

Minutes of MNCA Board Meeting, March 1, 2017 (taken by Hutson and Sauer)

President Hillary convened the meeting at 7:35p.m.

Present: Miller, Hutson, Weyland, Thompson, Sauer, Scott, Diaz-Briquet, Clawson

February **Minutes** were approved (Mark/Peter)

Treasurer Bruce reported a balance of \$2,674.10 with additional outstanding membership checks received. Dick needs to be reimbursed for the meeting mailing. Our PO Box is probably paid ahead.

Membership Director Rick reported that 22 members paid their dues as of the February meeting, about half new and half renewals. \$545 was collected at the meeting; one member paid \$5 extra. \$925 has been collected this year to date, representing 48 households that have paid their membership this year. Rick noted that, in the past, some people have paid multiple times in a single year; the Board directed that multiple payers be asked if they would like the additional payment to be considered a donation or refunded. The Board also asked that Rick send out a mid-year membership dues reminder.

Membership lists: Discussion about combining the membership lists of the Treasurer, Membership Director, and Communications Director resulted in a decision that those three individuals should work it out. Peter has 257 members on his MNCA email list, many of whom are not residents or members, while Bruce and Rick focus on members.

Annual Meeting: A mailing to all Mason Neck residents should go out in March, advertising the May annual meeting, highlighting the accomplishments and future issues facing the Neck and asking for nominations to the Board.

It was suggested that MNCA ask neighborhood community groups adjacent to the Neck to forward MNCA emails to their memberships, since many of their residents visit Mason Neck's parks and attractions. Peter will ask the South County Federation if they have names and email addresses of a point of contact in adjacent neighborhoods.

Meeting Signs: Discussion about changing the signs to reflect the issue orientation of MNCA resulted in a decision to add a strip on the signs to mention specific issues.

February 16 DEQ Meeting on Possum Point Coal Ash issue: Hillary reported that approximately 100 people were in attendance, and she represented MNCA's position in opposition to permitting Dominion Power to cap in place.

Letter to Governor on environmental issues: The board decided to send a letter to Governor McAuliffe expressing serious concern about environmental issues in our area and the belief that the Governor was protecting polluters instead of people. Issues to be addressed include the Possum Point coal ash storage problem, sewage overflow in Alexandria, and removal of air quality monitors around the Lorton incinerator. Copies will be sent to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, State Senator Scott Surovell, State Delegate Dave Albo, and US Representative Don Beyer.

Email Disclaimer: Marvin suggested that Peter include a disclaimer on emails sent on behalf of others to the MNCA membership that makes it clear the views in the attachment are not necessarily those of MNCA. The Board agreed.

Alexandria Sewage Overflow Issue: At the February meeting, the Potomac RiverKeepers Network suggested that the Board contact Delegate Mark Levin on this issue. Marvin informed the Board that the issue was OBE and that a Republican/Democrat coalition had passed a bill that the Governor was likely to sign. Marvin will send a personal letter.

Email Policy Notification: Hillary noted the requirement in the Bylaws to notify members annually of MNCA's email policy – that we will communicate by email unless a member requests a written communication. The Board directed that language be included in the annual meeting postcard notification.

MNCA Legal Status: There was a brief discussion of MNCA's legal status, and thus, tax liability. The Bylaws stated that MNCA is a non-stock corporation and we have not, in the past, been required to pay taxes.

Indian Springs House: Hillary was informed by Sally Lyons that the developer has found a buyer for the lot on which the old house stands, and they intent to demolish the structure to build an entirely new home. Several Board members believe that, as a condition of development, the developers were required to retain the old house, which is listed as a Fairfax County historic site. Sally Lyons is contacted several people to determine whether this is correct and to determine whether the house has any legal historical protections. Hillary sent an email to Supervisor Storck's office asking for information. Scott (who was not present) will be asked by Hillary to use additional contacts to lead on this issue. (Scott was so notified the next day.)

Facebook page: The Board discussed whether we should update our Facebook page. With only 56 followers, it was deemed unnecessary.

Eagle Festival: The Board agreed to take up the matter of an Award at the April meeting. Plaques for sponsors at the Eagle Festival will be needed.

Upcoming events:

- Old Colchester Road cleanup – March 4
- South Fairfax Mixer [?] – March 9
- LCAC Gala – April 1

GHDA Champagne and Chocolates Event: Bruce reported that the fundraiser on February 11 was a great success and a lot of fun.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45p.m.