

RFCA Board of Directors Meeting
May 6, 2020
Minutes
Zoom Meeting

Board of Director Attendees:

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

Committee Attendees:

Ruth Hartman – Hospitality
Sara Ortiz – *The Farmer*
Stephanie Hammond - Resident

The meeting was called to order by Allan at 7:35 PM. The minutes from the April 1, 2020, Board meeting were approved.

Committee Updates

Budget – John reported that the association will stay within its budget of \$11K for FY2019-2020. After expenses the annual projected balance will be \$837 which includes the costs for mowing (\$500), Landscaping (\$370), and Signage (\$100). Expenses paid this month include \$134 for the PO Box, and donations of \$250 each for Ravensworth Elementary School, the Fire Department, and the Community of Christ Church.

John advised that the association has 302 paid members out of 856 houses or ~ 36% of the households. Payments are either mailed in or collected by the block captains (260) or through PayPal (42).

A suggestion was made that perhaps the dues could be reduced to \$10 next year. Allan mentioned that the association maintain some solvency in the accounts.

The board discussed issues involving the lawn maintenance at the Inverchapel and Queensberry entrances. Most lawn companies won't do such a small area. A suggestion was made to ask for proposals from Mr. Mow and Craig, both advertisers in *The Farmer*. The requirements would be to mow the entrance areas at Inverchapel and Queensberry from May - Oct, with an option to mow every two weeks instead of every week.

The Farmer – Sara advised that she had received only one short article for the next *Farmer*. Ginger advised that she would send her the agenda for the next General Membership Meeting.

Old Business

General Membership Meeting – May 21, 2020

- Ginger will get an up-to-date membership list from Steve Beste. She also advised that the association must have 15 paid members for a quorum.
- Scott will verify that James Walkinshaw will attend.
- Diwakar will arrange for Facebook and e-blast announcements for the meeting.
- Election of Board of Directors
- By-laws

BBQ – Scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2020, at the pool.

Service Award Nominations

- Two nominations for Farmer of the Year
 - Tadi Laffin
 - Greg Ortega
- One nomination for Young Farmer of the Year
 - Caroline Beck
- Six nominations for Lifetime Farmer
 - Norm Van Dam
 - Tom Mathis
 - Doddy Cave
 - Steve Beste
 - Jim Hickey
 - Mary Lipsey

New Business

Communication Methods

The board discussed various methods it communicates with the community. It currently sends out information through Facebook, e-blasts, *The Farmer* as well as posting to the website. The board discussed if e-mail addresses could be posted in the Directory and if they are currently captured by Steve Beste. If we had an e-mail list, we would have to give people the opportunity to opt out. Currently Susan Dey has a list of those who have signed up to receive e-blasts.

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Allan mentioned that the Braddock District Council issued a statement in opposition to the auxiliary unit definition. Auxiliary Dwelling Units criterion +55 family must live there: not a rental apartment.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.