

MINUTES
CSCIA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2014

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M in the Cox Meeting Room of the Clubhouse. He remarked that it been a fairly quiet July and early August.

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

July 14, 2014 Monthly BOG meeting minutes: Governor Hazen noted an omission in the attendance roster. A motion to approve the minutes of July 14, 2014 as corrected was made by Governor Dembowski . The motion was seconded by Governor Snow and passed unanimously.

June 30, 2014 Final Profit and Loss Statement: Governor Myers made a motion to approve these P&Ls. The motion was seconded by Governor Hazen and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Beaches and Parks: Governor Dembowski said that Beaches and Parks continue to see high traffic on the weekends and week nights as well. Several pieces of playground equipment have required repairs recently. Planning is underway for capital improvements to the main beach as we work towards completing the walkway, replacing the retaining wall and removing the concrete gutters that erode the main beach during heavy rain storms. A large dead oak tree at Deep Creek had to cut down.

The Beaches and Parks Committee would like to thank all of the many anonymous volunteers that continue to help keep the properties clean and safe.

Treasurer: Governor Myers reported that the FY 14 budget is closed and the board members did a fantastic job of earning the revenues projected, as well as staying within the expenses assigned. Insurance costs will continue to be a major driver of any budgets going forward, given our unique community assets and size. Additionally, as we have a substantial backlog of infrastructure projects that can no longer be delayed, we need to move forward with these initiatives as well. The Budget Committee has received a proposed FY 16 budget for their consideration outlining what would be needed. She thanked Governor Breeden for putting the proposed budget together in a comprehensive and thoughtful manner.

Events: Governor Myers wrote that we are very excited to join with the Strawberry Festival and Mary Lamb to help implement the Fall Festival this year. Additionally, we would like to start a tradition of recognizing the amazing neighbors who take the time to decorate their houses with incredible holiday decor.

Caper: Governor Lamb said the Caper is doing well and articles are more timely.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb said rentals are average for this time of year. We will be installing motion activated outdoor lighting within the next 2 weeks. Our next venture is the reconstruction of the sidewalks along St. Catherine.

Covenants: Governor Hazen noted that County is actually responding to some of our issues and investigating complaints. There will be articles in future Capers dealing with covenant issues. The first of the series will deal with vehicles and debris.

Piers: Governor Biondi met with a programmer to revise and update the system that runs the piers database.

Buildings: Governor Gardner spoke with Cathy Sharp about the Cape St. Claire Road surveying and staking that's been put in for setbacks, the hiker-biker trail, and waterlines. She said more trees are coming down next week.

There are a lot of building permits coming in. She said that often people whose permits are denied want her to tell them how to fix them, and she is uncomfortable doing that given the liability issues. The Board suggested that she tell those people to check the state and county building codes or seek professional advice.

Budget: Chairman Buchet will set up a meeting to go over the submitted budget. A copy of the proposed budget was given to all Governors.

Communications: Governor Snow had nothing new to report.

Erosion Control: Governor Vaccaro wrote that thanks to a generous donation of plants from Anne Arundel Community College, a group of volunteers planted 600 wetland plants in the pump house ravine and down at Lake Claire over the course of 3 Saturdays in July and August. The path through the pump house ravine was extended further toward the back of the property and re-growth of invasives was removed.

She met with Patrick Kelly to discuss spraying the phragmites around the lake. He will be submitting a proposal for the work.

BCC: Governor Breeden said they will be meeting with Dick Ladd to discuss development and transportation.

BLOA: Governor Breeden said there is an upcoming meeting with the Office of Budget, Office of Law and Dick Ladd's office on the prospects of a Special Tax District for the business owners given the upcoming infrastructure project to bring county water to the shopping center. He noted that water will only go as far as the middle driveway there and not down to the hydrant by the Shell station.

Security: Governor Breeden noted that the community has been hit hard by vandalism, stolen items from vehicles and stolen bikes as reported by Anne Arundel County Police. We have recovered bikes and returned some. There has also been a rash of spray paint vandalism on signs and electric boxes that is being cleaned up regularly. Our beaches have been relatively quiet. We had one incident in which we have secured community service of 10 hours per person or 4 individuals will face additional consequences.

Goshen Farm: Governor Biondi said he would like Board members to attend an open house on Saturday, September 20, from 1 to 4 P.M. Various candidates will be there and he would like support for having them commit to preserving the 22 acres as open space. The Capital editor and school superintendant have been invited, too.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board wished Governor Biondi a happy birthday.

There was some discussion of several empty houses apparently in foreclosure, and of “for rent” signs being screwed to telephone poles.

It was noted that Lake Claire has been designated as the first place in the state for the appearance of the invasive “bush killer” weed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Governor Hazen mentioned that a resident reported receiving a recent registered letter from the CSCIA, when no such letter was sent. It may be an old recently discovered letter.

Governor Biondi asked if we had a permit request for a certain property.

Both matters were to be referred to the office manager.

Governor Breeden noted that our office manager, Elaine Barnhart, wants to retire, and that the Board needs to begin a search for a replacement quickly. He passed around a job description for all to look at. He would like to advertise the job in the September Caper.

There was some discussion of raising the late charge on maintenance fees to \$10, and of increasing the cost of an HOA packet to \$150. We will vote on those issues, as well as a cap increase to cover expenses and improvements.

Governor Biondi noted that the bulkhead loan will be paid off in November.

ADJOURNMENT:

Governor Dembowski moved to adjourn to a closed session. Governor Biondi seconded the motion and the regular August 11, 2014 Board of governors meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION:

A closed session was convened at 8:31 P.M and adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Present were Governors Biondi, Breeden, Dembowski, Gardner, Hazen, Lamb, Myers and Snow, as well as Budget Committee chairman Buchet and member Toy. Governors Newman and Vaccaro were absent.

