

MINUTES
CSCIA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 13, 2015

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M in the Cox Meeting Room of the Clubhouse. He noted that things were running well at the beaches and parks and that the beach attendants were doing a good job. He said the 4th of July festivities, parking and games went well, despite some rain. He has some updates on the Cape St. Claire Road project and wants to discuss the recent accident at Green Holly and Chestnut Tree. He said there has been much discussion among residents and with the MDA regarding mosquito spraying. The State will now look at exemptions on a case by case basis, and the Association needs to develop a policy regarding spraying. He also met with the BLOA in June to discuss water and parking issues.

Mr. Maurer and Ms Shivnan were present to discuss their reasons for opting out of the mosquito spraying program. Ms Shivnan read a statement noting that she was very happy that the buffer around her property had been re-instated, as she wants a pesticide-free garden. She sees the issue as a property rights issue and respect for individual rights. She would like to see more education regarding standing water and mosquito control on all properties. A copy of her full statement will be appended to the final minutes.

Mr. Maurer also read a statement noting that he wants pesticide-free garden vegetables for health reasons. He addressed the issue of how BOG decisions were made regarding spraying and exemptions, and questioned a lack of clear rules and transparency, and said he was disappointed that he was not treated equally with those who favor spraying. He said that the BOG needs to adopt formal rules and procedures for making these decisions, solicit resident input, conduct fact-finding, and put out prior notice of agendas. He thought we needed integrated pest management beyond just spraying, including monitoring and elimination of standing water, and education of residents during the season to prevent mosquito proliferation, and offered to help with any such program. He said that one third of Cape residents were against spraying. He also showed a map showing the wetlands that exist at the Cape's periphery, and noted that native mosquitoes breed there while the invasive tiger mosquitoes breed in standing water. A copy of his full statement, along with his map, will be appended to the final minutes.

Governor Breeden noted that the subject of mosquito spraying will be a topic at the July 28 membership meeting, and thanked them both for their input.

Val Sullivan spoke on behalf of the BLOA, requesting that up to 6 parking spaces at the shopping center be designated as 15 minute parking spaces with signs. This request was made because she noted that long term breakfast parking is taking up spaces preventing people from parking for a quick trip into some businesses. The request was made by unanimous vote of the BLOA and it was suggested that two spaces might be near Bella's, two near TNT, and two further down the lot. Governor Breeden thanked her and said the BOG would discuss it.

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

June 8, 2015 Monthly BOG meeting minutes: Governor Vaccaro made a motion to approve these minutes with one correction, changing her committee from "Environmental" to "Erosion Control". The motion was seconded by Governor Dembowski and passed unanimously.

May 31, 2015 Final Profit and Loss Statement: Governor Myers made a motion to approve this P&L statement. The motion was seconded by Governor Szczytko and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Governor Myers said FY 15 is officially finished and the accountant is wrapping up the final reports. We are projected to finish well in the black for Piers and Maintenance due to higher than anticipated revenues (Caper, Late Fees, Club House Rentals, Maintenance Fees, and Pier rentals) and lower than anticipated expenditures (insurance, capital expenditures, and wages). The SCBD will also close in positive territory, despite not getting our entire SCBD funds in a timely manner (which should be resolved shortly, if not already), but this was largely offset by insurance and wage savings.

Events: Governor Myers said the 4th of July parade was a great success and managed to finish just as the rain began to fall. A few brave adults and children stuck around in the rain for fun activities on the community beach. There were 8 entries in the BBQ contest and the winner was Wonder Boy BBQ! Pictures were posted throughout the day on Facebook. A special thank you to all of our volunteers that helped in the pouring rain!

Beaches and Parks: Governor Dembowski reported that the beaches and parks have been very busy. He thanked Jim Lamb for repairing our lawnmowers and Jay Morgan for repairing a tractor tire. The garage is being repainted and rotted wood being replaced. He has ordered two additional gates for the Main Beach, one to be at each end, to expedite entry and exit at large events.

Technology: Governor Szczytko said he has made minor tweaks to the web page, created a Yard of the Month page, and updated the Cape St. Claire Road improvement page. He has also scanned in minutes from 1949 through 1972. He said the credit card issue is being worked on, and thanked Scott Brunner for his help on the security modernization project.

Membership: Governor Szczytko reminded all of the upcoming July 28 membership meeting.

Erosion Control: Governor Vaccaro said we had a successful last-minute goat graze down at the Lake Claire beach, and we will be following up with herbicide and plantings. Volunteers scattered 10 lbs of wetland seed mix in the former phragmites area on Saturday, the 11th. We are reserving the remaining 10 lbs for early next spring. There is a small amount of re-growth in the most recent kill area, but we can tamp that down with a targeted spray on those stems this fall. Katie Scott-Kelly and she did a topographic survey of the Little Magothy View beach and driveway last week. Marita Roos and she will use the survey to create a new stormwater control plan for that property. Once those designs are complete, we can submit for a grant to build the project.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb said all electrical repairs have been completed, including power to the new shed and an additional outlet at the Main Beach. She is securing estimates for new flooring for the Main Room of the Clubhouse. Rentals are steady and new contracts for Cape Organizations will be mailed soon.

Caper: Governor Lamb said the Caper is doing well and she is looking forward to the July/August color issue.

Halloween Happenings: Governor Lamb said planning has begun for the Saturday, October 14 event.

