

**Shorewood Estates Civic Association (SECA)  
Annual Meeting  
February 22, 2020 at Kim and Brad Righi's Home**

Kim Righi called the Meeting to order at 9:10AM

**Attendees:** *Kim & Brad Righi, Tom & Chris Bowden, Tom & Helma Curtiss, Linda Gaydos, Cindy Hamilton, Clem Herbst, Bill Irish, Mike & Julie Klapproth, John Lytwynec, Bryan Matthews, Ed & Pat Oceanic, Jim Pileggi, Doug Porter, Greg & Debbie Reed, Jeff & Gail Russell, Don Ruth, Jay Sawyer, Friedrich Schmidt, Gary Sorelle, Al & RoseMarie Tate, Barry Treftz, Allan Tucker, Doug & Sue Uhl, Diane Wright*

Kim welcomed everyone to the Meeting and thanked the 2019 Board of Directors Members for their efforts and dedication throughout the year. She acknowledged the Board Members' years of service to our community – Jeff Russell 11 years, Linda Gaydos 5 years, Rob Moxley/Jason Conner/Kim Righi 4 years, Bill Irish 3 years, and Bryan Matthews/Don Ruth 1 year.

**Agenda Items:**

- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Report
- Nominations and Election of Officers for 2020 Board of Directors
- Dock Repairs and Maintenance – 2020 and 2021
- Shorewood Estates 2020 Budget
- Shorewood Estates 2020 Membership Dues
- Other Business
  - Driving Speed and Safety
  - Additional Boat Slips at Boat Dock
- New Business
- Slip Lottery Drawing

**Treasurer's Report – Linda Gaydos**

- Current balances (as of 02/21/2020)
  - Checking \$220.81
  - Savings \$19,713.31\*
  - Total \$19,934.12

\*Includes initial 1/3 payment (\$6400) to Northern Bay Boat Lifts for Phase II Boat Dock replacement in process

- THANKS to Claire Hancock for auditing our 2019 finances on January 23, 2020 including Checking account/Savings account bank statements, check register, and receipts; All accounts were in order.

**Membership Report – Linda Gaydos**

- Membership Dues were paid by 61 property owners and/or renters in 2019, that's 76% of 80 available properties (5 more than 2018), and may be an all-time high number of participants. THANK YOU to all who contributed and joined!

**Nominations and Election of Officers for 2020 Board of Directors – Kim Righi**

- Returning Board Members – Kim Righi (President), Don Ruth (Vice President), Linda Gaydos (Secretary), Jeff Russell (Past President), and Bryan Matthews (Member-at-Large)
- Nominations for Treasurer: RoseMarie Tate
- Nominations for new Members-at-Large: John Lytwynec, Ed Oceanic, Doug Uhl
- Members-at-Large Jason Conner, Bill Irish, and Rob Moxley are stepping down; A BIG THANK YOU to Jason, Bill, and Rob for their commitment and service to our neighborhood
- Based on his 11 years of service on the Board in various capacities including the last 3 as Past President, Kim recommended allowing Jeff to step down (another BIG THANK YOU to Jeff for his years of dedication and invaluable service to our community); Board will function w/out a Past President for 2020
- Doug Uhl motioned to approve 2020 slate of Directors; Bill Irish 2<sup>nd</sup> motion; All present confirmed w/ show of hands; 1 Yes vote by e-mail proxy

### **Dock Repairs and Maintenance – Kim Righi**

- Discussed obtaining Membership approval now for Boat Dock Replacement Phase III & IV (T-Pier) in 2021, and schedule work w/ Northern Bay Boat Lifts to be completed prior to 2021 boating season
- Suggested it is best to complete Phase III (one side of T-Pier) and Phase IV (other side of T-Pier) together based on safety concerns – dock level changes between newly rebuilt/raised dock sections and section remaining to rebuild presents potential safety hazard
- After discussion, decided to complete Phase III & IV at the same time as a single project if funds are available; Otherwise delay Phase III & IV until 2022 (even w/ potential for cost increase), or implement creative approaches to fund this 'once in 20 years' project, e.g., obtain loan from Membership, accept pre-payment of future Membership Dues, continue to raise Membership and Slip Dues, continue Dock Fund raffles and other fund raisers, obtain loan from People's Bank
- Last major Boat Dock repair work was in 1992 when Hurricane Andrew caused the pond dam to breach and caused significant damage to Boat Dock ; Recollection was that repairs for dam and Boat Dock rebuild was approximately \$60,000 at that time; Boat Dock was re-decked in 2000
- De-icer was installed at Anchorage Beach Dock w/ seasonal electric power
- Additional \$2029 was raised for Dock Fund in 2019 thru the generosity of our residents (donations and 50/50 raffles)
- Phase II (end of Phase I out to T-Pier) almost complete – if weather permits, should be completed week of February 24
- Ed Oceanic motioned to approve Phase III & IV Boat Dock replacement before the 2021 boating season commences April 1st (approximately \$11,000); Doug Uhl 2<sup>nd</sup> motion; Majority agreed w/ show of hands, 4 opposed

