

RFCA Board of Directors Meeting
February 7, 2024
Minutes
Zoom Meeting

Board of Director Attendees:

Marcie Winitt – President
Kristoffer Hull - Treasurer
Ginger Rogers – Recording Secretary

Attendees:

Sue Hillmer – Advertising – Directory and *The Farmer*
Stephanie Hammond – Resident
Kimberly Spence – Pastor – Community of Christ Church

The meeting was called to order by Marcie at 7:35 PM. The minutes from January 3, 2024, were approved.

Committee Updates:

Budget – Kristoffer reported the association has about \$51K in savings and \$13.8K in checking. He has several checks for membership to deposit, however, revenue from dues is down this year, off by a few thousand dollars. Charitable donation expenses have yet to be paid. Sue mentioned that she had a check from an advertiser that she will drop off. The board agreed to send flowers to Ruth with condolences for the death of her husband and an Uber Eats card to Roberto and his family to be used while he is recuperating from his surgery.

The Farmer – A \$1200 payment to a group of teens for the delivery of the March 2024 Farmer had been suggested. The board determined that \$1200 for one delivery was too expensive; the Boy/Cub Scouts receive \$1200 for delivering all eight issues in past years. A suggestion was made that the crew team at Lake Braddock was looking for contributions. Kristoffer will check with Allan Robertson to see if the team would be willing to deliver *The Farmer* for March and May for \$300. Ginger mentioned that the Boy Scouts have been delivering the October issue in connection with their annual Food Drive. Kimberly mentioned that if the crew team could not deliver, let her know and she will see if she could find someone.

Due to Roberto's recent surgery, Marcie asked if we knew of anyone who would be able to compile and edit *The Farmer* in his absence. Marcie will check to see if Shoba McConnell or Steve Beste could assist. She was not sure if Shoba would be familiar with the system.

Per Sue, another ad came in and Roberto said that we would need to add four pages to the printed copy. Sue advised the advertiser that we would put the ad on-line and reduce the price. She has not heard back from the advertiser. Also, on the January issue there is a note that says, "no ads." Roberto mentioned that usually we prepare eight issues as this would be the ninth, he decided not to include ads. Kristoffer advised Sue to let the advertiser know we will do everything we can to adhere to the contract.

Old Business

By-law Changes – Marcie will see if Steve can mail out the By Law changes in advance of the March General Membership Meeting.

New Business

Update on Save The Lake Task Force – Shep Shephard advised the task force findings were sent to the Board of Supervisors on December 12, 2023. On January 23, 2024, James Walkinshaw put forth a motion to preserve Lake Accotink as a smaller lake. The task force was not aware that the subject would be on the agenda. Mr. Walkinshaw had been collaborating with his staff and public works on the motion. It was felt by some task force members that the motion would leave few approaches to be explored and was seen as a delay tactic that would take so long that the lake would fill in and become wetlands. Shep has written to Chair McKay to advise that community input is important, and that dredging should begin before feasibility study.

Shep advised he has been working with Robinson Terminal as a dewatering site. Public Works (Charles Smith) is opposed to this solution. The 500,000 cubic yards of silt to be removed (6 ½') could be used in West Virginia for its coal mines.

James Walkinshaw and Public Works must keep their commitment to community involvement.

The Task Force ended its duty when the report was delivered on December 12, 2023.

March General Membership Meeting – March 21, 2024

- Certificate of Liability – Kristoffer will e-mail to FCPS.
- Taste of Ravensworth - John
- Review of By-Laws – Marcie
 - Simplify language.
 - Two pages instead of 11 may get more people involved.
- Speaker? From the Post Office or the Police Department?
- Send Post Cards – Kristoffer will check with the company that did the Holiday Signs.

How to pause RFCA Operations at the end of 2023-24 FY – Ginger reviewed Articles of Incorporation, Article IX, Dissolution. Shep suggested that Marcie invite someone from the Braddock District Council to discuss ideas for keeping the association active which can then be presented at the March Membership Meeting.

Miscellaneous

Eagle Scout Project – Matthew Ferrar's Eagle Scout Project is to paint directional lines to the school, and he would like a donation to purchase paint supplies. Marcie will check to see what budget he has prepared for the project.

Entrance Signs – Ginger will contact Scott Houghton to change entrance signs to include the date of the next General Membership Meeting: March 21, 2024, 7:30 PM.

RFCA File Cabinet – Marcie can take it.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:15PM