

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING
THE KEY SCHOOL
July 12, 2012**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christian Elkington, Perry Geib, Noel Gasparin, Ray Sullivan

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers

GUESTS: Linda Elkington, Michael Gray, Kevin Green, Phil Jones, John O'Neill, Blanche O'Neill, Eileen Shepherd, Ted Shepherd, Kate Penn

Christian Elkington called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. No quorum present.

Minutes from the May General meeting were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Christian Elkington presented Bruce Walker's Treasurer's Report. Overall, we are in good shape. We are over-budget for funding in Administrative. The pool has a positive cash flow, but is behind in projected budget. Piers & Harbor is in good shape. The General Fund has Beach Strip sale money included in the total.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Christian Elkington reported on the following:

1. **Hillsmere Rules** -- At the last Board meeting, the Board discussed revised rules for Hillsmere, although wording has not been adopted yet. The following rules were discussed: General Rules, Beach Rules, Marina Rules, Pool Rules. The new rules will be published in *the Sea Breeze* as soon as the Board has adopted wording.
2. **Drainage Easement** – Anne Arundel County sent a letter to a resident concerned about stormwater runoff. The resident felt the stormwater management of an easement along his property line was the County's responsibility. The County sent a letter saying they are not responsible for the easement or the stormwater runoff. Christian is investigating this issue and getting legal advice.
3. **Acquisition of Real Property** – Bay Trust is offering Hillsmere the sale of a right-of-way on Lake Hillsmere. Christian is investigating this.
4. **Hillsmere Signs** – Noël Gasparin has old Hillsmere Shores signs. They've been refurbished and will be installed at the marina. Ray Sullivan suggested we get more benches at the marina.
5. **Credit Card Processing** – HSIA is looking into accepting credit cards for all HSIA payments. This is not approved by the Board yet.
6. **Succession Planning** – Bruce Walker had a serious accident. Bruce has requested we appoint a shadow Treasurer to work with him in a training mode.

SEABREEZE: Kate Penn will be introducing an emailed *Sea Breeze* in the Fall.

BEACH: Kate Penn has two concept plans on the table for shoreline renovation. Kate has displayed the two plans on the website, at the beach, and at the pool for residents to view. We will be voting on the concept plans in the Fall. The swingset at the large pavilion is getting

replaced. The major work will be done Monday through Friday in the next two weeks. Smaller work will follow. The water at the beach is tested weekly for bacteria. Counts have been low this summer. However, the water is warming, so please take caution when swimming. Bacteria levels rise as water temperature rises. Please wash thoroughly with soap and water after exposure to the water to avoid possible contamination. Kate also went over helpful tips if you are stung by a jelly fish.

POOL: Perry Geib gave a report on the pool. The summer went well and many pool members enjoyed a great time at the pool this year. We had some successful holiday parties. No issues with Swim Team or Key Camp. The lifeguards are doing a great job. The Pool Committee will be meeting in the Fall to determine memberships and costs. Any ideas, suggestions, complaints, or compliments can be sent to pool@hillsmereshores.net.

PIERS & HARBOR: Christian Elkington reported that Piers & Harbor is planning a pier replacement that will be completely funded by Piers & Harbor funds. We are experiencing a lot of non-Hillsmere residents at the marina who are not guests. Piers & Harbor slip holders will be issued guest passes so that any guest of a slip holder can display a guest pass on their vehicle.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Christian Elkington reported that new plantings are at the pool. More vegetation is around the parking lot and at the walkways at the rain gardens.

SECURITY: Christian Elkington reported that the recent power outage in our community was traumatic. Thank you to everyone that helped with communication – especially the Mom’s group. We will be looking at how we communicate in Hillsmere. We lost phones when the internet was out. We might establish block captains who can look in on their neighbors. A number of thefts took place at the marina during the power outages.

ANNAPOLIS NECK PENINSULA FEDERATION: Ray Sullivan reported that the Board of Appeals meeting on the Reserve at Quiet Waters Park is rescheduled to August. Crystal Spring Farm has not filed with the County. HSIA will host another tree sale in the Fall.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS: Bruce Walker is much more seriously ill than just breaking his leg – he has terminal cancer. The Board is considering naming the large pavilion at the beach the P. Bruce Walker Pavilion in honor of Bruce and his commitment to our community.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator