

Mason Neck Citizens Association
 Monthly Board Meeting
 Cranford Methodist Church

8:00 pm, February 17, 2010 (Postponed from Feb. 3 and Feb. 10)

Attendees :

| <i>Officers</i> | | <i>Board of Directors</i> | |
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| Rick Hutson | President | Michael Devlin | Richard Ryan (absent) |
| Lucia Ferguson (absent) | Vice President | John Pionzio (absent) | Jerry Lyons |
| Dick Kennedy | Secretary | Dave Kyle (absent) | Bruce Scott (absent) |
| Bob Lee | Treasurer | Marvin Miller | Peter Weyland |

President Rick Hutson called the meeting to order at 8:04 and the following were discussed:

Approval of January minutes:

Motion passed to approve the January 6th Board meeting minutes (Miller/Weyland).

General Membership Meeting Date and Program

Motion passed to hold the meeting on Tuesday, March 2. (Miller/Weyland) Don Hakenson will speak about the Civil War in Northern Virginia.

Possible Closure of Mason Neck State Park

Shortly before the meeting began, two Board members received reliable word that Mason Neck was one of the five state parks that were targeted for closure under the Governor's budget balancing plan, and this quickly became the main topic of discussion. There was unanimous agreement among the Board members present that closure of the park would be a major loss for the entire Mason Neck community as well as Northern Virginia as a whole, and that MNCA should take immediate steps to rally support for the park. A **motion was passed** to put MNCA on record as being opposed to closing the park and to send a message to that effect to Senator Puller and Delegate Albo (Miller/Kennedy). A second **motion was passed** that MNCA should reach out to Bob Hartwell concerning the plan to close the park (Miller/Kennedy). A third **motion was passed** that MNCA should reach out to its membership concerning the park issue and call for volunteers (Miller/Kennedy).

In further discussion of the park, it was decided to send copies of the Fuller/Albo letter to the South County Federation and to local newspapers. During the discussion, a message was received from Supervisor Gerry Hyland that he considered the park closure proposal "unacceptable" and several Board members noted that they would attend Sup. Hyland's annual "Town Hall" meeting that Saturday. It was further decided to hold a follow-up meeting the next day at the Lorton Library to which local news media and interested members of the community would be invited to attend to discuss strategy for opposing closure of the park.

New/Old Business

ICAR – Marvin will set up another meeting with Point of View Director Bartoli.

DOT – Michael has a contact number for Board use but noted that VDOT has a public contact number – 800-367-7623 – that anyone may call to report issues of concern, and that a response is required within 24 hours if a safety hazard is involved.

Online MNCA membership form: Peter noted that it is now possible for citizens to fill out an ICA membership form at the MNCA website and to pay the membership fee using PayPal, though there is still some paperwork to be completed.

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30 PM (skipping the March meeting because it would be only one day after the General Membership Meeting).

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, a **motion to adjourn** was approved at 9:15 PM (Hutson/Miller).