

Ravenworth Farm Civic Association
General Membership Meeting
October 19, 2023

The meeting was brought to order by Marcie Winitt, President, at 7:50 PM.

Business Meeting

Minutes Approved: The minutes from the March 23, 2023, General Membership Meeting were approved by the members.

Announcements:

Budget - Kristoffer presented the FY 2023 Actual Budget and the FY2024 Proposed Budget. The budget was approved unanimously by the membership. *The Farmer* will be printed only three times a year, realizing a savings of \$4050; new expenditures include refreshments for the Yard Sales (\$400), the Logo Contest (\$500), and Post Cards announcing the Membership Meeting (\$500). The Savings account has approximately \$50K, the Checking account approximately \$12K.

The Farmer – Ms. Samatha Acantilado, a 7th Grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School won the Logo Contest. Marcie Winitt, RFCA President presented her a \$500 check.

Board of Director Elections (postponed from May 25, 2023, General Membership Meeting) Approved unanimously.

- President – Marcie Winitt
- 1st VP – John Ritchie
- 2d VP – Vacant
- Treasurer – Kristoffer Hull
- Corresponding Secretary – Vacant
- Recording Secretary – Ginger Rogers

By-Laws

Marcie presented tentative changes to the By-Laws to be voted upon at the March 2024 General Membership Meeting. Changes will be e-mailed, put on the website, and fb for review by the residents.

Steve and Linda Beste volunteered to research what needs to be included in the By-Laws per the State of Virginia. Shep mentioned that the State Corporation Commission may need to have a copy.

Feature Presentation – Lake Accotink Community Update – Shep Shepherd

Shep is the RF representative to the Lake Accotink Task Force.

Background

The evolution of the lake began in 1937 and was 110 acres. The Lake Accotink Watershed is part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

The surrounding neighborhoods and commercial areas have led to significant run-off from fuel, oil, salt, sand, tire rubber, yard pesticides, pet waste, etc., which is killing the lake due to the amount of area that has been paved over. Additionally, a stormwater pond at Cox Communications (Cox is not the landowner) has not been fixed and is contributing to the sediment flow to Lake Accotink.

Lake Accotink Project Timeline

- 2008, Lake dredged.
- 2016-19, Implemented permanent dredging program.
- 10/29/19, Lake Accotink Dredging Financing Plan.
- 7/27/21, New director (7/9/21) Chris Herrington decided not to dredge. All costs increased due to COVID.

Committees

- The Value of Lake Accotink to the County.
- Impacts of the Issues and Staff Recommendations not to dredge.
- Options to consider other than a full dredging.

Resource

RFCA.Lake.Accotink@gmail.com for a copy of the presentation.

Q&A

1. Why wasn't there a Class Action suit against the owners of the stormwater pond at the Cox location? Shep did not have an answer for this question.
2. What are two things people can do to save Lake Accotink?
 - Listen and question those candidates that are running for local office.
 - Call representatives in mid-November.
 - Call Delegate Watts.
 - Let neighbors know.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.