

BOG Meeting December 12, 2022

In attendance in person: President Beau Breeden, Governors Neil Macindoe, Mary Lamb, Cheri Fairchild, Kim Pollack, Jerome Zadera, Joe Angel and Ed Hayes, budget committee chair Charlie Moore, guests Stacey Wildberger, Steve Arnold, Becky Benner and Cathy Gazzo.

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. He thanked all for coming and complimented the tree lighting. He noted that there is a full slate of 12 candidates on the ballot for electing governors in 2023.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Minutes of the November 12, 2022 BOG meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Governor Lamb, seconded by Governor Angel and approved unanimously.

The financial statements for October 31, 2022 were reviewed. A motion to accept the financials was made by Governor Lamb and seconded by Governor Zadera. President Breeden noted that an apparent large expenditure was due to a fraudulent check issue where someone stole a check mailed for a bill payment, washed and rewrote it with a different payee and for a significantly higher amount, and cashed it. A police report was made through the bank fraud department. The money was returned by the bank in December so the correction will show on later reports. Governor Fairchild noted in the November preliminary reports that the audit line is overbudget because the auditor's fee has increased. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beaches and Parks: Governor Macindoe attended the Little Magothy River Association meeting. They are pursuing a full dredge well out into the channel and seeking funding. They want to work with us to have the dredged sand put on the main beach. He also escorted members of the Highland Beach community on a tour of our beaches as they are considering a similar project. A question was raised if either of those groups was asking for funding from CSCIA and the answer was no, they are seeking grants.

Business Lot Owners Association: President Breeden noted that outdoor dining will end January 2, 2023 unless extended by the county.

Broadneck Council of Communities: President Breeden said there is no December meeting. They are planning an update meeting with the State Highway Administration regarding plans for traffic control next year. They are in conversation with Senator Sarbanes to present the peninsula's concerns regarding the Holly Beach plans.

Budget: Charlie Moore reported that the budget was printed in the Dec/Jan Capex and will be voted on in January.

Building: No report.

Capex: Governor Lamb said the December/January is online and has the budget, photos from the year and coupons. Timely mail delivery continues to be an issue.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb reported some recent rental issues. Some language changes will be made to the rental contract, including that minors must be supervised indoors and outside. That seems to be the issue that leads to complaints. She noted that the attorney verified that any security deposits held can only be used for actual expenses incurred for damages or additional cleaning, not for behaviors. The only recourse for issues of noise, overcrowding, etc., is to deny further rentals by the offenders. Rental rates will be raised in July to \$650 for Saturday, \$425 for Friday night, \$520 for Sunday and \$50/hr. on weekdays. There was an issue with exceeding the stated maximum occupancy and the fire department is to provide new signage. Governor Macindoe noted that when he locks the beach gate, he checks on the clubhouse as well.

Covenants: No report.

Events: Governor Lamb said the Tree Lighting and Breakfast with Santa both went very well and were well attended. She thanked Graul's Market for the donation of hot chocolate.

Grants: President Breeden reported that Governor Angel and Stacy Wildberger attended the grant meeting to discuss grants for more beach work from US Fish and Wildlife, the county, etc. Ms. Wildberger noted that she is working on a summary of the technical memo from BioHabitats. Governor Angel said that CSCIA needs to have something in the grant application that makes us stand out. Using our past project as a model for other communities will be stressed. Grants of up to \$105,000 are available for the design phase, with much more for implementation. President Breeden said it is good to have volunteers who have professional experience on committees as it allows more people to be involved and utilizes their skill sets to benefit the Cape. A question was raised about using bond bills. President Breeden said that is an option for the future, but he feels that having just received two large grants that way, it would be best to wait a couple of years. The US Fish and Wildlife grant does not require matching funds which allows more flexibility in using the \$200,000 currently reserved for beach projects to be used for county/state level grants that do.

Legislative: No report

Piers: President Breeden reported the December 1 slip contract renewal letters, as well as non-renewal letters, went mailed. The committee is considering responses to the non-renewals. Slip rental rates remain the same for 2023 and will increase in 2024.

Security: President Breeden thanked Governor Macindoe for covering beach closing shifts not covered by police. He noted that with a large shortage of officers for the county, off-duty police work overtime and our rate is below the typical rate for security shifts. He recommends that the board consider increasing the hourly rate and reducing the total hours in order to get more coverage without a change to the FY23 budget. A representative from T-Mobile is working on a quote for replacing old 3G security camera systems.

Strawberry Festival: No report.

Technology: No report.

Town Manager: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

President Breeden reported that AeroTek is currently conducting the search for a town manager. Discussion followed regarding the interview process. It is hoped one will be hired in January to learn the job and help with tasks during the busiest time of year. Governors interested in participating in interviews on January 7 are to email President Breeden.

NEW BUSINESS No new business.

COMMENTS

Stacey Wildberger announced the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC) will be putting more plants in at Little Magothy Beach. She is talking with a teacher who would like to have his students build benches to be installed at Little Magothy Beach. They would be Leopold benches like the ones at Serene Ravine. CCC is working on a big tree project to spark interest in trees. They are selling calendars featuring cartoons by Brad Knopf and monthly water saving tips. Go to www.capeconservationcorps.org for more info. The recommended donation is \$25. Membership to the CCC for a year is \$25.

Becky Benner reported the first Garden Club meeting for 2023 will be January 2 to discuss pollinators, specifically Mason bees, a true native species. The club distributed two grants in 2022 to two groups in the community. Governor Lamb thanked the Garden Club for the wreaths on the clubhouse and guard shack doors.

Mrs. Benner also noted that Goshen Farm had 6 Eagle Scouts complete their projects at the farm in 2022. Another 8 have projects in process. One Eagle Scout to complete the process was the first female Eagle Scout in the US. A contractor is working to pest proof the farmhouse. Work will be done on the exterior and interior and windows authentic to the time period will be installed.

President Breeden added that a note came from Olivia West and the students working on the People's Garden at Broadneck High School thanking CSCIA for the \$500 donation made to their project.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Governor Angel to adjourn to closed session, seconded by Governor Zadera and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:31 pm. The closed session occurred from 8:33 pm to 8:45 pm. The December 12, 2022 CSCIA Board of Governors meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.