

Minutes of Merrymount Board of Directors Meeting – April 26, 2018

The Merrymount Board of Directors met at 10am on April 26, 2018 at Diana Munsch's house. In attendance were Doug Sobey, Chair; Diana Munsch, Vice-Chair; Lisa Handy, Director; Denise Buckner, Director and Treasurer and Margie Skidmore, Secretary. Guests: Paige Holland, Bob Sorensen, Cindy Taylor and Wilma Poole.

Doug welcomed the group and introduced Paige Holland, who has agreed to serve as the Board's Secretary, effective after the Annual Meeting in June. She was unanimously approved as the new Secretary.

The minutes of the Board's March 20, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Committee Updates:

ARC – Wilma Poole, Chair gave the following report: Lot 61 is still working on backyard project; Lot 91 has been inspected and pool is being installed; Lot 46 has been inspected and garage has been approved; Lot 27 has been inspected and approved for driveway apron and parking pad; two Merrymount residents have expressed interest in serving on the ARC. Discussion of husband and wife serving on board vs. committee not considered to be a conflict.

Audit - Jim Collins, Chair and his committee plan to conduct audit of Merrymount financial records on May 5th. Another volunteer is needed to serve on this committee.

Planning Committee – No report

Roads – Debbie Ortiz, Chair submitted a written report (see Attachment A).

Social Committee – Holly Whitt, Chair submitted a written report concerning planned social activities for the coming year.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tracy Perkinson has completed digging and seeding the designated drains; waiting for invoice.
- Jim Handy, new webmaster, has met with Harvey Powers and has necessary information to continue Merrymount website.
- No word on submitted Aqua letter turning down their waiver not to have a second well.
- Diana has sent a letter from Merrymount to the appropriate people regarding our request that Aqua not be allowed to raise the water rates.
- HOA/POA board representatives meeting held on April 5th was attended by Doug and Lisa; excellent meeting that covered road paving, Capital Asset Study, insurance for property & liability, realtor discussion on auctions lowering property values.
- Lake Gaston Association meeting on May 2th, with discussion of Lyngbya (notice sent to Merrymount community).
- ARC handout agreed to at last meeting will be posted on website and in new Homeowner packets. Discussion of driveway culverts and if they should be approved by the ARC. Wilma was asked to check with Debbie Ortiz for guidance.

- The new look for our Homeowner packets was discussed. Upon using our present supply, Laura Collins has volunteered to take over this project from Linda Sobey.
- Scheduled July 12th meeting of POA & HOA'S that will cover rentals, subdivision security.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The survey concerning a “No Wake Zone” of our neighbors on Hawtree Creek has been completed with the following results: There were 22 responders to the survey (15 voted yes and 7 voted no.) Some responders thought this pursuit should be handled by the Board and only one responder offered to help, but not take the actual lead. The top three concerns were: Jet skis too close to docks, boats getting too close to swimmers at high speed and property damage. The Board is not interested in pursuing the No Wake Zone as a project but will include it as a topic of discussion at the annual meeting.
- Discussion of items to include for a vote on the Proxy: (1) Voting for the two open Board positions (Doug Sobey and Margie Skidmore indicate they plan to run); (2) Raising the road impact fee for new construction to \$1,500; (3) Yard Sale to be held at Merrymount entrance; (4) Pursue the study of seeking state sponsorship of Merrymount roads and (5) Authorize up to \$3,000 for fire pit/patio at Merrymount shelter. (NOTE: The Board decided to cover item 4 at the Annual meeting due to complexity of the road issue.)
- Discussion of whether to hold Annual Meeting at Merrymount pavilion or at Jerusalem UMC. Due to uncertain weather conditions, including heat, storms, etc., and difficulty of conducting a business meeting at the pavilion, the Board decided to hold the meeting at the church on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 9am with a picnic to follow at the pavilion.
- Discussion of the fire pit/patio project resulted in the fire pit/patio project to be included for a vote at the Annual Meeting. The trailer lot project was also discussed and the board would like to see a visual of proposed projects for the next 5 to 10 years, with suggested pricing, possibly to be shared at the Annual Meeting, if possible.
- MPOA printer was discussed with unanimous approval to buy a new HP printer, with accompanying ink service.
- There was discussion of the defibrillator located at the Pavilion, replacement of batteries every three years and changing the contact information to MPOA.

Financial Report:

Denise Buckner, Treasurer gave the Profit and Loss Standard financial report from July 1, 2017 – April 26, 2018.

A budget meeting will be held on May 17th at 10am at Denise Buckner’s house.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Margie Skidmore, MPOA Secretary