

RFCA Board of Directors Meeting  
December 7, 2022  
Minutes  
Zoom Meeting

**Board of Director Attendees:**

Marcie Winitt – President  
John Ritchie – 1<sup>st</sup> vice President  
Richard Hildebrand – 2d Vice President  
Kristoffer Hull - Treasurer  
Diwakar Sharma – Corresponding Secretary  
Ginger Rogers – Recording Secretary

**Attendees:**

Shobha McConnell – *The Farmer*, Editor  
Roberto Bernate - Web Design/Format – *The Farmer*  
Sue Hillmer – Advertising – Directory and *The Farmer*  
Ruth Hartman – Hospitality  
Charly Clark - Resident

The meeting was called to order by Macie at 7:36 PM. The minutes from the November 2, 2022, were approved.

**Committee Updates:**

Budget – Per Kristoffer, the association is close to being on target. Ad revenue is close to where we want to be. We have spent \$2400 on printing for *The Farmer*, almost all our budget. Steve Beste is working on alternate ways to print (see below, *The Farmer*). Kristoffer has not paid for the insurance for the general meeting and owes Ruth for refreshments. He will also talk to Lisa Myers about the amount needed for food and drink for the Holiday Light Judging Party. As of November 1, 2022, the association had \$18K in the checking account and the savings account is beginning to make \$40-\$50 interest. Going forward, the association may think about increasing the membership dues to \$20 to meet increased costs.

We have full access to our PayPal account however several security and web administration issues need to be worked out before it is operational on the web site. Hopefully, when the security issues are worked out and with Roberto's assistance, the PayPal button will be operational in a month or so.

The Farmer – Shobha advised that input for the next *Farmer* is due at the beginning of January. She advised that Richard has the December issue and that all zones are covered, but not sure when it will go out.

Marcie asked if anyone had seen the e-mail from Mary Keeser regarding the delivery of *The Farmer*. Shobha said she had reached out to Mary and had not heard anything back. Steve Beste sent an e-mail with various options for printing and delivering. Day/Night Printing could print the issue for \$1515/mo. and post for \$.17 a copy. USPS will bulk deliver for about \$250, although we would have to affix the labels.

Roberto mentioned that the board needs to make the decision as to whether we go digital or print and deliver. Kristoffer will work with Shobha and Steve Beste to discuss the pros/cons and report back to the board. The decision for the future of *The Farmer* will be discussed at the January 2023 Board meeting to then be presented/discussed at the March General Membership Meeting.

### **Old Business**

Ravensworth Farm Original Owner Commemoration – Ginger contacted Richard Blizard regarding the possibility of asking the church if the association could plant a commemorative tree grove on its property in honor of the original owners of Ravensworth Farm. Richard advised he would leave it up to the board as to the decision. The board opted to have Scot Houghton add an established date to the entrance signs.

Annual Certificate of Liability Insurance – Kristoffer said he had not gotten a response from North Springfield. He advised that the one-event policy for the October General Membership meeting cost \$110. Ginger advised that she would check with FCPS regarding use of the cafeteria at Ravensworth Elementary School for the March and May General Membership Meetings.

Donations for the Church – Kristoffer will send the \$250 donation to the church. Other donations: Fire Department, School, and FLAP.

Holiday Lights Judging Event – The in-person event will be held at Lisa and Bill's house on Sunday, December 18, 2022, 5PM-7PM. John will check the shed to see which signs need to be replaced.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 8:35M.