

## MINUTES OF THE MNCA BOARD – 22 Apr 04

Members in Attendance: President Dave Walker, Vice President Randy Streufert, Secretary, Marilyn Hildebeidel, Treasurer, Gary Knipling, Directors: Joseph Chudzik, Marvin Miller, Mary Kay Ryan, Cindy Rufty, and Howard Savage

Observer: Johan de Leede

President, David Walker, called meeting to order.

Item 1. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the March 04, 2004 meeting were approved

Item 2: Treasurer's Report: Assets: \$4,850.00. Paid memberships: 165. MNCA received a letter from David Reese, Director of Gunston Hall Plantation, expressing thanks for the gift of \$2,500.00

Item 3: Traffic Calming Measures on Old Colchester - We missed the 20 April deadline to send the completed canvassing forms to Rhonda Halsey, Mount Vernon District. Howard Savage will contact her to see if we can get another extension. If the date is extended, we need a concentrated effort in Harbor View to get the 170 signatures needed to move this project forward. Howard Savage thinks we have about 100 signatures supporting traffic calming and he will review to see how many more signatures are needed.

Item 4. The next General Membership meeting will be on 18 May 04 at Gunston Hall 7:30pm. Main Agenda item is the election of the new MNCA Board. An update of the Mason Neck Trail issues will be provided (see 6). Mary Kay Ryan will determine if an additional speaker should be scheduled.

Item 5. Randy Streufert presented the MNCA slate for the 2004/2005 year

President - Marilyn Hildebeidel

Vice President - Gary Knipling

Secretary - Cindy Rufty

Treasurer - Dr. Christina Schreiner\*

Board Members (eight)

1. Dave Walker (also Immediate Past President)
2. Howard Savage
3. Marvin Miller
4. Mary Kay Ryan
5. Joe Chudzik
6. Jerry Lyons
7. Pam Cressey\*
8. Peter Weyland\*

\*new board members

Item 6: Mason Neck Trail - Section II (Golf course to Gunston Hall)

Joe Chudzik and Ms Hildebeidel provided a status update. On 16 Mar 04, Supv Hyland established a Trail Committee to review issues concerning the alignment of the parallel trails (paved and natural surface). Meeting was attended by Supv Hyland, Mr. Randall Flowers & Mr. Andy Royse (Fairfax County Dept of Public Works and Environmental Services, members of Hyland's staff, Marilyn Hildebeidel, Joe Chudzik, Brian Purdy and representative(s) from BLM, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Pohick Bay Park and the Mason Neck Wildlife Refuge. After the meeting, Supv Hyland tasked David Walker, as President MNCA, to work with the membership of MNCA to resolve issues regarding the alignment of the major paved and natural surface trail on Section II.

After a discussion, the MNCA Board agreed unanimously to the following:

a. Marilyn Hildebeidel and Joe Chudzik will continue to represent MNCA on Hyland's Trail Committee.

b. Affected property owners are the key stakeholders. Their issues and requirements are the primary factors in the routing of the Mason Neck Trail (paved and natural surface).

c. Section from Harley Road to the entrance of Camp Wilson: Support the BLM proposal which was accepted by the Trail Committee on 16 Mar 04.

- Natural surface trail on Meadowood from Harley Road west to an area on the east side of Ms Bushrods property. At this point, the trail users will proceed along the VDOT right away (south side of Gunston Road) to the area south of the Camp Wilson – where they can cross Gunston Road to gain access to Pohick Bay Park.

d. Section from Harley Road to Pohick Bay Park:

- Randall Flowers and other appropriate county employees will meet with affected landowners to discuss trail issues and impact on their properties. MNCA Board members will not accompany county employees or meet separately with affected landowners.

- After the County completes its discussions with affected land owners, the Trail Committee will review the landowner's decisions; develop options and recommendations for MNCA Board. The Board will prepare options and recommendations to be presented to the MNCA General Membership

e. President David Walker will inform Supv Hyland that the MNCA Board supports all trail (paved and natural surface) users. If it appears that the trail committee will not be able to develop options/recommendations prior to the 18 May General Membership, David Walker will work with Supv Hyland on determining an appropriate date by which the trail issue will be resolved.

Item 7: Environmental Committee Report: Joe Chudzik provided an update.

- Virginia Department of Transportation Certificate of Excellence - Adopt-A-Highway Program: The Mason Neck Citizens Association was awarded a Certificate of Excellence, dtd 08 Mar 04.
- Certificate of Appreciation for Shoreline Clean-up: Joe Chudzik presented Gary Knipling with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work.
  
- Mason Neck Shoreline Cleanup, 13 April 04: Joe Chudzik stated that the clean-up was a tremendous success and expressed appreciation for all the organizations and individuals that participated. The cleanup was part of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup.

Item 8: New Business

- Trash on Belmont Blvd. Trash along Belmont Blvd continues to be a problem. Board members agreed that local organizations needed to get involved. One option would be for organizations to “Adopt a High-way program

- David Walker stated that Joe Chudzik deserved formal recognition for his excellent work as the Chair of the Environmental Committee

- Resolution to recognize David Walker for his leadership and excellent work as President MNCA for the last two years. Board unanimously passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm