

# CHESOPEIAN COLONY CIVIL LEAGUE MEETING

April 27, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Todd Lovelace at the Foundry United Methodist Church.

There were 16 in attendance. New residents were introduced and welcomed to the Colony.

Secretary's report: The minutes from the 1-21-10 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: As of today, 152 residents out of 263 have paid their dues. Current balances are as follows:

Checking account General Fund	\$9264.41
Checking account Scholarship Fund	<u>455.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9719.41

Saving Account Balance	
Scholarship	\$1238.22
Fence	825.40
General	<u>\$3610.64</u>
TOTAL	\$5674.26

The \$455 scholarship money in the General fund will be transferred to the Savings Account. The fence was built years ago by HQ and separated the Colony on the west side. The fence was turned over to the civic league and funds are kept in a separate account for maintenance and repairs. BJ indicated some repairs will soon be needed.

BJ reported the Garden Club paid for a new sprinkler head to accommodate the knockout roses and bushes they planted.

Treasurer's report approved as presented.

## Committee Reports:

- Security Captain – Ron Hess said fortunately, there was not much to report. There were some complaints of a group of kids gathering after dark and harassing some neighbors on E. Kings. A report has been received by police concerning the increased number of thefts of large screen TV's. The perpetrators knock on the front door and if no one answers, go to the back and break in. Ron stated there are 23 block captains and a resident's assigned captain can be found in the front of the directory. He encouraged all residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior.
- Newsletter – Bill Thesier is the new editor. The format was changed so it could be put on the website. He encouraged residents to submit articles in Microsoft Word format. Advertisements are accepted at a cost of \$30 for businesses/adults and \$15 for youth. The next newsletter will be distributed June 12-13, 2010.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July – Janet Webster said we are in the pre-planning stage. As of now the DJ, Fire and Rescue have been reserved. Volunteers are needed for food service, judging, street monitors, games, set up and clean up. We will probably need to schedule a street monitor training for new volunteers.
- Website – Todd said John Davis has taken over the website. He has experience in developing and maintaining sites and owns the software. He would like historical information and pictures of the colony so if you have something to share, please call John or Todd.
- Garden Club – no representative was present but BJ said new plants have been purchased for the front and as previously noted; a new sprinkler head was installed and paid for by the club.
- Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations – Kevin Duffan and Todd attended the last meeting. Jim Spore, City Manager, presented the budget and questions were accepted from the audience. There were five areas that were voted on; however, they were "recommendation" votes and not "action" votes. Kevin would like to see the VBCCO representative have direct input

from colony residents before these types of votes are taken in the future. Hopefully, a link on the colony website can be used for that purpose. Kevin requested a volunteer take over duties of VBCCO representative because of his involvement with the dredging committee. \*After the meeting was adjourned, Jeff May, a new resident, volunteered to be the representative. Way to step up to the plate, Jeff! Thanks to Kevin for his representation on the council.

- Clean the Bay Day (June 5<sup>th</sup>) – Ron Hess said volunteers should meet at the boat ramp on Queen Anne Rd. at 9 a.m. No sign up is necessary, just show up ready to work. Shallow draft boats are needed as well as foot soldiers to clean the banks. The cub scouts may be helping, although those arrangements have not been finalized. The Board approved purchasing a "Clean the Bay" patch for the scouts if they help. WAWA has donated water for the volunteers.
- Shred Day – The second annual event will be on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The location of the shredding truck has not been decided. All residents are encouraged to get rid of old records and invite friends, family and small businesses to do the same. Donations will be accepted to help offset the cost to the civic league. Paper clips are ok but no cardboard or plastic can be shredded.

#### Old Business:

- Todd encouraged all new residents to keep their block captains advised of email addresses. They are important for security bulletins as well as sending notices for lost animals, children, etc.
- A reminder that the post office will hold a food drive on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Carter Dewey, our postman, and his wife will be collecting donations. Please leave a bag of canned goods and non-perishables on your front step. Carter has expressed his gratitude and amazement at the outpouring of generosity shown by the colony residents.
- Code violations – Todd reminded everyone that the civic league is not a code enforcer as there were no covenants or deed restrictions when you purchased your home. All violations need to be reported to the city or through vb.gov.com.

#### New Business:

- Todd said someone has started a Facebook page for the colony but no one seems to know how it was started.
- There have been complaints about the rental house on the trail that is owned by Carolyn Ditttrick. Annette Thompson said much work needs to be done and Carolyn has until the end of June to have all work completed. Repairs took a back seat after Carolyn lost her husband.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Thesier  
Secretary