

RFCA General Annual Membership Meeting

May 21, 2020
Minutes
(Zoom Meeting)

Introduction

The May 21, 2020, General Annual Membership Meeting was held via Zoom Call 2020 due to the Coronavirus Stay-At-Home Executive Order issued by Governor Northam. Allan Robertson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

The meeting met the requirements for a quorum, as described in the By Laws, Art. 3, Section 2.07 (15). The requirements for voting on changes to the By Laws as described in Art. X, Section 10.01 Amendments were also met (... affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present). Of the twenty-two people attending the meeting, nineteen were members. Affirmative vote required 12.6 members.

The minutes from the March 19, 2020, General Membership Meeting were approved unanimously.

Business Meeting

Budget:

John Ritchie advised that there is \$5551 due for outstanding expenses with \$366 remaining. For this year, only 302 households paid dues (36%). As a result of school closures due to Covid-19, Key School will not be printing the last three issues of *The Farmer*, saving the association \$699. Reserves in the Money Market account equal \$50,157.79. Additional expenses included a penalty fee of \$80.00 for the VA SCC dues because of a lapsed membership, fee for bounced checks from membership dues, and \$30.73 for a Zoom Pro account.

Membership:

Membership dues were projected at \$4500 and actual dues received was \$3960. Steve Beste noted that there are 856 households in Ravensworth with only 302 paying. The breakdown of payments, about one-third from the block captains and one third electronically. There was a discussion about ideas for recruitment of block captains since all streets are currently not covered. Allan asked for volunteers and asked if they know of anyone who would be interested to let him know. He also advised that from time to time there would be a notice in Facebook asking for volunteers as well as the monthly notice in *The Farmer*. A suggestion was made asking if high school students would be able to be block captains for service credit. The group discussed the problem of residents opening their door during the Covid-19 crisis. Steve mentioned that November-February would be the ideal time to recruit members.

Board of Director Elections:

Allan presented the current slate of nominees for board positions and asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations came from the floor. A motion was made to accept the slate, a second was made, and the board was unanimously approved.

By-Law Changes:

The two By-Law changes were approved unanimously.

1. Sections 2.02 and 8.02: Change the current FY of January – December to October – September to align the operating budget with the membership drive. The General Annual Meeting will continue to be held in May
2. Section 2.03: Reduce the number of General Membership Meetings from four (September, October, January, and March) to two (October, March). The General Annual Meeting will remain in May.

Announcements

BBQ:

The tentative date for the BBQ is Saturday, August 29, 2020. The venue will be either at the pool, church, or park. A postcard will be sent to reach resident with details.

Miscellaneous:

Dog Waste Removal

Megan Ramirez mentioned that trash and “dog poop” at the Hatteras entrance has become a big problem, and people have been leaving it at the bottom of her mother’s driveway. The Park Service has removed the trash can for cost cutting reasons. An alternative to the Park Service returning the trash would be to highlight the problem in the next issue of *The Farmer*, possibly in October, and putting a notice of Facebook.

Feature Presentation: James Walkinshaw, Braddock District Supervisor

James mentioned that only a few Civic Association have continued to have meetings during the pandemic. He congratulated to board members for having the meetings.

An Update on Covid:

- NOVA does not meet the criteria to re-open currently. The key metric is a downward trend in the rate of cases that are positive. Today there were 423 test cases.
- US: 26%-27% positive.
- Out of state – 7%.
- Have seen a 14-day downward trend. Phase I will begin May 28, 2020, with a limited restaurant opening and barbershops by appointment only.
- The Board of Supervisors held an emergency meeting to pass an ordinance that allows any restaurant in Fairfax County to have outdoor dining without a permit.
- The county never had a ventilator problem; 37% availability.
- Critical care needs: usually have 40% availability; last week it was 15%, now up to 25% availability.
- Deaths: Assisted Living and nursing homes are a large challenge; insufficient PPE.

- Parking lots at the Parks will open this weekend.
- Summer camp programs and SACC cancelled. It is possible that there will be “pop-up” camps this summer.
- James is organizing meetings with pool boards; can contact Ann Sharp at his office.
- Funding:
 - \$20M Basic Needs Fund
 - \$5M non-profit grant fund
 - \$25M Small Business grant program for those that can get money through the Federal PPP.
- Stuff the Bus donations to fill the Food Pantries Drive generated 15,000 lbs. of food at the Braddock District Office which went to ECHO.

Q& A

1. Will the schools open in the Fall?
 - a. Short answer, Yes. The decision will be made by the School Board and the Health department. They will open in some fashion and we will have to make it happen.
2. Not many people wear masks while walking around the lake.
 - a. It is not mandatory, although encouraged to do so. The County policy is to encourage to use if you encounter others.
3. Several questions re Covid testing, are tests available at Dr. offices? Cost?
 - a. Yes, Drs. can give; Annandale High School had about 1000 tests available and too many people showed up for all to be tested.
4. Are deaths on the web site?
 - a. Yes, data is available on the dashboard; 5% in nursing homes.
5. Food and food drives., Echo; Heritage Drive AUMC Mission Center – Scott posts needs on fb on Mondays, Jose Andres Central Kitchen comes Monday/Friday with hot meals.
6. James mentioned that the purple Glass Recycling dumpster is available at the West Springfield station and that before the pandemic, Wakefield Park (Audrey Moore) was scheduled to get one. It should be in place within the next few weeks.
7. A neighbor’s tree is leaning on my fence. What is my recourse?
 - a. Not a lot you can do. If it is over your property you can have it trimmed. There is no law or ordinance that can be enforced. However, the homeowner can send a certified letter to the neighbor, then, in case something happens, he will have a paper trail to determine liability. If it is on park property, the county will come out.
8. What is the time frame for zMod?
 - a. It is up in the air. It is not something that we should approve during the pandemic because we cannot hold public meetings. If you want a survey, e-mail James’ office.
9. How are they getting election officers for the June primary?
 - a. James did not know.

Adjourn: 9:12PM