

**Bay Quarter Shores Association
Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes
May 23, 20009**

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m., Jennifer Troy-Black presiding.

Board members present: Donna deToll, Jerry Gorman, Jennifer Troy-Black, Robert Morris, Frank Klein, Richard Lacy, Michael Goodrich-Stuart; also present were approximately 40 members, including Dick & Evie Lee, Jean & Jim Ince, Curtis Black, Frank Stewart, John & Gay Collier, Virginia Pride, Edith ???, Bob Pugh, Tom Samples, R. Lee & Kim Farmer, John & Pam Ellis, Ann Bush, Gary Shavlik, Sam & Linda Chancellor, Mark Barry, Dolly Lacy, Roz Johnson, David & Frances Harvey, Clarissa & John Leonard, Larry & Sara Roderer, Bart Svoboda, Ada Michael, Rob Michael, Jr., Bud & Norma Stotz, Dee Martin, Mary Lou McFall, Gene Pendergraph and Roger Guy.

1. Minutes of the August 30, 2008, annual meeting were approved unanimously with no changes.

Old Business

1. Frank Klein gave a pool update. The anti-suction device required by federal law has been installed. Frank wishes to thank Frank Stewart and Mike Silagyi for their help in getting the pool repaired and brought up to standards.

2. Jennifer Troy-Black offered the board's thanks to Frank, Mike, Dick Lee and Jim & Jean Ince for their continual volunteer service to Bay Quarter Shores.

New Business

1. Jerry Gorman gave a financial report. Approximately \$20,000 in late dues has been collected since January 1; much of this money was used to make pool repairs. In a continued effort to collect past-due accounts, letters from the association's attorney are being mailed next week. Jerry noted that if a member's dues are unpaid, he/she is technically trespassing when using community facilities. Jerry listed current assets: \$48,000 in checking, \$83,000 in savings and \$34,000 in certificates of deposit. Jerry noted that the board hopes to avoid future special assessments and that our current financial circumstances remain good. He also noted that after a lengthy search on which he and Jennifer Troy-Black assisted Michael Goodrich-Stuart in getting a number of insurance companies to quote on our business, the association has renewed its insurance coverage within the budgeted amount. Frank Klein mentioned that the pool attendants have a list of members whose dues are not yet paid so they can deny entrance to those in arrears. Many times a member who is listed in this way will pay dues upon this notice. He asked that members treat the attendants with respect.

2. Jennifer Troy-Black talked about Neighborhood Watch and stressed that volunteers are needed. The push for Neighborhood Watch stems from some break-ins reported in the

community over the past few months. Jennifer asked that neighbors keep an eye out for unfamiliar people or anyone acting suspiciously. Thanks to a diligent and observant neighbor who reported a suspicious sight at the barn, the association was able to get 100% restitution for a break-in there when the criminals were caught by the sheriff. Jennifer asked that anyone interested in helping with a formal watch program contact her.

3. Richard Lacy gave an update on the small watercraft dock that is in the process of being permitted by authorities. This project arose due to concerns about safety on the swimming beach where motorized boats and personal watercraft were coming into close proximity to children and adult swimmers. There was also concern about PWCs taking up slips at the boat dock that would perhaps be more amenable to larger vessels. The board examined possible solutions to this issue and eventually decided to add dock space consisting of three catwalks designated for small watercraft on the upstream side of the current boat ramp. A committee of members including Richard Lacy and Robert Morris met with Sam Fisher of Fisher Marine to discuss the project. The permitting process is tricky so the board hired Nathan Moore to shepherd the permit. As of the meeting date, the permit has been approved by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) and the Army Corps of Engineers, and we are now awaiting approval from the Virginia Health Department. The state health department had some questions and we await their approval. Jeff Madden of VMRC told Richard that he is monitoring the situation for us. Final approval is expected next week. Upon approval, Sam Fisher will begin construction and hopes to have the job completed by the end of June.