### **Shorewood Estates 2020 Budget – Kim Righi**

- Reviewed normal operating budget assuming \$100/\$125/\$150 Dues for 2020 (attached) w/ increased Slip Dues already helping to replenish Dock maintenance funds; Slip Dues will increase \$100 per slip for the third time in 2021 as voted by Membership at 2019 Meeting to help pay for rebuild
- Discussed developing a longer-term budget to better manage significant and/or unexpected expenses, e.g., 3-5 year w/ annual review and approval
- Jeff Russell motioned to approve 2020 Budget at \$150 Dues level; Barry Treftz 2<sup>nd</sup> motion; All present agreed w/ show of hands, 1 opposed; 1 Yes vote/1 No vote by e-mail proxy

### **Shorewood Estates 2020 Membership Dues – Kim Righi**

- Dues have been \$100/year since 2015, and are significantly less than several surrounding communities; At the 2019 General Meeting, Membership voted to increase Dues to \$150/year in 2020
- Our Dues are voluntary and generally cover costs for mowing (common areas and along Shorewood Rd starting at the beginning of Shorewood Estates), landscaping, grounds-keeping, incidentals, and insurance premium
- Several members felt that \$150 was not enough of an increase and suggested setting dues at \$200 in light of current budget deficit; Much thoughtful discussion ensued regarding pros and cons of doubling Dues in one year
- Membership and Slip Dues alone do not cover Boat Dock rebuild costs, so a Dock Fund was started in 2019 to help defray short-term costs of this 'once in 20-years' project
- Jeff Russell motioned to increase Dues to \$150; Doug Uhl 2<sup>nd</sup> motion; All present approved w/show of hands, 1 opposed; 1 Yes vote/1 No vote by e-mail proxy

### **Other Business – Kim Righi**

- Driving Speed and Safety – Be safe, use a flashlight when walking at dusk/night, consider affixing reflective tape to clothes (Jeff Russell has lots) or wearing reflective vest / light-colored clothing; MD county road speed limit is 25mph; Don Ruth offered to reach out to county to request speed evaluation and possibly install new speed limit signs along Shorewood Rd for clarity
- Building additional slips at Boat Dock is possible; Water is deep enough to add 2 slips (approximately \$2000 each); Consider extending T-Pier beyond slip 4; What permits are required? Continue to research

### **New Business – All**

- Jeff Russell / Kim Righi – ShoreRivers is conducting a fresh water mussels study; Mussels (fresh water) clean water better than oysters (salt water); Study involves installing ropes for existing MD native mussels (Eastern Elliptio, Dark False) to cling and grow; Won't interfere w/ boats as ropes will be under Boat Dock;

15 sites up/down Sassafras River are participating; Don't get the wine and garlic out just yet – these mussels are not edible.....

- Jim Pileggi – Spartan Alumni Band Big Band (non-profit, self-funded) will play outdoors at Jim's (32108 Shorewood Rd) on Sunday June 7 from 2-3:30PM; Bring chairs, beverages, snacks, and \$\$ contribution to show appreciation help band members w/ travel costs; Listen to ballads, big band sound, pop, and rock; Will cancel if it rains; **Any song requests? – Contact Jim ASAP**
- Allan Tucker – Galena Lions Club Golf Tournament; \$125 all inclusive (fees, meal, cart); Looking for a foursome; Sponsor a hole for \$125; Chestertown County Club, Tuesday May 26 at 9AM; Fund raiser for Lions Club – contact Allan Tucker w/ questions or to sign-up
- Gail Russell – South Pacific at The Everett in Middletown; Show dates May 8-10 and 15-17
- Doug Porter – The Fantasticks at The Garfield Center for the Arts in Chestertown featuring our own Doug Porter; 3 weekend shows April 17 – May 3

Kim adjourned the Meeting at 10:30AM w/ a motion to adjourn by Doug Uhl; Barry Treftz 2<sup>nd</sup> motion; All present agreed w/ 'aye'

### Slip Lottery Drawing

- There were 9 applications for 9 slips so all applicants were awarded a slip
- Balance of payment for Slip Dues **must be received by March 25, 2020 along w/ Proof of Liability Insurance and Membership Dues.**
- Lottery Results:

Slip #1 = Buyse	Slip #2 = Hancock	Slip #3 = Farinacci
Slip #4 = Reed	Slip #5 = Oceanic	Slip #6 = Uhl
Slip #7 = Beachy	Slip #8 = Bowden	Slip #9 = Porter
- Congratulations to all!

THANKS AGAIN to Kim and Brad for hosting!

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Gaydos, SECA Secretary