

RFCA Board of Directors Meeting
March 3, 2021
Minutes
Zoom Meeting

Board of Director Attendees:

Marcie Winitt - President
Scott Houghton – 1st Vice President
Richard Hildebrand – 2^d 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
Stephanie Hammond – Resident

The meeting was called to order by Marcie at 7:37 PM. The minutes from the February 3, 2021, Board meeting were approved.

Committee Updates

Budget – John advised that dues are coming in and that the PayPal feature is working. He received a tax statement from PayPal. Block Captains are collecting, and the association has more members this year than last year at this time. Scott got his Directories, and he is selling memberships on his block advising them to pay on-line, and Sara just got her bag of Directories.

As for Expenses: Printing for *The Farmer* probably will not be over \$5,000. Since school probably will not be open more than two days/week, the association will not need to send a donation. Maybe next year. The association will be saving \$500 normally used for *The Taste of Ravensworth*, and the BBQ was canceled in 2020 and may be canceled again for 2021. John gave Scott a check for \$486.57 for Signage/lighting. Scott has purchased one set of lights and set up to see how it worked.

John will pursue filling out Form 8976 to register the association as a non-profit before filing a tax return. Richard mentioned that it may have already been filed if we have an EIN. If we are a 501c(4), we will have to file, but not have to pay taxes. Allan asked if there was anything in the Articles of Incorporation about a 501c(3) or 501c(4). John said he would continue to research. At the last Braddock District Meeting no other associations volunteered any information about the tax question or had an interest in doing a swap audit.

Mr. Mow and Jacqueline Romero would like to place flyers in *The Farmer*. The cost to them would be \$60 + printing costs. A PDF would need to be sent to Susan Dey for formatting.

The Farmer – Sara needs info/articles for the next issue of *The Farmer* by Saturday.

Old Business

Nominating Committee – Allan has not received any nominations; however, he has some leads, but no commitments.

New Lettering for the Entrance Sign (not the message boards) – Scott has ordered one set of letters which, hopefully, will match what we have. The plan is to replace those that are in bad shape.

Lighting – Scott set up the solar light set at the Queensberry entrance. It has three settings, brightest lasts for five hours and the medium for 7 -8 hours. The letters can be seen; however, when it rained all day the lighting lasted for only an hour. Options are to look for a brighter light or check with the neighbor to see if the association would be able to use their electricity to light the sign and pay them for its use.

General Membership Meeting, March 25, 2021 - Scott has arranged for Megan McLaughlin, Braddock District School Board Member to be the featured speaker at the meeting. The board reviewed the agenda. Announcements would be made that there would be no Taste of Ravensworth this year, and that the BBQ may or may not be held. Allan will provide an update on the Nominating Committee and a possible slate for the May 2021 elections and on Lake Accotink. Jen Auble will provide a Pool update. Diwakar will arrange for an e-blast to be sent and set up a Facebook notification.

Braddock District Council Meeting – Scott summarized the last meeting which included information on Trace for Tomorrow Program and Back to Fairfax Job Fair – how to get former Fairfax County graduates to come back to Fairfax County to teach. He also advised that the proposed County Budget does not include raises for teachers.

New Business

Rainwater Issue – It was agreed that the association has no role in adjudicating rain run off from one residence to another. However, Scott and Marcie talked with the neighbor who complained about his neighbor and Marcie offered to talk with the neighbor. Advised the complainant he could file a complaint with Fairfax County or contact James Walkinshaw, Braddock District Supervisor. Richard said we should communicate with him but not appear to be taking sides.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.