

**Bay Quarter Shores Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 4 p.m., Jennifer Troy-Black presiding.

Board Members present: Jennifer Troy-Black, Michael Goodrich-Stuart, Robert Morris, Jerry Gorman, Ruth Franck, Donna DeToll, Frank Klein, Richard Lacy.

Others present: Approximately 35 members including Dick & Evie Lee, Dolly Lacy, Frank Stewart, Bob Pugh, Roz Johnson, Ann Bush, Joanne & Bill Roberts, Virginia Pride, Becky Booker, Rev. Lee Farmer, Gary Shavlik, Jim & Jean Ince, Bud & Norma Stotz, Mark Barry. Bill & Cynthia Sweeney, Jon Grimm, Pam Ellis, John & Gay Collier, Roger Guy, Lois Carter, Bill & Saddle Piggott, Earl & Karen Wise, Tricia & Keith Goodrich, Janna Hall, Michael Wydell, Debbie & John Anderson, and Sue & Larry Roderer.

Jennifer took a moment to introduce Captain Chris Neale, of the Callao Volunteer Fire Department, who was present to address the meeting.

Old Business

1. Minutes of the May 23, 2009, semi-annual meeting were approved unanimously with no changes.
2. Jerry Gorman presented a financial report. Total current assets as of July 31, 2009, were \$156,549.65. Current liabilities were \$6,294.56. Jerry said that the financial condition of the association is good, about the same as it was at this time a year ago. A motion to accept the financial report was passed unanimously.
3. Jerry and Jennifer spoke about the budget for 2010 and noted that an effort had been made to produce a plan that would not cause an increase in dues/fees. Jerry noted that the pool issues had been addressed this year without any need to have a special assessment or to increase dues. A motion to approve the 2010 budget as presented was approved unanimously.
4. Jennifer noted that the annual election results had been received and were ready to be counted. She asked Dick Lee to be certain all ballots received in the mail had been included, and he affirmed that was the case. Jennifer asked the two officers leaving the board (Richard Lacy and Ruth Franck) to count the ballots, assisted by two members (Roger Guy and Dee Martin).
5. Jennifer announced the board's intention to have a dry hydrant installed. This type of device would permit the fire department to draw water directly from the Potomac River to help them be more effective in their efforts to put out fires. She noted that many of us may be paying a higher insurance premium due to the distance of the Callao Fire

Department from our homes, but said that the dry hydrant may help with this situation. She also noted that funds had been allocated toward the purchase of a dry hydrant in the 2010 budget. Then she shared the good news that Chris Neale of the Callao Volunteer Fire Department had applied for a grant to put in two dry hydrants. His application had been successful and one of the two hydrants has been earmarked for Bay Quarter Shores. Jennifer, on behalf of the membership, thanked Mr. Neale and the Fire Department for the efforts. She also noted that thanks are owed to the Northumberland County Sheriff Department for adding patrols to the area and supporting our efforts to establish a strong Neighborhood Watch organization. Jennifer then mentioned that one important element of Neighborhood Watch is a good network for communication. She emphasized that what the sheriff expects of such an organization is that it would function as “eyes and ears” for law enforcement officials, and that no members should attempt to take the law into their own hands. She mentioned that the association fosters a “zero tolerance policy” toward criminals, and cited the recent barn break-in as an example. We prosecuted the young men who broke in and they have been sentence to perform community service and make cash restitution for the damages they caused.

6. Jennifer noted that guest hangtags are available so that members can have their guests identify their vehicles when they are parked in common lots. She hopes these will help us minimize outsiders using association facilities, noting that one local waterman (a crabber) has been observed multiple times launching his vessel from the BQS ramp. She said the sheriff will notify this individual that he is trespassing and that future steps may be taken to warn him not to return.

7. Donna DeToll spoke of future social plans for the association. She has planned a neighborhood yard sale for September 26th, which spots available at the clubhouse for those who want a table there. She is also planning a party the night of Halloween and a Christmas Party, which will be held December 12th.

8. Michael Goodrich-Stuart said our insurance policies are in force despite some difficulties in renewing our coverage earlier in the year.

9. Jerry Gorman noted that dues are being paid by most members and that the second notices being sent have been effective. He said that some delinquent members may be taken to court, however, and liens would be placed in their properties when necessary.

10. Frank Klein said that issues with the pool (one being a filtration problem earlier this summer) have been resolved. He told members that the board had voted to keep the pool open weekends through the end of September based on popular request.

11. Jerry Gorman asked the members to approve a change in the bylaws that had been described in the August newsletter. The proposed change would permit the described modifications to our billing procedures. The motion to approve the change to the bylaws as outlined in the newsletter was approved unanimously.