Gene Pendergraph said he is concerned about personal watercraft safety and possible lawsuits. He suggests mitigating any potential hazards by adding sand to the upstream area where the new docks are to be installed. He also said he feels the current boat ramp is too small for today's larger boats. Robert Morris responded to Mr. Pendergraph, noting that the new dock is not specifically intended for PWCs; it can be used by kayaks, canoes and other smaller vessels. He said that adding sand had been considered but the idea was discarded because the bottom in the area is too shallow. Robert also asked anyone interested in assisting in projects such as this to volunteer; Gene said he would be happy to help out in the future.

Richard said, too, that new signs will be put in place at the board ramp and on new pilings warning boat operators that motorized vessels are not permitted on or near the beach. David Harvey said he was not overly concerned about PWC safety since most newer PWCs have vectoring handles that allow better slow-speed operation. He favors the addition of new docking space. Another member suggested we install "Use Area At Own Risk" signs to forestall lawsuits.

4. Jennifer Troy-Black gave an update on the phragmites (invasive plants) which Dick Lee and some other members have cut down. A controlled burn had been considered and might have taken place this summer, but the volunteers made it unnecessary. Jennifer said Lynton Land has offered to return and spray any emergent invasive plants with herbicide later this summer.

5. The board asked that any potential new members of the board of directors indicate their interest in serving. Jennifer requested of those attending that anyone with a commitment to the association attend board meetings and consider running for the board of directors.

6. Jennifer Troy-Black recognized Ada Michael whose husband, Bob, has recently passed away. A corner of the clubhouse library, which they have been instrumental in helping create, is being dedicated in their honor.

Member Time

1. Frances Harvey asked about the summer picnic policy and whether members could use the clubhouse over the summer for such events. She was told members are welcome to use the clubhouse and kitchen during the summer months but no private-party reservations are permitted during this period. She also mentioned a concern about skin cancer and wondered whether pool umbrellas could be provided. Members of the board expressed support for this idea. A member later offered to donate an umbrella.

2. A member asked for more information on the rash of break-ins. Jennifer explained that problems of this sort result from homes being vacant for long periods of time. Should a crime occur, it could be weeks or months before it is reported and by that time the trail has become cold. One of the recent crimes was probably not “a crime of opportunity” since a locked shed was compromised by thieves who removed an air conditioner from the wall to gain access and steal a motor which was chained to a boat. She emphasized the need for members to call the sheriff to report any suspicious activity. Northumberland County is a large land area with many peninsulas that make it difficult to patrol, so the police can use all the help they can get. She mentioned that “people of interest” are being sought by the sheriff. Should any members have observed two white men offering to do rip-rap and tree work, driving in a 1970s vintage truck, they are asked to contact the sheriff.

3. A member whose house was broken into on Hampton said the cul-de-sac area is an issue. She has noticed a dark, Suburban-like vehicle there which vanishes quickly before she can call the police. She asked if the board is considering security measures such as installing cameras. Jennifer Troy-Black noted that times are tough, which leads to crimes of this type, and encouraged vigilance. She urged members to get the license tag numbers of suspicious vehicles and concluded by noting that the board is looking into various responses which might include motion-activated cameras or other security measures.

4. A member asked for further explanation of the Neighborhood Watch concept. Jennifer said that a committee is being formed. The goal of this organization is to function as “eyes and ears” for law enforcement. She is collecting a list of volunteers and she urged anyone with an interest in serving to contact her. She asked for a show of hands of those who might be willing to join; 10-15 people indicated their interest. Frank Stewart offered several suggestions to deter would-be burglars: stop your mail when you are away; have

your lawn mowed; have a neighbor put a car in the driveway; install timers for lights in your home. Jennifer reiterated that members of neighborhood watch are advised not to personally approach suspects but should, rather, call the sheriff.

5. Dolly Lacy asked whether a boater leaving lines in a slip is in effect “reserving” the slip. Board members responded that all slips are first-come, first-served and that leaving a line to “mark a place” does not hold an empty slip. In other words, if you remove your vessel from a slip, it’s open to the next arriving vessel; should all spots be occupied when you return from your outing, be prepared to pull your boat from the water.

6. Bud Stotz apologized to the board and members for his inability to continue as a member of the board of directors. He regretfully offered his resignation from the board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:45 p.m. to be followed by a potluck picnic.