

RFCA Board of Directors Meeting
October 4, 2023
Minutes
Zoom Meeting

Board of Director Attendees:

John Ritchie – 1st Vice President
Kristoffer Hull - Treasurer
Ginger Rogers – Recording Secretary

Attendees:

Roberto Bernate – Layout/Format, *The Farmer*
Sue Hillmer – Advertising – Directory and *The Farmer*
Ruth Hartman – Hospitality
Shep Shepherd – Lake Accotink Task Force

The meeting was called to order by John at 7:44 PM. The minutes from the September 13, 2023, meeting were approved.

Committee Updates:

Budget – Kristoffer advised that the association was short about \$3,000 this past FY. Some savings occurred since the Fall Festival and BBQ were not held. Although revenue from *The Farmer* will be down this coming FY, printing costs will also be down since only three issues will be printed. Some expenses for the coming year will be food and drink for the election volunteers, snacks for the yard sales, and maintenance for the entrances. Expenses paid last year for the new web site will not recur this FY. Currently the association has about \$12K in the checking account and \$51K in the savings account. If the association removes New Neighbor, Hospitalization, and BBQ expenses we should be OK. Kristoffer mentioned that the donations will be sent this week.

The Farmer – Sue mentioned that she has received \$3275 to date for advertising which is in line with what she received last year.

Roberto mentioned that printing is high, however, our costs will be \$811 for three issues, each issue being 24 pages. Our last issue, at 28 pages, cost \$975. The distribution of the October issue will be done on October 28, 2023, by the Boy Scouts in connection with their food drive. Therefore, residents will not receive notice of the October 19, 2023, General Membership Meeting. It was decided by the board that a postcard announcing the meeting should be sent to all residents prior to the October 19, 2023 meeting. Kristoffer offered to contact Diwakar Sharma to get information on the RFCA's last post card mailing.

Roberto advised that Steve Beste was aware of the late delivery of the October issue of *The Farmer*. Steve was planning on a drop-dead date of November 4, 2023, to get to the printers with a return by Election Day, November 7, 2023.

Old Business

Logo Contest – Roberto advised board members to submit their ratings for the logo contest to him by Monday, October 9, 2023. He will then have a 3rd party compile the results. The

winning logo will be featured on *The Farmer* and the website. Steve Beste will decide if it will be printed on the Directory.

Marcie will contact the winner and make the presentation at the October 19, 2023, General Membership Meeting.

General Membership Meeting, October 19, 2023

- Certificate of Liability – Kristoffer will arrange.
- By Law Changes – Marcie
 - Explain why and what we are looking to change
- Announcements - Marcie
- Board of Directors Elections – All Members
- Budget Approval - Kristoffer
- Speaker
 - Post Office representative – John
 - Challenges the PO needs to overcome
 - What can we do to help
 - Lake Accotink Task Force – Shep Shepherd
- Logo Contest Winner – Announcement and Presentation - Marcie

Fall Yard Sale – The Fall Yard Sale was held at the Pool Parking Lot on Saturday, September 30, 2024. The RFCA provided Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Donut holes from Dunkin Donuts. There were only about four to five sellers due to little advanced notice of the event.

New Business

Pay Vouchers – Roberto will be sending in an amalgamation of several items, > \$1,000. He asked if there was a way to get payment directly from the bank. Kristoffer asked if they could provide Roberto with a PO, or he could send a check directly to them.

Lake Accotink Task Force – Shep advised that he is the official RFCA representative to the Lake Accotink Task Force, the main objective is to have a full dredging of the lake. He would be happy to make a presentation at the General Membership Meeting. The Task force has three subcommittees:

- Value of Lake Accotink to Lake Accotink Park and the County
- Impact of and issues with the staff recommendation not to dredge the lake
- Options to consider other than full dredging

Shep's e-mail for information on the project is rfca.lake.accotink@gmail.com

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM.