

COBMOOSA SHORES ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

July 8, 2017

Benona Township Hall

The meeting was called to order by Rich Campbell, president of the Board at 10:00 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Click here for the [Board Presentation](#) which will give more details to the report summaries below.

Adoption of the Agenda: Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Jack Spoons moved and Maddy Maloney supported the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Reports of the Officers

Secretary's Report for Minutes of Last Annual Meeting: The president indicated that since the minutes from last year's annual meeting were posted on the website and at the bulletin board by the South access, there was no need to read them at this meeting. Mindy Emerson moved to accept the minutes as posted and Jerry Parise supported the motion. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Sara Collins presented the 2016-2017 financial report. The 2016-2017 membership dues received were \$33,679.43. Total assets on hand as of July 1, 2017 were \$88,068.29. Sara's report also included a breakdown of where money was spent during the year. \$10,815.00 has already been received for 2017-2018 membership dues. Barbara Raffail moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Maddy Maloney supported the motion. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Adoption of the budget: Sara presented the proposed budget of \$31,410.00 for 2017-2018.

Committee Reports

Road Report: Ed reported that roads are the largest budget item and that the majority of dollars are spent on erosion control and erosion repairs.

Gravel sections are overall in good shape and the asphalt milling base continues to hold up well even through all of the rains this year. When we apply the brine it not only keeps dust down but it also bonds the milling together. Brine is applied once per year, sometimes twice in very dry years. This year, we continue to enjoy regular precipitation while causing erosion it also activates the brine and keeps dust to a minimum. He reminded the membership about Cobmoosa's speed limit of 15 MPH helps keep the roads in good shape.

Heavy rains this year caused some erosion in places that have not eroded in a long time. Ridge Trail has erosion spots that need repair, and we will be addressing those areas in July after the new budget cycle.

Paved areas are in dire need of restoration to ensure they are able to sustain traffic, weather and normal wear and tear for the next twenty years. It has been nearly 20 years since we paved any major sections of the association.

We have saved thousands of dollars each year with good fiscal management of the road budget and performing surgical repairs when needed. We have pulled washed out millings from the ditches and put it back on the roads, filled potholes by hand instead of bringing in a truck and grader to level and fill. Volunteers help on maintenance in between spring and fall grading. We are asking the membership to vote to utilize funds saved over the years mainly from cost saving measures to (1) resurface parts of Erie Trail and the Chippewa Entrance and (2) control water runoff on Ottawa Trail. These improvements will control watershed and alignment of the paved areas of Apache Trail to Ottawa Trail. With the new budget cycle we will also do some major repairs to Ridge Trail erosion issues.

We would like to thank all those who quietly volunteer to sweep, clean and maintain our roads, trees, beach and parks using their precious time here in Cobmoosa. It does not go unnoticed and is appreciated. Ed thanked those who participated in the silent sign auctions at the annual coffees. We raised over \$150 toward the sign project. Ed also showed what the house number signs could look like and cost members as the board evaluates the feasibility of offering signs that match our new street signs. These signs would not be paid for by the board, they would be for purchase much like the apparel through Jill Dedic.

Ed then took questions from the membership:

- John Morrison asked if the Cobmoosa address signs that may be available for purchase would be accepted by county emergency agents such as police and EMS.
 - Ed said that he will check into that..
- Mike McCorriston suggested that we get a professional to assess our road conditions to ensure proper maintenance is done.
 - Ed said he would investigate options. Follow-up: The [Cobmoosa 10 Year Road Plan](#) done in 2015 is based on research and study related to our roads in Cobmoosa and has been consulted and reviewed by industry professionals. It includes recommendations by industry professionals and alternatives with consequences and estimates.
- Kevin Kelly and Diane Frazine were concerned by the deterioration of Ridge Road.
 - Ed agreed that the road needs more intensive repairs and that we would use 2017-18 budget.
- Cherry McCorriston inquired what will be different than the past to shore up and stabilize Ridge Rd and how soon could we expect that to be completed.
 - Ed responded that we would order and use larger stones that would not get carried by rushing water like we see on highway projects and that work will start in July.
- Tom Spees found the new signs difficult to read at night even though they are reflective. He also felt the old signage was easier to see.
 - Ed said that he had consulted with an expert and stated that any new signs, including house numbers, would have a newer DOT reflective lettering which is much easier to read regardless of size. The original signs were made with older DOT approved material.
- Diane Frazine stated that the southern end of Ottawa Trail needed additional gravel.

Building Report: Rich Campbell reported on several building projects in CSA. In 2016 there were four new constructions taking place, 3 homes and a garage addition. Two of those constructions have been completed. In 2017 one more home construction has begun.

