

**Bay Quarter Shores Association
Board Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Jennifer Troy-Black presiding.

Board members present: Michael Goodrich-Stuart, Richard Lacy, Frank Klein, Robert Morris, Jerry Gorman, Donna DeToll and Ruth Franck; also present were Dick Lee, Jim and Jean Ince, Mike Silagyi, Curtis Black, Bill and Saddle Piggott, Gay Collier and Thomas (Chris) Neale.

Guest Speaker

Captain Thomas C. Neale of the Callao Volunteer Fire Department spoke briefly to the board, thanking the association for inviting the fire department to assist with the July 4th festivities and for a donation made to the fire department. Mr. Neale mentioned that his organization is supporting the use of "Knox-Boxes" in Northumberland County. These devices are small locking boxes into which a homeowner can place a key to his/her property. A master key to all the boxes is held by the county sheriff and the fire department. In the event an alarm system is triggered or a neighbor smells smoke, the fire and police departments can access the key inside the Knox-Box to gain entry to the home without having to break down doors or windows. In addition, the county's 911 system will identify for the sheriff or firemen whether the home has a Knox-Box. This saves time for the responding authorities and money for the property owner. The cost of the box, which is affixed securely to the home, is \$185, and they are available through the Callao Volunteer Fire Department which can be reached by calling Mr. Neale at 804-529-5685.

Old Business

1. Jerry Gorman presented the financial report. He said the association is continuing to take aggressive steps to collect past-due accounts and cautioned the board that we may end up in court with some members. At present Jerry said we have approximately \$30,000 in checking, \$83,000 in savings and \$40,000 in laddered CDs with assets totaling \$172,876.05. Mike Silagyi asked if we are sending lien letters, and Jerry replied that we will begin placing actual liens within the next month. These are 20-year liens on properties, not one-year liens. The financial report was accepted unanimously.
2. Dick Lacy announced that the small watercraft slips have been completed and said no bill had yet been received from the construction company. There was some discussion about PWC owners wishing to park their vessels elsewhere or anchor them outside the designated swimming area. Robert Morris and Michael Goodrich-Stuart had spoken with members who did not want to use the small watercraft slips due to member concerns about their vessels bumping up against the wood. To allay their concerns, old firehouse will be affixed to the sides of the slips. In addition, we may install floating anchor buoys to which PWCs can be tied outside the swimming area to provide an alternative

anchorage. Conversation about boat storage continued with a discussion about members who had asked permission to rope off slips on the boat pier. They were told that all mooring spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis and that if they leave a slip they are making it available to others. Members are advised to see the rules and regulations about dock space and note the time limitations for use of the boat facilities. In particular members should note the two-week maximum limit for use of a slip. Also the board discussed the need for members to obtain BQS stickers for their vessels and trailers to avoid having them towed.

3. Donna DeToll gave a brief report on Independence Day events. About 200 people attended the potluck supper and the fireworks show was about 45 minutes long. She offered thanks to Mike Silagyi and the Callao Volunteer Fire Department for their help in setting off the display.

4. Officer nominations for the board election were discussed. Gay Collier has offered to run for the board and may be asked to consider also filling in the vacant term left by the resignation of Bud Stotz. His term had been set to expire in 2011. Jennifer Troy-Black asked other sitting board members about their terms. Jennifer, Frank Klein and Michael Goodrich-Stuart are all set to end their terms in 2010. Frank expressed the possible desire to give up responsibility for running the pool and campground this fall. Donna DeToll was set to expire in September 2009 but said she was willing to serve for another year. Jerry Gorman and Robert Morris have terms ending in 2011. Dick Lacy is set to end his term in September 2009 but may consider extending his term as well. Ruth Franck's term expires in September 2009. Nominees for board positions are still being sought.

New Business

1. Ruth Franck brought up the idea of conducting a survey of members in the upcoming newsletter to determine which of the association's amenities are most used to help gauge future priorities for spending. Board members agreed this would be valuable information to have and Ruth said she would put together such a survey in draft form for the newsletter.

2. Dick Lacy mentioned that Captain Bill Jenkins had passed on and wondered if it might be a benefit to members and to families of those who are departed to mention this in the newsletter. Some discussion about past practices took place, including mention of welcoming new members in the newsletter. Though some board members felt this would be good to include, others wondered about the feelings of families should their relatives be inadvertently omitted. No one volunteered to take on this responsibility.

3. Items for the coming newsletter are due by the August meeting and should be sent to Michael Goodrich-Stuart for proofreading. He will then forward to Jean and Jim Ince for inclusion in the newsletter. To be included are a ballot for officers, a flyer on the Labor Day picnic, the survey on amenities and a guest pass form that members could give to

visitors to place on their car dashboard. This form is being designed by **((PLEASE
FILL IN NAME))**).

4. The budget for next year is being developed. A committee consisting of Ruth Franck, Jennifer Troy-Black and Jerry Gorman will meet next Saturday (July 18) to work on the budget documents and to prioritize spending based on “must do,” “would like to do,” and “dream” status. Projected income for next year from dues is about \$145,000 and Jerry is seeking data on campground and pool revenues. Costs to be considered include pier and campground maintenance, the purchase of a new chain saw, tennis and basketball court renovations, dead tree removal, septic inspections, and possible upgrades to the campground bathhouse.

5. Minutes from the April 11 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

6. Jennifer presented the board with a draft document that members could place on boats, trailers and vehicles informing people of the need to obtain BQS stickers for boats and trailers and urging them to do so. She asked for comments on this document, which she plans to make available in the clubhouse for all to use as needed. Jerry offered his commendation to the officers who were assisting us in screening people at the boat launch over the Independence Day holiday. He also noted that stickers should be affixed to golf carts and ATVs as stated in the rules and regulations.

7. Frank Klein noted that the campground is being visited by many people on a last-minute basis which can sometimes cause him difficulties with his own schedule. Some discussion about other campground issues included concerns about guests of members overstaying their welcome in the facility and acting inappropriately. Mike Silagyi suggested the board considered adopting new rules concerning the length of stays in the campground to prevent this type of problem from recurring, perhaps limiting guests of members from staying more than a week at a time. This was briefly discussed but no further action was taken.

Member Time

1. Saddle Piggott inquired about the research that had been done concerning getting a fire hydrant. Jennifer told her that the water company had informed us that the system could not accommodate that level of water flow, but she noted that the Callao Volunteer Fire Department recommended the installation of a dry hydrant which would draw water from the Potomac River. She said that three feet of water depth is required for such a hydrant. Some board members agreed to look into this possibility further.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.