

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
~~Cranford Methodist Church~~ In person at Gunston Hall
March 2, 2022

(Note: There was no meeting in January or February)

Attendees in bold face:

<i>MNCA Officers</i>		<i>Other Members of the Board of Directors</i>	
President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Rick Hutson
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Rob Kobb
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Annie Collins	Scott Stroh
Treasurer	Bruce Scott		Peter Weyland

President Nancy called the meeting to order at about 7:35 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from December: Motion to approve passed.

Treasurer Report: No

Membership Report: No

Donations Report: No

Recap of VDOT virtual meeting set up by Delegate Kathy Tran's office

Virtual Meeting with Dominion Power, also set up by Delegate Tran's office: Was scheduled for tomorrow, postponed until Monday. Link to attend available from Tran's office

Retirement of Mason Neck State Reinhardt Grey: Noted that his retirement was voluntary, also that he got married a few months ago. Discussion of recognizing his service—motion to have a plaque created for presentation to him at the Eagle Festival on May 7. (Marvin/Bruce)
Discussion of replacing him on our Board, possible with the next Park manager, when that person is announced: no rush, because the number of Board members can be any number from 9 to 15.

South County Happenings: Work on the new police station near the Workhouse Arts Center is going well, same is not true for the new fire station.

Next MNCA General Membership Meeting: We usually have two meetings in the spring, one being the Board election meeting (which our by-laws say must be in May or June). Date tentatively set for May 3 or 4, depending on Gunston Hall availability. Speaker needed, since the election takes very little time. Agreement to seek a speaker from Old Dominion because of our problems with power failures. Also suggested and agreed to have Scott give a brief (15 minute) recap of all the things planned for Gunston Hall.

Someone to Assist Nancy With Social Media: Board members present all agreed that Annie would be an excellent choice.

Bruce thanked Scott for making Gunston Hall available for a reception after Mary Scott's funeral service followed by comments about how extraordinary the service was—conducted by Alec Scott, with over 600 people in attendance, including 28 priests from around the country, and many military people, including General Milley and three other chiefs of staff.

Secretary's Expenses: Dick presented five receipts totaling \$946 for mailing-related costs since the Boards last in-person meeting. Printing and mailing the December 2020 to 1140 Neck addresses cost about \$400, the annual PO box fee is up to \$145, and the annual mailing permit is over \$200. Treasurer Bruce wrote him a check.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, at 7:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn: Passed at about 8:30

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
~~Cranford Methodist Church~~ Zoom Meeting
 April 6, 2022

Attendees in bold face:

<i>MNCA Officers</i>		<i>Other Members of the Board of Directors</i>	
President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Rick Hutson
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Rob Kolb
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Annie Collins	Scott Stroh
Treasurer	Bruce Scott		Peter Weyland

President Nancy called the meeting to order at and the following were discussed:

Minutes from March: Motion to approve delayed because minutes not done yet.

Treasurer Report: No

Membership Report: ?

Donations Report: ?

General Membership Meeting: Tentatively set for June 1, will also be our Board election meeting. Waiting for conformation that Dominion Power will provide a speaker to discuss recent power outages.

Making MNCA More Relevant: We continue to be concerned about the decline in our membership, which was accentuated by the pandemic, and fear that will reduce the excellent support we have gotten in the past from our elected representatives.

- We could add more Board members to ensure that all parts of the Neck are represented, since our by-laws allow up to 15 Board members.
- We should focus more on issues that directly affect the Neck, such as the recent power outages. Peter will download data on the outages, which is available online and a committee consisting of Peter, Marvin, and Hillary will meet next week to discuss.

Eagle Festival on May 7 at MNSP: MNCA will have a booth at the festival and, during the ceremonies, we will present a plaque to Reinhardt Grey in appreciation of his years of excellent service as manager of MNSP.

Utility Poles on Gunston Road: Old poles are still in place but Verizon was installed new wires.

Meeting With Don Beyer's Staff: Peter will attend.

Discussion of Possible Future Traffic Problems: Especially if the planned Alpine-X indoor ski facility materializes.

Capital Backyard Ultra set for May 28 on the Neck: Participants run one mile every hour until only one person is left (after maybe 48 hours!)

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:14

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting

~~Cranford Methodist Church~~ Online via Zoom

May 4, 2022

Attendees in bold face:

<i>MNCA Officers</i>		<i>Other Members of the Board of Directors</i>	
President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Rick Hutson
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Rob Kolb
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Annie Collins	Scott Stroh
Treasurer	Bruce Scott		Peter Weyland

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:33 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from March and April: Motion to approve passed, (Peter/Marvin)

General Membership Meeting: June 1 at Gunston Hall—date confirmed with Dominion Power, who will have reps at the meeting to discuss power outages. This is also our annual election meeting for the Board but we will ask for members to vote by email before June 1. A postcard will be mailed to all Mason Neck residents about 10 days before the meeting. (Some discussion of also mailing a letter to all residents but decided that it wasn't worth the additional cost and the additional labor involved.)

- Secretary Dick will put the MNCA banner up at the Gunston/Old Colchester intersection, with mention of Dominion Power added, and Rick will get Hallowing Point to put up its billboard with a notice of the meeting.

Eagle Festival: Has basically been canceled, because the park manager has ruled out parking on the wet and soggy lawn. The scheduled performers will still appear because they are already paid for, but more rain is forecast for the day so no point in having MNCA set up a booth.

New Board Member: Jim Martin from Hallowing Point has expressed interest in joining the Board, and there is full agreement that he is an excellent candidate, but it's too late to include his name on the ballot so the Board will use its authority to add members at any time, as long as the total number doesn't exceed 15.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 6, at 7:30 PM (No Board meeting in June because of the General Membership Meeting on June 1.)

