

COBMOOSA SHORES ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

August 13, 2016
The Stony Lake Inn

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Rich Campbell, Paul Jordan, Sara Collins, Jan Morrison, Rick Emerson, Jerry Parise, Bill Rafail, Ed Dedic and Mike Maloney

Members Absent: None

Guests: Rick Zane and Barb Rafail

Reports

Secretary's Report - The minutes for the June 25, 2016 and the minutes for the July 9th Board meeting were posted on the bulletin board at the South access and on the Cobmoosa website. Both the June and July minutes were accepted by the board. There was a discussion on how to handle the comment section of the annual meeting, since there was confusion this year as to how extensive that portion of the minutes should be. It was decided that at the next annual meeting members will be able to fill out a card stating their name, address and/or lot number and state the topic they want to address before the meeting. The cards will be turned into the president, and the members will have a chance to speak after the meeting and before adjournment. Those who wished to comment, but did not complete a card in advance, will be given the opportunity to submit a card during the comment section of the meeting and will be permitted to make a comment. The information on the cards will be listed in the minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Sara Collins presented the treasurer's report. The 2016-2017 dues deposited to date are \$16,561.27. As of this date there are 3 properties that have delinquent dues. Total assets on hand as of August 13th, 2016 were \$77,927.54. The treasurer's report was accepted by the board.

There was a discussion as to how to list monies left over from last year's budget. Rick Emerson made a motion to add a new line item named "accumulated budget surplus" on monthly CSA Financial Reports. Jerry Parise seconded the motions. The motion was unanimously approved. There was a discussion about changing the line item in the Budget Report from "Printing and Supplies" to "Communications" which will include all snail mail and website expenses. Jerry Parise motioned that this change be made on next year's budget report. Ed Dedic seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. There also was a discussion on how to keep the CSA money market account active. Bill Rafail moved and it was seconded to take \$30,000 from the checking account to the money market account for two reasons. One that action will satisfy the bank's requirement to keep the account active and, two, the balance in the checking account, which is non-interest bearing, should be kept at the amount of the total budget plus a cushion of perhaps 5% for

contingencies. Any accumulated budget surplus should be moved to the money market account which earns interest. Not much but some! The motion was accepted by the board.

Road Report - Roads are in good condition. A few rains have caused some minor washout and potholes. We have been holding on repairs to save the top coat of Brine that gets reactivated by the rain. Dust has been manageable so far this year with only one heavy brine application around Memorial Day. Intermittent rains this season have kept the brine activated and the dust to a minimum. We have done a few repairs in the washed out areas and will do more over the next few weeks. We are looking into the hills Ottawa and improve the washout situations during heavy rains.

The street, landmark and new directional signs are almost all in place. We have a few signs left to put up at Erie Trail and Ottawa Trail. Next we will look at and bring to the board the control signage (stop, speed, wrong way, one way, caution, dangerous intersection, etc.) for consideration. Thank you for all of the great feedback. Jack Spoons has been working hard this summer to install the signs.

There has been some confusion by residents about part of now W. Huron, originally being called Foothill, and labeled as such on an earlier plat map of Cobmoosa. Jerry Parise will look into how, when, and if the change became official.

Beach Report - Mike Maloney reported that there are no major problems on the beach. There has been an increase of cars parked at the access with no CSA parking permits visible on the cars. However, the notices that have been put on the cars have been affectives, and the cars are returning with stickers.

Building Report - Rich Campbell said there are no new building project in the works. Jerry Parise on W Huron Trail said that he will be building a prefab garage.

Committees

Social and Events - Mike Maloney reported that the signs are up announcing the Labor Day Coffee on Saturday, September 3rd at 10:00 am. Signs are also up for the Sand Sculpture Contest which will be held the same day as the Coffee. Judging will be at 3:00 pm and prizes will be awarded at 4:00 pm on the South Deck. See "News & Notes" on the CSA website for more information.

Park and Entrance - Rick Emerson reported that the entrance looks good, and Jack Spoons is still maintaining the park and entrance

Communications - Bill Rafail reported that the communications committee "met" by a series of email exchanged concerning the new website, how it has been received, etc. It was clear than many members either do not know CSA has a website, or did not know that the new one was up and running. He created a "website summary flyer" and posted it on the bulletin board at the south beach entrance. Copies of this flyer were given to all present at the meeting. He encouraged all to remind folks about the new website and what information is

available on it. He especially wanted to encourage the membership to use the New & Notes section to learn about upcoming events, items of interest to all, etc.. Each item on that page is dated. Lastly, the committee discussed the best means to share information with the membership as an adjunct to the website. A blog was considered but that requires a lot more work than an email blast. The question was discussed as to the best way to get an updated list of member email addresses for an “opt-in” e-newsletter. Bill agreed to draft a letter to the membership summarizing the features of the new website, asking folks to send in their current contact information, and if they wished to “opt-in” to a CSA e-newsletter. Bill share that letter with the communications committee and then with the full board. Lastly, it was agreed that Bill will assume responsibility for preparing the annual paper newsletter.

Covenants - Rick Emerson announced that Paul Jordan and Bill Rafail will be working on all four of the items of the Covenants Committee report given at the annual meeting. The language will be done so that it can be used to update/replace sections of the Covenants of CSA as needed. As of now there is no rental registrations that have been turned into the board members or to the CSA mailing address. The CSA address was mistakenly not included on the registration form. The board discussed using the CSA website for members to fill out and send required forms to the board, or learn who to contact for certain information; such as, to apply for permission for a temporarily tent on a property while building, or where to obtain parking permits. Bill will discuss with Rick Laven about adding a subject drop-down list to the form on the contact us page. In addition I will discuss with him the feasibility of having the contact form subject pre-selected based upon the action of the member on another page of the website. For example the member visits the page about parking stickers. S/he clicks on a button on that page allowing him/her to request parking stickers. That sends him/her to the contact us page and the subject “Parking Stickers” is automatically selected. I will also check with Rick Laven about having a different fields in the form for specific requests. For example, allowing one to register rental property involves different fields than requesting parking stickers.

Old Business

Covenants Language and Rental Registrations - These issues are discussed in the Covenants Committee report above.

New Business

Stony Lake Sparkler 5K Run - Mike Maloney suggested that Cobmoosa Shores Association become a sponsor for the Stony Lake Sparkler 5K Run event next year by giving a monetary contribution. The CSA name would be on the t-shirts given to participants. The event’s purpose is to raise money for the Crystal Valley Care Fund. This fund serves approximately 300 families per year faced with catastrophic illness or in the event of house fires. It was agreed that the event is a great endeavor, but we should not use association monies for these kinds of causes. However, we will support the Stony Lake Sparkler 5K Run by advertising it on our bulletin board and on our website, thus encouraging our membership to participate.

Labor Day Coffee - Board members volunteered to bring supplies to the Coffee.

Ed Dedic: Supply the juice

Mike Maloney: Order and pick up donuts

Rich Campbell & Sara Collins: Provide coffee

Rich Campbell: Check supplies on hand; such as: cups, name tags, etc.

Nature Walk - Barb Rfaill reported that the association's Nature Walk on Thursday, July 28th was a great success. There were 12 members taking the walk. A synopsis of the walk along with photos are on the CSA website under Communications. Click on Communication and then click on "News & Notes". There will be a Fall Nature Walk on Saturday, September 10th, which will begin at the South Beach Access at 1:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting will be September 10th, at 10:00 am at Stony Lake Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis J. Morrison
Secretary