

RFCA Board of Directors Meeting  
September 9, 2020  
Minutes  
Zoom Meeting

**Board of Director Attendees:**

Allan Robertson - President  
Scott Houghton – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Richard Hildebrand – 2d Vice President  
John Ritchie - Treasurer  
Diwakar Sharma – Corresponding Secretary  
Ginger Rogers – Recording Secretary

**Committee Attendees:**

Ruth Hartman – Hospitality  
Stephanie Hammond - Resident

The meeting was called to order by Allan at 7:42 PM. The minutes from the May 6, 2020, Board meeting were approved.

**Committee Updates**

Budget – John advised that he has not planned the budget since we do not know how much we will receive in advertising especially if we are unable to print *The Farmer*. He will go through last year’s budget to see what we have left and what is remaining to be paid out. He thinks we will be fine since we will not have the BBQ expense (\$1200). He also has not received any bills from Raj. It was decided to keep the dues at \$15/membership. John will send the board a proposed budget for FY 2020-21 next week.

Membership – Scott suggested we continue to advise people to pay their membership via PayPal since they might not open their door for the block captains. Allan suggested that we place a flyer on Facebook for residents to update their Directory information. Ginger will contact Steve Beste to verify he is moving forward with printing the Directory. Scott said he will be at the school on election day collecting membership dues. Linda Beste will do support work to get it going.

The Farmer – The board discussed options for printing The Farmer since the students at Key School are not physically in school. Options for printing and distribution were discussed, paper v. electronic.

One option is to use Stephenson Printing who prints the Directory. Sandy Stephenson of Stephenson Printing, 703 642-9000 x2505 may be contacted for a quote. Sara has not had time to contact them. Ginger advised that the next Farmer needs to be published before the October 15, 2020 General Membership Meeting. Allan suggested that the next issue (October) could be electronic. Ginger will check with Sara to see if it could be done.

Scott will check to see if the Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts are still interested in distributing *The Farmer*. John advised that we pay each troop \$600 for the distribution of eight monthly Farmers.

## **Old Business**

Board and Membership Meetings: Zoom v. Community of Christ Church – Ginger advised that she had checked with Pastor Deb at the church to see if the facilities were available for our meetings. They are able, however, we would have to adhere to Virginia's Phase III requirements for NoVA: No more than 250 participants, maintain 6' social distancing, wear masks, collect contact information for contact tracing purposes, have hand sanitizer and masks on the table for those entering and exiting the building. The group agreed that we do not want to be liable if anyone becomes ill. It was agreed that we should hold off having face to face meetings until the schools re-open.

Ruth will check with Mary Lipsey to see if she would be willing to do her presentation at the October 15, 2020, membership meeting on Zoom. Diwakar offered to help Mary with her power point presentation.

Signage and Entrances - Richard suggested that the association plant ground cover at the Queensbury entrance and wildflowers native to Virginia at the Inverchapel entrance to choke out the weeds and eliminate the need for mowing.

Scott has been in touch with Raj regarding the mowing. He has been mowing in a two-week cycle. Scott will mow this week which will finish out the season. Scott also mentioned that the signs need to be changed. John gets the invoices so he will be able to verify the number of times Raj has mowed this season. However, to date, John has not received any invoices from Raj. Allan mentioned that the sidewalk area between North Springfield and Ravensworth should be the responsibility of VDOT. He will check with the North Springfield board when it is in place.

Diwaker sent requests for prices for mowing to five vendors but has not heard from any of them. The board will discuss again in January 2021.

## **New Business**

Fall Festival – The board decided to forgo the Fall Festival for this year.

Fairfax County Green Initiative – Scott mentioned Fairfax County is considering it for the county, however Kevin Joyce is opposed to it due to cost.

zMod – Allan mentioned that the public comment period has closed and the county will move forward with changes.

**Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.