

**CAPE ST. CLAIRE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 22, 2014**

The April Quarterly Membership Meeting was convened on April 22, 2014 at 7:35 P.M. in the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. President Breeden introduced himself, noted that it has been a busy and active beginning of the year, and that he would be updating the members on various matters. He also noted that, as the meeting was not posted in the Caper, as required by law, no vaotes taken tonight will be binding and will have to be ratified at the July Quarterly meeting.

Secretary's Report / Approval of Minutes:

January 14, 2014 Annual Membership Meeting: David Toy made a motion to approve these minutes. Phil Orrison seconded the motion. The non-binding motion was approved by a majority.

Treasurer's Report / Approval of Profit & Loss (P&L) Statements:

November 30, 2013, December 31, 2013, and January 31, 2014 P&Ls: David Toy made a motion to approve these minutes. Pat McKay seconded the motion. The non-binding motion was approved by a majority.

GUEST SPEAKER:

The guest speaker was Joseph Berg of Biohabitats, here to discuss erosion and stormwater runoff. He specializes in stormwater and wetland restoration work and has been working with the Friends of Lake Claire in their efforts. He noted the three types of erosion: wind, water, and wind and water. Wave action is the primary cause of beach erosion and inland erosion starts in areas of concentrated high use and areas with concentrated flows. He showed us several charts dealing with stormwater flow and erosion rates, the amounts of various types of sediments in runoff, and the disease challenges in our water presented by the runoff. He noted that we have to become more aware of how our daily activities affect water pollution and offered ideas on how we can help with rain barrels and mitigating the impact along roads and driveways and high impact areas.

In response to a question about what to do with rain barrels in the winter, he suggested draining them as runoff is less of a problem in the winter.

When asked about his opinion on the new laws regarding lawn fertilizers, he responded that he thought they were good practices. He remarked that water is the best fertilizer. He said that grass grows better in shredded wood than in soil, with compost and manure helping, and with liming to release more nutrients. He also noted that it's best to select grasses and plants that are well adapted for our area.

The group thanked him for his presentation.

A short break was then taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Breeden updated the activities of the Broadneck Council of Communities, noting that the BCC is working with the County Council and State officials to deal with zoning, transportation, and development issues, route 2 and College Parkway, and water and sewer issues.

The progress on the Cape St. Claire Road project has been delayed in part due to the weather and in part because the County failed to allow for a 45 day period to comment on the permits. The comment period started just today which means the road work will not start until mid-June and is not likely to be completed until next spring, due to the inability to pave in winter.

Governor Gardner said that if the extra 45 days gives us more time to comment on the number of trees that are coming down, and to try and save some, that's good.

The work will improve lighting on the road, which will be widened from Woodland Circle to Hilltop, with sidewalks and the hiker biker trail added. There will be dedicated right and left turn lanes coming off of Hilltop and the trees will supposedly be replanted.

The necessity of Cape stickers for parking, the limits on party sizes on the beaches, the alcohol policy, and cleaning up one's litter were mentioned.

The film crew at Lake Claire will be in the area in the next few weeks, filming only on weekdays.

There has been progress on the removal of PODS and other self storage units, with some issues having gone to the County and to court.

A resident asked about a variance on Lake Claire Drive and was informed there is a 30 day comment period and that the Board will be commenting. It was noted that there are multiple requests for variances what with all the building that's going on.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Breeden said that Monday night will be the CSCIA/BCC candidates night. We are now district 33 instead of district 30 and this will give us the opportunity to meet our new senator, representatives and council member. Governor Myers urged all to look into the backgrounds of all the candidates before voting. There may be another candidates night after the primary.

The Board has been looking into current practices, updating where needed, and long-term planning. It is looking into beach replenishment, Clubhouse renovations and additions, extending the fishing pier to meet ADA standards, Main Beach pavers, fence replacement, a gazebo, bathrooms, computer upgrades, and document retention. The Board is always looking for help and ideas from interested community members.

Governor Gardner pointed out that perhaps we are all worn out from 10 years of dealing with repairs and maintenance and that new capital projects may just reinvigorate the community.

Governor Lamb reminded all that the Strawberry Festival is June 7 and that entry forms will be in the next Caper. Governor Myers noted that planning for the 4th of July is underway.

Several people commented that they thought the new owner of Fairwinds Marina will be a good partner with the community.

President Breeden noted that warm weather brings security problems and urged all to lock their cars and houses, and remove valuables from vehicles. If you see something, say something. You can do so by contacting security@cscia.org or by calling the police.

COMMENTS:

There were no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Governor Snow moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Joe Orrison and a non-binding motion to adjourn was approved. The April 22, 2014 Quarterly Membership Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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