Beach Report: Mike Maloney asked that everyone clean up not only personal trash from the beach, but also litter that is brought in from the waves. Beach fires are not allowed this year at the South access due to the lack of beach there. Two fire rings were placed between the South and North Accesses where there was more beach to accommodate them. However, one has disappeared. Mike does not believe it is in the water as someone suggested. Mike reminded everyone that beach fires are only allowed in the fire rings for safety concerns and beach preservation. Member Tom Sprees suggested that all fire rings be near the accesses so that emergency crews can reach a fire spreading up the dunes. Mike stated if fire rings can only be at the accesses, then beach fires will need to be prohibited until there is more space for the rings. When asked if members can put their own fire rings on the beach, Rich Campbell reminded the membership that personal fire rings on the Cobmoosa beach can be used by any member or guest in the association.

Mike announced that new car stickers will be available next season. They will be good for 2018 through 2020. All Cobmoosa residents and guests cars need to have the stickers visible in the front windshield of the car. Cars parked at the beach access without a sticker can be towed.

Social and Events Report: Mike Maloney said the Ice Cream Social after the 4th of July Parade was a total success as was the parade. He thanked Dennis and Sandy McKelley for their efforts in planning and executing the event. He also thanked the ice cream scoopers and Jack Spoors who set up the canopy for the event. There will be a Sand Castle Building Contest September 2nd, the day of the Labor Day Coffee. Cherry McCorrison is chairing the event, and reminded the membership that the event all depends on how much beach we have come Labor Day weekend. If the beach accommodates us, there will be more information and details on the "Note and News" link on the Cobmoosa Shores website.

Communications Report: Bill Rafail reviewed the CSA Website (<http://www.cobmoosashores.com>) pointing out the contents of each menu. He reminded folks to use the Contact Us page if they have a question or comment. The information from the Contact Us form is sent to each board member.

He reminded folks that if they want CSA apparel that they can visit the CSA apparel page (in the About Us menu) and use the form to contact Jill Dedic.

The News & Notes page contents will be regularly updated with information of general interest to the membership. A line at the top of each posting identifies the source of the information.

There are now 45 members that have opted in to receive the CSA eNewsletter. Bill encouraged folks to sign up.

Bill's goal is that all communications will be electronic, one would have to request paper communication. The Communications Committee will be discussing the feasibility of this.

Park and Entrance Report: Rick Emerson reported that the plants at the entrance are flourishing. He thanked Jack Spoors for maintaining the entrance, helping to clean up the park, and setting up the cover for the ice cream scoopers at the Ice Cream Social.

There was membership discussion about updating the park. Some suggestions were to get new picnic tables made of recycled material that will hold up better, and to get a climbing structure for the kids. Rick said these additions can be researched for cost and then brought to

the membership. There was also a pros and cons discussion about eliminating the teeter-totter.

Unfinished Business

Covenants Committee: Rick Emerson reported that the committee has completed its work, and all proposed changes are up for a vote on this year's ballot.

Rental Committee: The Rental Committee is composed of Rich Campbell, Jerry Parise, Mike Mahoney, and Paul Jordan. Paul Jordan updated the membership on the purpose and operation of the committee. The committee is working to implement the association's rental registration program. The goal is to minimize any problems associated with rentals. The primary means will involve enlisting landlords to communicate Cobmoosa's expectations to renters. (See the Powerpoint presentation for more detail.)

Presentations

Jan Morrison: Jan explained the efforts of a grassroots organization, **All Hands on Deck**, which is promoting awareness for the importance of keeping our Great Lakes water safe. She listed environmental and commercial statistics that affect the Great Lakes. Jan also explained a project that the CSA Board has chosen to support. It is called the **Cobmoosa's Blue Marble Initiative** which is adapted from a project suggested by **All Hands on Deck**. To bring attention to family and friends who visit this summer the need to protect the Great Lakes, members were given a baggie containing a blue marble and instruction for the project. The marble is held while relaying a fond Great Lakes experience past or present. It is likely that some past experiences are why you were drawn here to live and vacation in Cobmoosa. Around the dinner table, porch or campfire, the marble is passed from one person to another. Each can share their past or even very recent memory of the Great Lakes.

Bruce Vanderveen-Native Plants: Bruce is a resident who is very knowledgeable about native dune grasses. He explained that there are 3 types of dune grasses which stabilize the dunes that we live on, and which prevent water and wind erosion on the dunes. The grasses are Sand Reed grass, Marram grass, and Little Bluestem grass. There are pictures of each type of grass in the "Photo Gallery" of the Cobmoosa Shores website at <http://www.cobmoosashores.com>. These grasses will not grow back if mowed down, like regular lawn grasses. When they are gone, this leads to erosion of the dunes and invasive plants. It also important to do minimal mowing along our roadside to preserve native plant. Bruce's provides a handout at the meeting; it is also posted in the News & Notes section of the Cobmoosa website.

