

Arboretum Community Association
Homeowners Meeting
Saturday, November 7, 2015
Arboretum Clubhouse - 10 AM

MINUTES

President Bob Hittinger (hereafter referred to as BobH) called the Arboretum Community Association Annual Homeowners Meeting to order at 10 a.m. Board members present: Bob Baginski (hereafter referred to as BobB), Jeanne Campbell, Bob Hittinger (hereafter referred to as BobH), and E Gifford Stack. Board members absent: Rob Clarke.

ROLL CALL - BobH requested a roll call of ACA lot owners. Present either in person or via proxy were 70 ACA lot owners.

MINUTES FROM 2014 ANNUAL MEETING - BobH asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the of the November 1, 2014, ACA Annual Homeowners Meeting. BobB so moved, E Gifford seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - BobH asked attendees to cast their ballot from the three candidates running for the two available seats: Dan Donovan, Bob Hittinger, and Sharon Remaly. Jeanne and two members of her committee took the ballots away for counting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - BobH recognized the numerous volunteers who helped our homeowners association during the past 12 months. He extended special recognition and thanks to Pat Wells and Bob Ahlers for their extremely dedicated service over the years. A copy of BobH's remarks are attached. BobB expressed thanks on behalf of the community to BobH for his services as president again this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Tom Kehoe summarized the financial condition of the ACA as of October 31: Operating Fund balance of \$67,285 and the Capital Items Fund balance of \$94,099. Tom then reviewed the planned budget for 2016 which is estimated to be \$121,820 (\$87,120 for operating expenses and \$34,700 for capital items). He noted the one anomaly from the 2015 budget: the three-fold increase in street lighting electric charges. This is due to Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation updating our rate for the first time in many, many years, perhaps since the ACA started. Tom concluded by briefly reviewing the 2016 Long Range Capital Items plan. The Board accepted the Financial Report.

COMMITTEE UPDATES - BobH announced that Geoff Lubsen has agreed to replace Pat Well's (who is retiring) position on the Architectural Review Committee. Jim Plant will be the co-chair of the Building and Grounds Committee along with Jack Cowling. There will be several vacancies on the Pool and Spa Team in the coming months.

Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact Rob Clarke or any Board member.

ELECTION RESULTS - BobB thanked Jeanne for chairing this year's nominating committee. He also thanked the three candidates who volunteered to serve on the 2016 Board, as well members of community who voted. The ACA members elected for a two-year term are Bob Hittinger and Sharon Remaly.

ADJOURN - At 11:42 a.m., E Gifford made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by BobB and passed unanimously. BobH thanked the Social Committee for preparing lunch and asked everyone to enjoy!

(Submitted by E. Gifford Stack, Secretary, ACA BOD)

Presidents Report

Once again, my Presidents report consists of giving recognition to all the volunteers of the Arboretum over the past year. They are what make this community special.

Treasurer – Tom Kehoe _____ Tom has been a mainstay of the community and I can't visualize him not being our treasurer forever. I thank him for all his time spent on our finances.

Landscape – Jim Czekalski. -----Jim, thank you for your continual time and effort in keeping our community well groomed.

Arboretum Directory – Bill Loyd----- What can you say about Bill, except, that he is the one that keeps us informed where everyone lives, emails, and phone numbers. Bill, my deepest appreciation for taking on this task.

Reservations – Bo Plant ----- Thank you once again for the scheduling of events and the monthly clubhouse calendar. It is well appreciated.

Building and Grounds – Bob Ahlers, Jack Cowling, Bill Loyd, Bob Baginski, Ahn Baginski, David Hardy, Frank Sansone, Jim Plant, Jerry Johnson, Linde Johnson, Frank Lisnow, Geoff Lubsen, John Walsh, and Gifford Stack .

This group of residents is one of the main reasons that we can keep our assessments at a minimum every year by painting, repairing, and community cleanup along with other various projects. _You all have my deepest appreciation.

Security – John Wall ----- John is one of the most reliable persons I have ever worked with. He has put up with me for 11 years. Thanks John.

Clubhouse Manager – Rich Walsh _____ Rich has been managing the clubhouse for quite a few years and he always has it kept neat and clean. Thanks Rich.

