

CHESOPEIAN COLONY CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

February 16, 2011

President Todd Lovelace called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. There were 18 residents in attendance.

Secretary's report: A motion was passed to waive a public reading of the minutes since all in attendance received a copy. Minutes approved. Susie reminded everyone that the minutes are posted on the website soon after our civic league meetings.

Treasurer's report: 201 out of 263 residents paid their dues for FY 2010-2011.

Checking Account General fund	\$3628.62
Savings Account Balance:	
Scholarship	\$1318.22
Fence fund	800.42
General	<u>3557.74</u>
TOTAL	\$5676.38

2010 expenditures are within budget. The fiscal year ends on 2/28/11. Since the last newsletter was delivered, 60 residents have paid their dues for 2011-2012.

BJ said we are in the process of updating our directory as block captains confirm resident information. Bids went out for grounds maintenance at the front and a new company was awarded the contract. Treasurer's report approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

- Security - There was a break-in on East Kings on 2/15/11 sometime between 6-9 pm. The invader came through an open door in the back of the house. A bike and cash from a piggy bank was taken. Another incident occurred on Chesapeake Trail the same evening. The perpetrator entered a rear sun porch but was unable to gain entrance to the main house. The police were called on both cases, but no one has been caught. Earlier in the month, someone was seen going through cars on Sandy Valley Ct. The police were called and a chase ensued but the suspect got away. There was also a home invasion/hostage situation on Queen Anne and fortunately, the police arrested the suspect. Todd suggested residents keep their bushes and trees trimmed, home well lit and install motion detectors. Newspapers laying in the driveway alert others that no one is home. Please stay vigilant and report anything unusual.
- Newsletter - Bill Thesier, newsletter editor, said he welcomes articles from all residents and ask that they be submitted 2-3 weeks before the next civic league meeting. The dates are published on the website. He requests all articles be submitted as a Word document. Resident business owners can advertise in the newsletter.
- 4th of July Party - Janet Webster will be soliciting volunteers in the next few months.
- Website - John Davis is doing a tremendous job maintaining the Colony's website. He welcomes digital pictures from all residents. BJ has old newsletters and some history that he will give to John to post. Betty submitted much of the historical data and said it is important that the minutes reflect and the Board knows who is maintaining the material. As of right now, it is BJ. The website is www.chesapeakecolonycivicleague.org.

- Garden Club - Betty said they have had a very active year. They are planning another yard sale for the spring to raise money. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Betty. In addition to buying plants to maintain the front entrance, the Garden Club supports others such as the Plaza Rescue Squad.
- Colony Beautification - No report.
- Clean the Bay Day - Last year was a tremendous success with the help of the boy scouts. Todd will check with Tom McLaughlin to see if he will again take charge of the event.
- Shred Day - The last event did not produce a very good turnout. The Board decided not to host the event this year. The idea will be revisited for 2012.
- Council of Civic Organizations - There is currently no representative from the Colony. If anyone is interested, please notify Todd.
- Scholarship - The notice was inadvertently left out of the current newsletter. Susie will send out a mass email with the Scholarship committee notice. Todd will also place a sign at the front entrance.

Old Business:

- Dredging - The Dredging Company met with the Deputy City Manager who is very enthusiastic on the idea of SSD (special service district). The city estimates 161 properties in the Colony would be affected or 93 million in assessments. This includes 20 properties on the west and 20 properties on the east that are not in the Colony but touch the arm of the river. There is currently no information on how much spoil is needed to take out or the tax assessment. Right now, there are two other neighborhoods ahead us. The city expects to have more information by the end of February. 2014 would be the earliest dredging would commence. If you would like further information, go to the VBgov website and click on Hot Topics - neighborhood dredging. Kevin Duffan said the Dredging Company is aware that residents have questions about the money they put up several years ago. As of now, they do not know if any of the money can be returned after paying the attorney fees.

New Business:

- Elections - Ron Hess announced the nominations for the 2011-2012 Officers:
 Todd Lovelace - President
 Janet Webster - Vice-President
 BJ Taylor - Treasurer
 Susie Thesier - Secretary

There were no nominations from the floor. All were voted in for a one year term.

Nominations for open Director's positions:

- George Coleman - 3 years
- Megan Gawne - 3 years

There were no nominations from the floor. Both were elected to serve their terms.

- Todd has information on bulk ticket prices for the Tides baseball games. If anyone is interested, please call Todd.
- Todd reminded everyone to be vigilant of children riding bikes and running in the streets. Betty reminded folks of the child who was killed in the neighborhood years ago when he rode his bike in front of a car.

- Betty questioned the neighborhood policy of real estate signs posted around the Colony. Todd said the civic league has no authority to regulate signs on private property. Any resident can call the city to report violations on city property.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Thesier
Secretary