetings, as updates to the Board, and as synopses and information in the Caper. He pointed out that the Cape is the largest community in the BCC.

Minutes and Profit and Loss Statements (P&Ls):

December 9, 2013 Monthly BOG meeting minutes: Governor Snow made a motion that these minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Governor Gardner and passed.

November 30, 2013, December 31, 2013, Finals and January 31, 2014 Preliminary Profit and Loss Statements: Governor Myers made a motion to approve these P&Ls. The motion was seconded by Governor Norris and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beaches and Parks: Governor Dembowski said that things have been quiet with the cold weather. He met with South River Landscape about installing a paver-based sidewalk entering the Main Beach. He also said that on February 2nd he discovered substantial damage to the hillside between parking lots at Deep Creek, caused by ATVs. He will discuss the issue and erosion control measures with the maintenance crew.

Treasurer: Governor Myers noted that we are about where we should be at this time of the year. The SCBD budget has been submitted to the County, thanks to the efforts of the Budget Committee, Governor Breeden, and Elaine. She has been in touch with our accountant regarding non-profit status, who was negative to the idea, largely because the piers are not non-profit and directly benefit only a small percentage of the Cape population. There was discussion of establishing a sub-organization as a non-profit part of the CSCIA which might then be eligible for tax breaks and grant money. Governor Biondi mentioned the idea of spinning off the piers into a separate entity. The fact that we were once had non-profit status which the IRS revoked was brought up. The Board will look into the issue further and will ask Elaine to find the old IRS paperwork.

Events: Governor Myers said that there will be a meeting on Sunday, February 16 to begin planning the 4th of July events, in which there has been a lot of interest. She has also contacted Trisha Martin to see if she was interested in pursuing another community yard sale.

Piers: Governor Biondi reported that Piers contracts were mailed January 24, a bit earlier than normal to save postage costs. About 40 have been returned to date. The deadline is April 1, 2014. The bubbler system continues to work and is being monitored by members of the committee. As part of the new long-term planning budget, there are no major capital projects scheduled for this year. Governor Biondi will talk with the Board later in the year regarding slip fees and maintenance costs, recognizing that the piers do need to be self-sustaining.

Erosion Control: Governor Vaccaro spoke with Biohabitats, who is putting together a new grant proposal for Lake Claire.

Covenants: Governor Hazen had nothing new to report.

Budget Committee: Committee member Toy had nothing new to report.

Buildings: Governor Gardner said the only new permit was for a swimming pool, and that there is nothing new with regards to the Long Point Terrace property.

Personnel: Governor Gardner said the maintenance bills are coming in.

Communications: Governor Snow will be meeting with the Executive Board to document a communications policy and look at future technology needs.

Website: Governor Newman asked members to send any information to be posted or post it themselves, and asked that they verify their assignments on the page.

Caper: Governor Lamb would like articles for the next issue as soon as possible.

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Clubhouse: Governor Lamb said that Clubhouse rentals have been slow over the winter but are picking up now.

Membership: Governor Norris is trying to line up an erosion control person for a meeting, and possibly a mosquito control person for the April quarterly meeting. She has gotten more volunteers to work on events. She is still waiting for more information from BOG members to compile committee chair job descriptions.

Security: Governor Breeden said that the cold weather has kept things quiet. He mentioned the ATV damage at Deep Creek, noted that community service is being performed as mandated by the court, and said that reports by our nighttime security personnel show that things are quiet. There is a Neighborhood Watch meeting planned in March with an AAPD representative.

President's Remarks: President Breeden thanked those who emailed early committee reports. He asked that anyone wishing to be the BCC representative let him know. He would like a 1 to 3 year plan from each committee member with the goal of involving residents, through the Caper, to get input on various ideas for improving the Cape. He also asked that members send their committee chair job descriptions to Governor Norris.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board received a letter of complaint from Kathleen Mooneyhan regarding an ATV racetrack at 1089 River Bay Road. The County and the Police, when contacted, have indicated there are no violations there. Letters have been sent to the resident and been replied to with counter-complaints. As the County has not seen any violations, the BOG has no way of dealing with the situation on private property. There was some discussion that what is going on may be a violation of some covenant regarding offensive behavior. It was thought that the Board needed a good description of what was actually going on and perhaps complaints from more people in the neighborhood. It was suggested that we try and get responses from all the neighbors within 300 feet of the noise, rather just the one person who has complained to us in writing, and that we monitor the decibel levels ourselves. It was noted that the County Code may need to be updated with regard to noise violations.

Governor Snow said that perhaps the situation could be addressed through covenants or bylaws. Governor Vaccaro thought that we as a Board have to protect the integrity of the character of the neighborhood and that we would set a bad precedent by ignoring the situation. A motion was made by Governor Biondi that the Board agree to purchase a decibel meter and try to document the activity as brought by the complainant. The motion was seconded by Governor Myers and passed.

Governor Lamb is looking into getting a more up to date electronic signboard. This is a good time as the old one will need to be moved or removed with the Cape St. Claire Road work. She is looking into other locations for the signboard.

NEW BUSINESS:

The request to film at Lake Claire was discussed. It was stipulated that their activities cannot impede normal activities of Cape residents, that any generator noise has to be kept to a minimum, and that filming activities can only take place Monday through Friday. By consensus, the Board agreed that the filming was permitted with the stipulations as noted.

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Governor Dembowski is leaving sample books of pervious pavers for members to look at. He is considering putting pavers in at the entrance to Main Beach, and would like to the look to blend in with whatever new sidewalk is going in at the Clubhouse. He has talked with South River Landscaping about price and design, looking into something about 12 or 13 feet wide, extending down to the light pole.

There will be a 7:00 P.M. meeting at the Clubhouse on Thursday, February 20th, with the County explaining all the aspects of the Cape St. Claire Road work and water expansion. The meeting will be noted in the Caper, on the signboard, on the Cape Facebook page and on the Cape website.

Governor Norris will talk with the BLOA about placement and possible cost-sharing of the new signboard.

Governor Biondi said that he would like to see absences and abstentions listed in the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Governor Biondi moved that the Board adjourn. The motion was seconded by Governor Newman and approved unanimously. The February 10, 2014 regular monthly meeting of the Board of Governors was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Governors Biondi, Breeden, Dembowski, Gardner, Hazen, Lamb, Myers, Newman, Norris, Snow, and Vaccaro were present. Governor Veno was absent. Also present was Budget Committee member Toy.

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