

Arboretum Community Association
Homeowners Meeting
Saturday, November 5, 2016
Arboretum Clubhouse - 11 AM

MINUTES

President Bob Hittinger called the Arboretum Community Association Annual Homeowners Meeting to order at 11 a.m. Board members present: Bob Hittinger, Sharon Remaly, E Gifford Stack, and Pat Wells. Board members absent: None.

ROLL CALL - Bob requested a roll call of ACA lot owners. Present either in person or via proxy were 69 ACA lot owners.

MINUTES FROM 2015 ANNUAL MEETING - Bob asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2015, ACA Annual Homeowners Meeting. Sharon so moved, Pat seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - Sharon stated there are three candidates running for the three available seats: Martyn Clarke, Frank Lisnow, and Jim Plant. Bob asked members to cast their votes. Sharon and two members of her committee took the ballots away for counting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Bob recognized the numerous volunteers who helped our homeowners association during the past 12 months. A copy of his report begins on the following page. He extended special recognition and appreciation to Jack Drum, John Wall, and Jerry Johnson. Sharon expressed thanks on behalf of the community to Bob for his hard work as president again this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Sharon gave the financial report in the absence of Tom Kehoe. The financial condition of the ACA as of October 31: Operating Fund balance of \$48,350 and the Capital Items Fund balance of \$134,902. There are no outstanding dues payments. The planned budget for 2017 is estimated to be \$121,720 (\$80,320 for operating expenses and \$41,400 for capital items). The Board accepted the Financial Report.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE - Jerry Johnson, Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee said he did not have a presentation, but would take questions. There were none. Jerry stated the committee is prepared to move forward into 2017.

ELECTION RESULTS - Bob announced the newly elected Board members were Martyn Clarke, Frank Lisnow, and Jim Plant. All will serve a two-year term.

OPEN DISCUSSION, Q&As - None.

ADJOURN - At 11:33 a.m., E Gifford made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Sharon and passed unanimously. Bob thanked everyone for attending and asked they enjoy the lunch hosted by the Social Committee.

(Submitted by E. Gifford Stack, Secretary, ACA BOD)

President's Report

This report is all about you, the volunteers and the backbone of the Arboretum Community. I always feel that you don't get enough recognition, so here goes:

Treasurer - Tom Kehoe -----After talking about Tom for the last 14 years, I think I am finally running out of reasons to praise him. He has done it all for the Arboretum. Thanks, Tom.

Landscape- - Jim Czekalski ----- Jim, thank you for all your years of service to the Arboretum, they have been greatly appreciated.

Arboretum Directory – Bill Loyd ----- Thanks to Bill for keeping us updated with a new directory every month. It is greatly appreciated.

Reservations – Bo Plant ----- What can I say about Bo except please don't ever give up reservations.

Security – John Wall ----- John is old reliable, working on Security since 2004. John, thank you.

Clubhouse Manager – Rich Walsh ----- Rich has done a great job of keeping the clubhouse in top shape for many years. Rich, your time is well appreciated.

Arch. Review Committee – Frank Sansone, Trudy Wells, Jerry Johnson, Jack Drum, and Geoff Lubsen ----- Every year I say the same thing, that this committee has the toughest job in the community with not enough praise. Well, here it is. The Arboretum thanks you.

Social Committee – Sharon Remaly, Karen Lisnow, Deborah Ahlers, Debbie Drum, Gretchen Koch, Inez Wall, Jeanne Campbell, Juliette Sansone, Karen Walsh, Kathie Lubsen, Sue Clarke. ----- To each and every committee member, thank you for the job you do hosting affairs for the Arboretum, especially the spring yard sale.

Insurance – Sharon Remaly, Kathie, Lubsen ----- Sharon and Kathie, once again have kept us upgraded with the best insurance policies. We are grateful to you both.

Audit – Dutch O Connell ----- Again, Dutch has audited our financial books as he has done for many years. Our thanks to you.

Arboretum Website – Jim Plant ----- Jim has done an outstanding job with our community website. He has kept the site virus clean. Thanks Jim.

Sunshine Committee – Sylvia Swanson, Juliette Sansone, Debbie Drum, and recently retired Sarah Williams ----- Thank you from the whole community for reaching out to new neighbors with your warmth on their becoming Arboretum residents.