Member Time

1. Larry & Sue Roderer told the board of a pack of 2-3 loose dogs that has been seen in the Hampton area. Robert Morris had noticed these dogs, too. Some members said they were owned by individuals living outside Bay Quarter Shores. The Northumberland County Animal Control number was provided.

2. Gay Collier said she had undertaken an effort to collect trash in her walks, and asked others to help keep Bay Quarter Shores clean.

3. Norma Stotz asked members using Kaballero internet about the quality of their service from the company. Some members said they had no problems; others commented that the barn tower was “hit or miss” depending on weather and other conditions. Other members said that Verizon 3G service in the area can be spotty depending on location.

4. Several members introduced themselves and comment on their affection for Bay Quarter Shores. Among these folks were Bill & Cynthia Sweeney, Pam & John Ellis and John and Debbie Anderson, Ann Bush, and Jean & Jim Ince.

5. Lee Farmer wanted members to be aware of the safety issues being presented by golf carts driven by underage operators. He said two little girls made a u-turn into the path of an oncoming SUV towing a boat, which nearly hit them. He wanted members to know that anyone operating a golf cart must be a licensed driver. He also said that speeding has become a problem, with automobiles regularly surpassing the 25-mph limit that applies to all roads in Bay Quarter Shores. One driver, who is a habitual speeder, has been reported to the sheriff.

6. Bill Piggott, who along with his wife (Saddie) is a co-captain of the new Neighborhood Watch group, echoed Lee’s comments about speeding cars. Jennifer Troy-Black then took an informal poll to see how members felt about the possibility of putting in speed bumps. In general members seemed to oppose the concept due to liability issues and problems these obstacles presented to those towing boats. In addition, it was pointed out that most of the roads in Bay Quarter Shores are owned by the commonwealth of Virginia so the association could not modify them.

7. Roger Guy said he would look into the possibility of having BQS roads designated as having an additional \$200 fine for speeding. He said he believed doing so would require obtaining the signature of some number of residents of each road indicating their approval.

8. Virginia Pride wanted members to know of the positive reputation the association and neighborhood enjoys in the area and said she was proud to live in BQS.

9. Pam Ellis said her son was involved in an Eagle Scout project to place a soft surface below playground equipment to minimize the potential for injuries should a child fall. She wondered if BQS should put such a surface in place at its play structure and swings. Frank Stewart asked what she wanted put there. She mentioned that the Consumer

Product Safety Commission website offered advice on what materials would work for various situations. Members noted that a problem is that the area in question periodically floods and is subject to winds from off the Potomac River. Mulch tends to rot under these circumstances. Putting sand there instead could cause problems since it would be tracked into the pool and might damage the pump and filters. Pea gravel was noted as a possible surface that might work in our situation. No decision to proceed was made at this time, but members asked Ms. Ellis to have her son provide information to the board if possible.

10. Mark Barry asked that members who use the pier to moor their boats be sympathetic to people who own larger vessels. If you have a smaller boat, he and others who have boats which need deeper water would be grateful if you would use slips closer to shore. Another member mentioned that slips are available on a first-come, first-served basis and reminded all that no one may reserve a slip and that no boat may remain moored at the dock for longer than two weeks.

11. Bill Roberts wanted to thank the board for the way common areas are maintained, and said he appreciates them on his frequent walks around the grounds.

12. Members noted that the swing set near the pool is in need of having the bearings lubricated.

Election Results

1. Those counting ballots returned to the meeting and announced the results of the election for board. Winning seats were Gay Collier, Roger Guy and Bill Piggott, each of whom received 46 votes. One write-in vote each was received by John Collier and Dolly Lacy.

Return to Meeting

1. It was noted that Bay Quarter Shores was established in 1964, making 2009 the association's 45th anniversary. A cake honoring this event was included in the picnic following the meeting.

2, Chris Neale, of the Callao Volunteer Fire Department, spoke to members about the Knox Boxed his organization recommends. He suggested members consider purchasing and installing these devices, which are essentially small safes in which homeowners can leave a key to their property which is accessible only by fire and law enforcement personnel. Doing so makes it possible for these officials to enter a property without causing damage in the event an alarm is sounding or a fire is noted from outside. Mr. Neale also thanked the board for making it possible for his department to assist with the Independence Day celebration, and offered to participate again in the future.

3. Jennifer Troy-Black informed members that the next meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on October 10th, and that board member assignments will be discussed at that time. There

being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m. and was followed by a potluck picnic.