

Mason Neck Citizens Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Cranford Methodist Church
7:30pm, April 1st, 2009

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The MNCA Board discussed the following items during the meeting: (Minutes taken by John Pionzio, translated by Rick Hutson).

Mason Neck Sign Update

Peter informed that Derek Havens was looking into permitting from VDOT (\$40.00) and working up the final costs of the proposed signs. The two smaller signs were thought to be approximately \$500.00 per sign. Peter would also contact the owner of the Gunston/Old Colchester lot to discuss potential placement of sign in corner of that lot by easement.

Approval of March Minutes

The march minutes were amended to include that in addition to Lucia Ferguson, both Marvin Miller and Rick Hutson attended Tom Howard's reception at Gerry Hyland's office.

The amended minutes were accepted(Weyland/Kyle).

Horse Boarding at Meadowood

It was decided that a letter to the community be sent out by e-mail and also posted on the Hot-Topics portion of the website informing the membership that horse boarding would remain at Meadowood Farm after the current management contract runs out.

A second letter was drafted to communicate the association's gratitude to Meadowood Field Manager Este Stifel for this recent decision as well as previous events (i.e. Stallion Stampede Cross Country Meet).

ICAR

The most recent meeting with ICAR on the 9th of March was summarized. Marvin Miller, Rick Hutson and Richard Ryan were in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th at 8:00 am.

Annual Meeting and Nominating Committee

The annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 19, 2009. The nominating committee to determine candidates for the MNCA Board 2009 is Bruce Scott, Linwood Gorham, Gary Knipling, James York and Kim Kern. The Board is seeking a Secretary.

Peter is on line for a MNCA Website presentation for the May 19th General membership Meeting. Rick will inquire as to internet access at Gunston Hall.

Eagle Festival

The Eagle Festival is scheduled for 4/25/09. MNCA will have a table at the event, and is honoring Gerry Connolly and Gerry Hyland with the "Preservationist Award". Invitations were sent to each in this regard, and Marvin will follow up with phone call. Marvin will purchase awards and be reimbursed by MNCA (Hutson/Pionzio).

The board approved an increase in the amount spent on the MNCA refrigerator magnet, to \$362.00 (The total of the invoice for the 500 MNCA magnets ordered on 3/30/2009).

A list was started for those Board Members to sign up to "man/woman" the MNCA tent at the Eagle Fest.

Potomac River Cleanup

Alice Franklin Ferguson Potomac River Cleanup is this Saturday, April 4th 9:00 am to 12:00 am at Pohick Creek behind the Water treatment plant. Rick Hutson will set up and organize. All supplies will be provided.

VDOT Letter

A second letter was sent to Dave Albo stating that the citizens would accept a minimal crosswalk at the intersection of Gunston Road and Route 1 as opposed to nothing.

Water Quality Monitoring Interest

In response to Jose Chudzik's inquiry, the board stated their support of continued Water Quality Monitoring at Pohick Creek as in the past. The board also supports Joe's effort to apply for a Fairfax Water grant to continue this monitoring and would like a description of how the funds would be used.

Reminders:

Citizen Infor. Mtng-Fairfax Cnty Pkwy April 14th, West Springfield Highschool, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Hyland/Stork Budget meeting Wednesday, April 15th at Lorton Station Elem. 7:00 pm

Next Meeting: 7:30 pm, May 6th at Cranford Church

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

To promote the preservation of the historic, archaeological, and environmental resources of Mason Neck and to educate the community, and the public in general, about the unique resources of Mason Neck