Legal Advice – Rob Serra ----- I only had to call on Rob once this past year and he jumped right in to help me with the right answers. Thanks, Rob.

Caswell Plantation – Frank Bausch ----- Once again, the Captain has kept the Arboretum well informed of the goings on in Caswell Plantation. We thank you Frank.

Pool/Spa - Rob Clarke, Janie Schepker, Steve DeFlavio, Peter Koch ----- The pool team has done a great job of keeping the pool and spa up to standards so that we can enjoy. Thank you.

Energy Savings Committee – Jerry Johnson, Jack Drum, Anh Pham Baginski, Mike Reaves, Jack Cowling ----- This committee has worked very hard to make upgrades to our clubhouse. Having new insulation put in, installing a new heater in the poolroom, and having new windows installed in the poolroom. Thanks to you all, especially Jack Drum who actually spends more time in the building than I do.

Beautification – Karen Walsh, Barbara Domen, Juliette Sansone, Karen Lisnow, Mary Bausch, Jack Cowling. ----- We have big expectations from our Beautification Committee in 2017 on our roadway islands . We all appreciate the time and effort that will be spent to upgrade our community.

Building and Grounds – Jack Cowling, Jim Plant, Jerry Johnson, Martyn Clarke, Rob Clarke, Bob Ahlers, Bob Baginski, Anh Pham Baginski, Gifford Stack, Frank Sansone, Bill Loyd, Frank Lisnow -----These individuals save the community large sums of money each year by volunteering their services for many projects. Our appreciation to you all.

This next person stands out all by himself. I would like to take this time to recognize Jack Cowling for all that he has contributed to the Arboretum this past year. No one devotes more time to serving the community. Jack, you have my sincerest appreciation and thanks for all you do.

Telephone Chain – Barbara Domen, Sharon Remaly, Barbara Kehoe, Leddy Polity, Cynthia Hill, Karen Harvey, Joan Smidlein, Marti Hardy, Sylvia Swanson, and Mary Lou Green----- This group of residents is always on the ready to notify the community of any important happenings in the Arboretum and in Caswell Beach. Thanks to you all.

I couldn't finish without recognizing the Board of Directors. This Board has had quite a few decisions to make during the past year and they handled them very professionally. There was always someone to step up and take the lead on a project. My sincere thanks to Bob Baginski, Jeanne Campbell, Sharon Remaly, and our departing Secretary and part time clubhouse manager, Gifford Stack. Also to Pat Wells these last 2 months.

Oh, one last resident – our Mayor Deborah Ahlers, who was always there to help us when we needed assistance. Thank you from the Arboretum Community.

This year like last, I would like to introduce 2 residents that deserve special recognition but, I had to add this person. He has been living in the Arboretum for about 3 1/2 years. He is a member of the ARC, is the liaison for the Energy Committee with all the contractors and suppliers.

This person literally lives in the clubhouse with his bed in the Security room. He is here morning, noon, and night trying to solve our energy problems. I believe we would be in deep trouble if not for him.

Let me introduce and say thank you to Jack Drum.

The second person moved here to the Arboretum in 2001. He has been a mainstay in the community and I believe deserves this recognition.

He has been a member of Building and Grounds, and was an Executive Board member for many years. He served as Vice President of the Arboretum, and was the treasurer of

Caswell Sewer Service. He returned to the Board by appointment and served three more years.

This person has been doing Arboretum Security along with me since 2005. Over the years he has volunteered for many projects. He is another resident that has helped make this community what it is today. Let me say thank you to JOHN WALL.

The next person I would like to introduce is a resident that always tells me he is getting younger and I'm beginning to believe him. He has been living in the Arboretum since 1999 and has participated in many Arboretum projects.

He is a member of Building and Grounds, and was the Chairperson of the ARB . This gentleman worked on the upgrade for the Covenants and Bylaws, took over the Presidency of Caswell Sewer Service during the changeover, was in charge of the Pool/spa for many years, is now the Chairperson of the Energy Committee upgrading the clubhouse, and is Chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee. It is my pleasure to present to you, JERRY JOHNSON.

In closing, let me say that we live in the best little community because of all of our volunteers.

Thank you for your support over these past years that I have been able to serve you.

Bob Hittinger