Arch. Review Comm. – Pat Wells, Frank Sansone, Trudy Wells, Jerry Johnson, and Jack Drum ----- This committee has the hardest job in the community. They deserve total recognition for their time and effort. Thank you

Pool/Spa – Rob Clarke, Mary Bausch, Frank Bausch, Mike Reaves. _____ Thanks to all of you for keeping our pool/spa well maintained 365 days a year.

Social Committee – Sharon Remaly, Karen Lisnow, Jeanne Campbell, Becky Clarke, Inez Wall, Gretchen Koch, Deborah Ahlers, Rita Bradt, Juliette Sansone, Debbie Drum, Sarah Williams, Debra Walsh, and Kathy Lubsen.

The Arboretum thanks each and every one of you for all the time and effort spent putting together affairs for the community. Looking forward to the Christmas party. Thank You all.

Insurance – Sharon Remaly, Kathy Lubsen _____ Sharon and Kathy, thank you for all your time spent trying to get us the best coverage possible.

Secretary – Gifford Stack _____ Thanks for your time as a Director and also taking on the duties of Secretary. Oh, and we can't forget part-time clubhouse manager.

Audit – Dutch O Connell _____ Dutch is always there to help when needed. Thank you.

Website – Jim Plant _____ Jim, thanks for trying to keep everyone updated on our website, especially me.

Welcoming Committee – Sarah Williams, Juliette Sansone, Sylvia Swanson _____ Thank you for taking the time to welcome our new residents into the Arboretum. Your smiling faces are a welcome site to a new community resident.

Legal Advice – Rob Serra _____ Rob, even though I didn't have to call upon you this past year, you are always there to help with advice when needed. Thanks

Telephone Chain – Barbara Doman, Pat Wells, Leddy Polity, Gretchen Koch, Ruth Ann Ferraro, Joan Smidlein, Rita Bradt, and Mary Lou Green. _____ This group of individuals is ready to notify our residents of any emergencies in the Arboretum or Caswell Beach on short notice.

Long Range Planning -----JOHN Wall -- John has been doing this now for about 10 years and always finds a way to get monies put away for needed projects without having to raise dues or have an assessment. John, the Arboretum owes you a big thank you.

Caswell Plantation – Frank Bausch _____ One thing is for sure, you know the Arboretum is well represented with Frank at the helm. Thanks Frank.

The Board of Directors – Vice Pres. Bob Baginski, Jeanne Campbell, Rob Clarke, and Secretary Gifford Stack _____ I have only worked with them since July, but it has been my pleasure to be associated with such a dedicated group of people.

Energy Saving Committee – Jerry Johnson, , Jack Drum, Ahn Baginski, Jack Cowling, and Mike Reaves _____ This committee started to work on reviewing our energy costs last December. They put in many hours trying to come up with an updated version to save us energy costs throughout the year in the clubhouse. My deepest appreciation for all the effort put into this venture.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE _____ Becky Clarke, Karen Walsh, Mary Bausch, Karen Lisnow , Barbara Domen, Juliette Sansone, Bob Ahlers, and Jack Cowling.----- This committee was formed to upgrade and refresh all the roadway islands in the Arboretum. I thank you for this endeavor.

Special recognition – This year's special recognition goes to two special residents of the Arboretum. The first is a long time resident that bought a homesite in 1988 and moved into the Arboretum in 1992. During all this time she has been a very active individual. She has spent time in charge of the poolroom for 5 years, was the clubhouse manager for a number of years, she has served as the ARC Chairperson on two different occasions. She has also given her time to being a Board member in the 1990's and again in 2004 to 2006, and headed the welcome committee for many years. She is also a charter member of the telephone chain committee. This person has given many hours in helping to make this Community one that we are all proud of.

She has personally been my friend in need over the past 4 ½ years. So without further ado, please let us say thank you to **Pat Wells.**

The second individual can be seen daily either walking his dog or doing something to help enrich the Arboretum. He has been a member of the ARC, was a member of the Board of Directors, he is a member of our island beautification committee, and until recently, co chair of the Building and Grounds committee, and has taken charge of having our roadways repaved, helped with community pickups, keeps our irrigation system in proper order within the community and also many other smaller projects. He is always there to help when there is a crisis. If you don't know who I am talking about at this point, let me introduce him to you. It is my pleasure to introduce **Bob Ahlers.**

In Closing----- I would like to say thank you to each and every resident of the Arboretum for making this community the number one place to call home. The Arboretum wouldn't be where it is today without all the volunteers. It has truly been a pleasure to watch the community grow. I thank you again.