

**COBMOOSA SHORES ASSOCIATION**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**July 11, 2015**  
**Location: Benona Township Hall**

**Meeting Called to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Rich Campbell, president of the Board at 10:01 am.

**Board Members Present** - Rich Campbell, Sara Collins, Ed Dedic, Rick Emerson, Bruce Kelly, Mike Maloney, Jan Morrison, Jerry Parise.

**Board Members Absent** - Neil Kimball

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Bill Rifaill moved and Jack Spoons seconded the motion to adopt the agenda which was unanimously accepted.

**Minutes of Last Meeting** - The president indicated that since the minutes from last year's annual meeting were posted on the website and at the board by the South beach entrance, there was no need to read last year's annual minutes at the meeting.

**Communications** - Martha Bartlett made the membership aware that the New Era School is part of the Amerigas School Day Program. This makes the school eligible to purchase items for any school-related needs with funds earned from this program. Amerigas will offer \$0.02 per gallon spent on monthly bills to the schools up to \$2,000.00 in a calendar year. To participate, simply return the section on the second page of the monthly bills, which is designated for the School Day Program, to Martha Bartlett at 8975 Shawbacoung. She will deliver them to the school.

**Reports of Officers**

**Treasurer's Report** - Sara Collins presented the treasurer's report and made a copy of the treasurer's report available to the members at the meeting. Sara also noted that the report this year included a column showing the account balances carried over from 2013 -2014. The treasurer's report was accepted and a copy is attached to these minutes. Jerry Parise discussed the financial process review that was done this spring. He explained the major activities requested and the key results received from the review. It was found that in all cases appropriate check and balances were in place. Jerry also thanked Sara Collins and Lyn Richardson for their time, documentation and involvement in this review. More details of Jerry's report can be viewed on the CSA web-site.

**Adoption of Budget** - Sara Collins also presented the proposed budget for 2015 -2016. The budget was adopted by ballot of the membership.

**Report of Committees**

**Road Report** - Ed Dedic gave a detailed road report starting by introducing an image of our new entrance sign which will replace the previous damaged sign. Installation will be soon. He reminded all to adhere to the CSA speed limit of 15 mph for our safety and the preservation of the roads. The new color plat of CSA was explained. Samples of new road signage, which is in the process of being adopted, were displayed. Graphs showing expenditures from 2005 to the present for summer road grading, brining and maintaining salt barrels was discussed, as well as a graph showing winter plowing expenses from 2008 to present. Ed explained through diagrams the CSA easements in relationship to members properties, and how that determines our right to cut down trees. Finally, Ed thanked several volunteers for helping to maintain the grounds in the association. Diagram and graphs of this report can be viewed on the CSA website. Jan Morrison reported on the importance of preserving our native plants in our association, especially the milkweed which is food for the declining monarch butterfly.

**Building Report** - Rich Campbell noted he received building plans from Tim Pieri on Huron but no permits have been issued.

**Beach Report** - Mike Maloney stressed that beach fires are not allowed this year due to the fact that there is very little beach in which to have a safe fire, and fires in the beach grass can quickly get out of control and move to beach houses. Mike also reminded members that dogs must be leashed on the beach as well as on the roads. All dog owners need to pick up after their pets. It would also be helpful if members would put a plastic baggie in their beach bag to pick up trash on the beach.

**Social Report** - Mike Maloney announced that the July 4th Parade was a great success with more spectators this year. The S'mores in the Park Party will be Saturday, August 1st at 7:00 pm. Rain date will be Saturday, August 8th. Parents and kids, and all residents are invited to participate. Please bring sticks for marshmallows and a log or two for the campfire in the park. The Sand Building Contest has been cancelled due to lack of space on the beach.

**Communication** - Jerry Parise informed members of the several ways to get and share information amongst our membership: (1) access CSA's website, [cobmoosashores.com](http://cobmoosashores.com) (2) CSA's Facebook page (3) bulletin board at the South beach access. Jerry also noted that ways to enhance all three are being explored. Finally, the members were reminded that by statute all **Official Communication** from the Board will continue to be sent via **US mail**.

**Entrance** - As mentioned above, a new colorful reflective sign will be installed shortly which replaces previous damaged sign. Mindy Emerson who maintains the plants around the sign reported that perennials planted last year are doing well, except for some minor damage done by deer.

#### **Unfinished Business**

**Covenants Committee** - Rick Emerson reviewed the process that was begun with the Covenants Committee and introduced the current members. The four areas the committee is addressing are Enforcement, Rentals, Golf Carts and Beach Use. The committee has endorsed the recent resolution of the board with regard to rentals and recommends that the statement "The operation of a commercial business including rentals within Cobmoosa Shores is a privilege which may be granted or withheld by the Board of Directors". The group has discussed enforcement and will make a recommendation to the Board in the final report. The committee has begun a discussion of golf carts and also intends to include other vehicles such as Gators, Mules, etc. in the final report. Specific changes to Beach Use have not been discussed. The group plans to have a final report completed this fall. It will include majority recommendations, but will also include minority opinions for consideration by the board. The final report will be shared with all of the members as well as the Board of Directors. The Board may adopt or reject the report either in whole or in part.

#### **New Business**

There were no nominations for Trustee positions from the floor. Each candidate, Rich Campbell, Mike Maloney, and Bill Raffail, gave short speeches explaining how they will be an asset to the Board as Trustee. Rick Emerson read a short statement for Tom Spees, who asked to run shortly before the annual meeting, but he was unable to attend. Members presented their ballots regarding the election of Trustees as well as approval of the annual budget.

Don Laven made a motion to contact the DNR and DEQ to see if we can have a bulldozer flatten the beach dunes to create more beach. There was discussion on the issue, and a vote taken by the membership as to whether we should do this or not. The count from those who voted was 20 for and 15 against. Don Laven's motion was seconded by Jerry Parise.

The annual meeting ended at 11:20 am.

After the meeting, members, George Vandenberg and Lu Voss, counted and tallied the ballots. The budget passed overwhelmingly. Besides the three candidates, on the ballot, there were two write-in candidates, Tom Spees and Dennis McKelley. Rich Campbell, Mike Maloney and Bill Raffail were elected trustees. The results were posted at the South beach entrance.

A brief July board meeting took place after the annual meeting to determine officers and committee positions.

**Board Members Present** - Rich Campbell, Mike Maloney, Jan Morrison, Sara Collins, Bruce Kelly, Rich Emerson, Ed Dedic, and Bill Rafail.

**Board Members Absent** - None

**Officers for 2015-2016**

President: Rich Campbell  
Vice President: Mike Maloney  
Secretary: Jan Morrison  
Treasurer: Sara Collins

**Committees Assignments**

**Entrance & Park:** Mindy and Rick Emerson  
**Social:** Cherry McCorrison, Lu Voss, Jessica Simpson and Jan Morrison  
**Beach:** Mike Maloney and Jerry Parise  
**Communication:** Jerry Parise, Ed Dedic and Bill Rafail  
**Building:** Rich Campbell and Jerry Parise  
**Road:** Ed Dedic and Rich Campbell  
Winter Resident Trustee: Bruce Kelly

**Old Business**

Ed Dedic passed out a flyer explaining how to set up a free Gmail account specifically for CSA Board Trustees. It is voluntary, and Ed is willing to help any Board member set it up.

The Board meeting after the annual meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Morrison