Linda Vanderveen-Songbirds: Linda, who has a great knowledge of native birds, explained that we are seeing fewer and fewer song birds in Cobmoosa probably due to the change in the habitat. She listed 5 ways to bring back the songbirds:

1. Plant native plants: food source for songbirds and encourages reproduction.
2. Leave dead logs and branches in forest. These are good for woodpeckers. The holes they make can also be used as nesting cavities by some songbirds.
3. Have a wild section in your yard.
4. Use black oil sunflowers seeds to feed the birds. Keep feeder away from windows.
5. Keep feeder clean. (1part bleach to 9 part water, rinse thoroughly)

Member Forum on Issues Relevant to the Association

This portion of the meeting was open to members to make comments from the floor on things discussed during the meeting and concerns not discussed.

- Kevin Kelly: Asked if there was a policy on yard sales. (There is none.)
- Tim Jasperse: Would like to have a survey for membership to express what changes or additions they want at Cobmoosa. (It was suggested that members use the website to bring ideas to the board or have a suggestion box)
- Barbara Raffail: Suggested that we need a larger bulletin board at the South access. (Board member Ed Dedic said he is working on it.)
- Steven Vanderlaan: Would like a solar light on the deck so walkers can find them when walking at night.
- Diane Frazine: Would like another bench put on the second level at the South access. (Board member Rich Campbell said he would look into it.)
- Michelle Wallace: Inquired when the utility company comes to trim trees. (Was told that it already happened for this year.)

New Business

Nomination for Board Positions / Voting for Trustees, Covenants Revisions and 2017-2018 Budget: There were no nominations for Trustee positions from the floor. There were three incumbent trustees running for reelection: Janis Morrison, Rick Emerson, and Ed Dedic. Members presented their ballots regarding the elections of trustees, covenants revisions, and the approval of the annual budget.

Rich Campbell thanked Dennis and Sandy McKelley for taking on the responsibility for counting the ballots. He also introduced Lyn Richardson who is the accounts receivable clerk for CSA, and said that she would accept dues from the members.

Jerry Parise moved to accept the motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Maddy Maloney supported the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janis J. Morrison
Secretary

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Board Meeting

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A brief July Board meeting took place after the annual meeting. The meeting was called to order at 11:56 am.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Guests: Jill Dedic and Barbara Raffail

Treasury Report-Sara presented the monthly treasurer's report. Expenses for the month were \$3,297.74. Total assets on hand are \$82,068.29. Accumulated budget surplus is included in the assets on hand. Jerry Parise moved to accept the treasury report as presented. Rich Campbell seconded the motion. The treasury report was unanimously accepted.

Old Business

Stickers- The board decided on the color and design of the new Cobmoosa car sticker. They will be red and white for years 2018-2020.

Maintenance for the Entrance and Park- It was unanimously decided to ask Jack Spoors to maintain the park and entrance. Payment will be determined upon his acceptance.

Correction from last June 10, 2017 Minutes: It was stated "He and Jack Spoors were the only two who came to help." That should have been CSA Member, Dennis McKelley volunteered and helped with Park Cleanup on Saturday May 20, 2017. Apologize for the error on that recognition.

New Business

Election Results-After the annual meeting members, Dennis and Sandy Mckelley, counted and tallied the ballots. Janis Morrison, Ed Dedic, and Rick Emerson were elected trustees of the CSA Board for a three year term. The annual budget for 2017-2018 was approved by the membership. All Covenants proposals passed. Number results are listed on the website.

Officers assignments stayed the same, except for Rick Emerson taking over the position of Vice President. Mike Maloney will be a Trustee. Committee assignments will be determined at the next meeting.

Jerry Parise moved to accept the motion for the current officers to keep their positions for the coming year. Mike Maloney seconded the motion. The slate of officers was unanimously accepted.

Officers for 2017-2018

President: Rich Campbell
Vice President: Rick Emerson
Secretary: Jan Morrison
Treasurer: Sara Collins

Trustee Committee Assignments (Tentative)

Entrance & Park: Rick Emerson
Beach: Mike Maloney & Jerry Parise
Building: Rich Campbell, Jerry Parise & Ed Dedic
Roads: Ed Dedic & Rich Campbell
Communication: Bill Rafail & Ed Dedic
Social: Mike Maloney
Protective Covenants Revision: Rick Emerson, Bill Rafail & Paul Jordan
Rentals: Jerry Parise, Paul Jordan, Mike Maloney & Rich Campbell

The Board meeting after the annual meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis J. Morrison
Secretary