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:13.

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
~~Cranford Methodist Church~~ Online using Zoom
July 5, 2022

Attendees in bold face:

<i>MNCA Officers</i>		<i>Other Members of the Board of Directors</i>	
President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Rick Hutson
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Rob Kolb
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Annie Collins	Scott Stroh
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Jim Martin	Peter Weyland

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:32 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from May: Motion to approve passed (Peter/Hillary)

Treasurer Report: No report but Rick has \$150 in donations from the June General Membership Meeting.

New Board Member: Jim Martin from Hallowing Point, a former Foreign Service officer, served in multiple locations around the globe. Several other people were mentioned as potential Board members, since the by-laws allow up to 15.

General Membership Meeting in June on the subject of power outages: Several representatives from Dominion Power attended—one had data that a resident requested. They mentioned plans to put the power lines on Gunston Road underground but date is uncertain.

Reinhardt Grey: Recently retired as manager of Mason Neck State Park and as a member of the MNCA Board—received a plaque recognizing his service at the scaled-back Eagle Festival.

BLM Pavilion: Looks bad now, maybe send pic of what it will look like. Discussion of MNCA attending the ribbon-cutting when that is announced.

2022 Capital Backyard Ultra: Endurance running event on BLM property, participants run a 4.1 mile course every 15 minutes until only person is left. 58 runners participated, winner covered 250 miles! (Board member Rob did not participate this year.)

New Lorton Community Center: Work is progressing, ribbon-cutting expected in September but LCAC may be able to move in around July 15.

Overlook Park: Work is progressing may open in 2023.

Auto Train: Mentioned that there is a problem with traffic back-ups on Gunston Road caused by cars waiting to enter.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 3, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:16

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
August 3, 2022 Online via Zoom

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President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Rick Hutson
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Rob Kolb
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Annie Collins	Scott Stroh
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Jim Martin	Peter Weyland

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:36 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from July: Motion to approve passed, (Marvin/Rick)

Treasurer Report: No

New Board Members? (Rob will be out of the country for the next four years. We don't have to replace him since our by-laws say the Board can have from nine to 15 members.) Nancy has a new neighbor who might be interested, Peter has been looking in the Belmont area, Sallie Lyons and the Pohick Bay manager were suggested as a possibilities.

BLM's (Infamous) Pavilion, aka the Aircraft Hanger: It was constructed for the occasional wild horse and burro auctions, and other BLM events, but is available to rent for parties, etc. It was noted that BLM chose a location that was opposed by MNCA and most/all of our elected representatives (Kaine, Beyer, Surovell, Tran, Storck). Discussion of the Board sending a message of some kind to our Mason Neck community, details tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

Candidates Night: Marvin will meet next week with the invitees as to their availability and also check with Scott as to when Gunston Hall is available, hopefully on a Tuesday in September. (The only people on the ballot this year are the candidates for Congress, but we always invite our current representatives at the state and local level.)

Meeting with Amtrak Officials on July 20—Peter's Report: Attended by eight Amtrak reps, plus VDOT members, various local organizations, and several of our elected officials. Subject was the backups on Lorton Road caused by the Auto Train. No immediate solution proposed but something is likely, given the high level of interest in the problem.

Donations Received: Dick has the money donated at the Power Outages meeting in June, or sent to our PO box, total of \$250 to be deposited in our account.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 7, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:17

Mason Neck Citizens Association Monthly Board Meeting
September 7, 2022 Online via Zoom

Attendees in bold face:

<i>MNCA Officers</i>		<i>Other Members of the Board of Directors</i>	
President	Nancy Wilochka	Arsenio Ayon	Jim Martin
Vice President	Marvin Miller	Hillary Clawson	Scott Stroh
Secretary	Dick Kennedy	Annie Collins	Peter Weyland
Treasurer	Bruce Scott	Rick Hutson	

President Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:37 and the following were discussed:

Minutes from August: Not done yet.

Treasurer Report: No

Postcard for Candidates Night: Version with edits from Hillary, Marin, and Nancy looks good, Start time will be 7:00, with first 15 minutes for socializing. Marvin suggested sending two cards to boost attendance and offered to pay half the cost (which is close to \$400)—Dick offered to pay the other half and will take care of printing and mailing. Will aim for second card to be delivered a few days before the event, with different wording, which Marvin and Dick will work on. Motion to approve passed.

Some Board members will arrive about 6:30 to set up refreshments, etc. Marvin will do initial introductions and then invite Nancy to say something about MNCA’s accomplishments. The only candidates this year are those for Congress but other elected officials will also get to speak (State Senator and Delegate, Mount Vernon Supervisor and School Board rep.)

Yard Signs Advertising Candidates Night: Put up the Wednesday before; Dick will put up the big MNCA banner at the Gunston/Old Colchester intersection.

Getting authorization for making donations to MNCA by using PayPal: It apparently is feasible and we don’t have to be a 501c3 organization to do it. Treasurer Bruce probably is the one who should start the process.

Transportation Issues: South County Federation had onsite meeting with transportation officials (Amtrak, gov’t officials, station manager, and others): Peter can send details.

Other transportation:

Activity on Gunston Cove Road where bridge over RR tracks used to be—may be related to construction of a third rail line.

Waiting for report on the impact on traffic of the Alpine X project.

Turn from Silverbrook onto Lortton Road—two left-turn lanes will become three to speed traffic.

Alban bridge is open—Peter had argues that the dip before the bridge is dangerous but the authorities deemed that it isn’t. Board members agreed with peter and suggested that SCF write a letter and mention that MNCA also sees it as a safety issue.

Fairfax County Resource Protection Areas, Wetlands Board, etc.: ????

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 5, at 7:30 PM .

Motion to adjourn: Passed at 8:30