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Building: Governor Breeden said there have been 22 approved permits with 5 still pending. He and the Building Committee, which includes a local architect and a local engineer, are reviewing our building codes to better co-ordinate with County rules and hope to have something to present at the October membership meeting for January 1 implementation.

Covenants: Governor Breeden said there are 14 complaints open with the County and 5 open internally. The burning on River Bay has stopped after the police discussed nuisance laws with the perpetrators. The MDE and the County had said there was “no violation”. An issue of a retaining wall built without permits on River Bay Road has been resolved, with the County ordering removal of some sections and replanting.

Piers: Governor Breeden said the piers are at 99% capacity. Revenues are above expectations and repairs have been made at Deep Creek. The committee is preparing for a large Deep Creek project, fully funded by slip renters and the special 5-year assessment.

Security: Governor Breeden said summertime crime is up and noted a recent assault on Chestnut Tree and issues at the basketball courts. He once again urged residents to lock their cars and houses and keep outdoor lights on.

Roads: Governor Breeden noted that the county did not give us prior notification about the stormwater management work and step pool on Latrobe, which is expected to run through mid-August. He said that we will be getting weekly updates from the county on the Cape St. Claire Road project, but that work and lane closures will depend on the weather. He has been working closely with Kathy Sharp from the County. We will be creating a web page on our site devoted to all roadwork issues.

Budget: Chairman Buchet said the June preliminary P&Ls would be a good place from which to start next year’s planning. He is still looking for project and cost requests.

OLD BUSINESS:

Governor Breeden said we will move forward at the July 28 Membership Meeting with the MDA program to deal with mosquito spraying issues and open the subject up in the September Caper to get input into setting policies. Governor Myers thought that it would be a good idea to let the people who are not getting sprayed because of the 300 foot exemption buffer know about it, as each exemption can affect 20 to 30 other lots. It was noted that we have been part of the program since the 1960s. We earlier notified residents that exemptions were an all or nothing option, per what the State told us, but they have now changed their position to deal with exemptions on a case by case basis. Governor Breeden said we need a policy that lets everyone affected be notified of spraying or non-spraying. It was decided that we create a Mosquito Page for our website that will provide information on the MDA program we currently participate in, education information for residents to better prepare their properties to help mosquito eradication and prevention, and links to a variety of information. Governor Breeden added that we will develop a policy for next year to deal with the case by case issues. The issue of the difficulty in dealing with the residents and the MDA and satisfying all parties was discussed. It was also noted that putting out a BOG meeting agenda a month ahead of time was problematic, given the nature of last minute issues arising. Budget Committee member asked about mosquito-borne diseases and was told that the issue would come up on July 28.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is a request from the owners of 1088 Little Magothy View to extend their pier out 10 feet to deeper water. The BOG has no problem with the request and Governor Breeden will notify the MDE of that.

The issue of 6 15-minute parking spaces at the shopping center was discussed. It was again noted that the BLOA discussed the issue at its June meeting and that the request from them is unanimous. The BLOA would make the final determination as to where the spaces would go. We added a caveat that a time limit would be unenforceable by the County, as the lot is private, that no towing for violations would be allowed, and that the 15-minute limit is merely a suggestion to be courteous to others.

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After that discussion, a motion was made by Governor Vaccaro that we approve 6 15-minute parking spots at the shopping center, with the caveat that enforcement is not possible. The motion as seconded by Governor Lamb. Budget Committee chairman Buchet thought that we should have something in writing from the BLOA, to which Governor Breeden replied that he was at the BLOA meeting when the request was made. Governor Dembowski brought up the issue of possible "private enforcement". Governor Breeden will clearly state that no form of enforcement will be available to any business or individual. The motion passed unanimously. Governor Breeden will notify the BLOA this week of our approval.

Governor Breeden said there have been a lot of emails and comments regarding the recent accident at Chestnut Tree and Green Holly, and he was asked by residents to bring it up. He said we need to discuss possible solutions, like lights, tree trimming, bigger signs, lane posts, etc. to the recurring problems at that intersection with the County. He noted that the road was lowered by 5 or 10 feet in the 1990s as a safety measure. He also noted that Ramblewood had been made one-way many years back as a solution, with disastrous results. Governor Breeden will begin the process to hold meetings with the County and try to make it a resident-led effort which the BOG will advocate for and facilitate.

COMMENTS:

Lou Biondi spoke on behalf of Goshen Farm, asking that the organization get a statement from the BOG indicating that it is a Cape-approved organization and that the BOG supports the efforts to preserve the farm and its 22 acres. He would like to show this to the County and Doctor Arlotto at an August 17 meeting. He noted that there will be a major event at Goshen Farm on October 10th. Governor Dembowski moved that the BOG supports Goshen Farms' preservation of 22 acres that borders our community in hope of keeping historic preservation and also environmental preservation available so that there are no new buildings, and the continuation of its educational efforts at local schools. The motion as seconded by Governor Myers, and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Governor Dembowski moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Governor Vaccaro and passed unanimously. The July 13, 2015 meeting of the Board of Governors was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Governors Breeden, Dembowski, Lamb, Myers, Szczytko and Vaccaro were present. Also present were Budget Committee chairman Buchet and member Toy, and Administrative Assistant Coble. Governors Snow and Small were absent.

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