

RFCA Board of Directors Meeting
April 7, 2021
Minutes
Zoom Meeting

Board of Director Attendees:

Marcie Winitt - President
Scott Houghton – 1st Vice President
Richard Hildebrand – 2d Vice President
John Ritchie - Treasurer
Diwakar Sharma – Corresponding Secretary
Ginger Rogers – Recording Secretary

Attendees:

Sara Ortiz – *The Farmer*, Editor
Ruth Hartman - Hospitality
Allan Robertson – Resident

The meeting was called to order by Marcie at 7:40 PM. The minutes from the March 3, 2021, Board meeting were approved.

Committee Updates

Budget – John projects that the association will be \$3500 in the hole for this FY. He also advised that Katherine Craig is nervous about the ads for Mr. Mow and Jacqueline Romero since they have a full-page ad when others are paying for a full year @ \$250 or \$125 for three months. We advised John that those that previously provided flyers are paying \$70.80 per issue whereas those with a contract for all 8 issues are paying \$31.50/issue and those with a contract for 3 issues are paying \$41.66/issue.

The Farmer – Sara has nothing for the next issue of The Farmer. Marcie thinks that there will be new Editor, Shobha McConnell. The board agreed unanimously to pay Sara until the end of the FY and prorate the stipend for Shobha when she begins as Editor. Sara will let Susan Dey know to assign the RavensworthFarm.org e-mail for Shobha.

Old Business

Nominating Committee – Allan advised that there are two others on the committee, Lisa Myers, and Kevin Joyce. Currently, there are no nominees for board positions other than the current board members.

Entrance Sign – Sara mentioned that the solar lights on the entrance sign look great! Scott mentioned he ordered a different type of solar light that may be brighter. He has also updated the sign to announce the Pool membership drive and the May 27, 2021 General Membership Meeting. Scott also mentioned that the new lettering, although the same size as the current lettering, is a bit different: the downstroke of the letters is a bit thinner than the rest of the letter. Therefore, he will have to change all letters for Ravensworth Farm.

New Business

General Membership Meeting, May 27, 2021 – Scott will check with Dick Saslaw and Vivian Watts to see if either of them could come and speak to the members about the new county budget, specifically pay for the teachers, and provide an update on the just concluded session. He will also check with James.

Announcements for the meeting include introducing the new Editor of The Farmer, Shobha McConnell, date and location (pool, church?) for the annual BBQ, and an update on the Pool membership by Jen Auble.

Covenants and Restrictions – Ruth mentioned that when she heard about the vote on ZMOD and its requirements, she remembered that the Directory had a “Covenants and Restrictions” section. When she checked the current Directory, she found that the section had been replaced by floor plans of homes in the development. Sara advised that Steve had swapped the covenants for the floor plans to reduce the printing cost of the Directory.

Ruth realized that the association cannot enforce the covenants but feels they should remain in the Directory and that they have helped the neighborhood from becoming an eyesore.

Scott mentioned that a neighbor had complained to him that another neighbor had been abusive to her. And that previously he and Marcie had met with another neighbor regarding a rainwater run-off issue between two neighbors. He suggested that we should do what we can to make the neighborhood more cohesive.

Allan stated that covenants run with the land so we cannot get rid of them, but we cannot enforce them since we have not done so in a long period of time. He suggested that a form letter could be sent to the offending party regarding the zoning ordinance. Also, the complaining party could file a zoning violation with Fairfax County FIDO. He will check to see if he can find the form letter.

Richard sees as two issues, that the covenants should be placed back in the Directory, and some form of Dispute Resolution.

Scott and Marcie suggested that the subject could be discussed at the next General Membership Meeting as being part of our history and how the association approaches violations. It was agreed that we will discuss again at the next board meeting.

Miscellaneous

Pollinator Dedication – Allan mentioned that the pollinator dedication to Margaret Kinder will be on April 17, 2021, at 10 AM. Due to Covid-19 requirements, attendees will have to sign up before attending. FLAP Facebook page will have link on the day of the event.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.