

RFCA Board Meeting

Minutes

March 1, 2011, 7:30 PM

Board of Director Attendees:

Marty Robinson - President
Ellen Eggerton – 1st VP
Richmon Tun - Treasurer
Ginger Rogers – Recording Secretary
Kevin Joyce – Corresponding Secretary

Committee Attendees:

Kathleen Powers – Editor, *Farmer*

Marty Robinson opened the meeting @ 7:35 PM.

Old Business

Budget – Richmon Tun reported that there were no changes from the budget reviewed at the General Membership Meeting on February 3, 2011. Richmon asked and the board approved the purchase of 75 reusable tote bags with the RFCA logo to be used for the Directory distribution. Richmon will proceed with the order. Richmon also requested that the board approve funds for a picnic during FY2012, about \$400.00. Kathleen will put a notice in *The Farmer* requesting a chair for organizing the picnic. Expenses include the purchase of hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, soft drinks, cups, etc., and the rental of a moon bounce.

Committee Updates - None

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator - No one has volunteered to fill this position. Marty will check with Cathy Riedel for an update on the status of the Neighborhood Watch and the new web portal.

Hayride - The new date for the hayride is Sunday, April 3, 2011, 4-6 PM. Kathleen will put a notice in *The Farmer*. If there is a need to cancel the event, a notice will be posted on the Ravensworth Farm web site. The Board also decided that the hayride should not be scheduled in conjunction with the Halloween party as there would be too much activity occurring at the same time.

General Membership Meetings

March 24, 2011 - Ellen invited the communities of North Springfield and Springfield. She will invite Danberry Forest. She also contacted the school to reserve the cafeteria.

In addition to the Wildlife presentation, Ellen will announce the need for chairperson for the nominating committee for the May Board of Directors election and the rain barrel initiative.

Topics for future meetings were also discussed.

May 2011 - Rain barrel workshop, Board of Director Elections, business meeting.

October 2011 – Bridge opening and future changes due to Hot Lanes.

Future Meetings – Home Improvement (HVAC, electric), Gardening (native plants, expert from Merrifield).

External distribution of *The Farmer* – Kevin Joyce contacted John Cook's office, Braddock District supervisor, and the Lake Braddock Middle/High School regarding distribution of the newsletter to their offices. Mr. Cook's office was definitely interested in receiving it, but the school was not set up to receive such distributions from the community. Katherine Craig advised Kevin that she had provided the Ravensworth Farm web site link to the advertisers, so there was no need to contact them. Kevin will contact the Ravensworth Elementary School principal, Tessie Wilson from the Braddock District School Board and George H. Brody, the President of the Ravensworth PTA.

Activities Coordinator - No one has volunteered for this position. After revisiting the need for this position, it was decided that it may not be necessary. Kevin volunteered to contact the committee chairpersons of the Standing Committees listed in *The Farmer* to get a status update on their activities. On-going updates can be done through e-mail.

Neighborhood Improvement – Ellen advised that she has received calls from residents interested in getting the tree seedlings. Ellen will arrange to purchase within the week. The two choices are crape myrtle and dogwood. The cost to the association will be about \$200.

New Business

Board of Director Meetings – The board agreed to change the day of the board meetings back to the first Wednesday of the month beginning with April's meeting scheduled March 30, 2011 (due to spring break). May's meeting will be held May 4, 2011. Ellen will contact the school to change the room reservations.

Rain Barrel Grant – Kevin reviewed the grant information with the board and Marty signed the letter of approval. The grant gives the community \$2500 to purchase 50 rain barrels. The association will set up a workshop for those residents who pre-register. Pre-registration will begin at the March meeting and end prior to the May meeting. Distribution will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. The workshop will be the topic for the May General Membership meeting. The barrels will be distributed at that time. The rain barrel kit will include a cap and a faucet and accessories such as a diverter and/or hose will need to be purchased at the owner's expense. An announcement of the initiative will be made at the March General membership meeting and in *The Farmer*.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned @ 9:05PM.