

March 6, 2018

Bob Ashton and the POASI Board:

I am writing this because I did not receive a direct answer to my proposal as you had indicated to me that I would at the January Board Meeting. I noticed that you did not post my proposal as part of the January minutes, but you did mention your response to my proposal.

After the February meeting, I was informed by an attendee that this matter will likely not be further addressed by the Board.

I am asking that the Board treat the non-marina holders equally to the marina holders by charging the marina holders the same cost for the marina slips, that non-marina holders must pay for valet at Ambrose. I am not asking that anyone give up their marina spot. I am not asking for any changes to how the marina has historically been allocated. I am not asking for market-based slip prices, which are now over \$3,000 per summer.

I was not given time to provide answers to the board's 20-minute counter argument to my 10-minute presentation in January. Here are my thoughts:

The board's key argument at the meeting seemed to be that you can't legally charge more for the marina than the cost. This, of course, is not true. You have been charging more for the marina than cost for many years, recently raising it. We are really arguing for what is a fair charge to create equal-participation among all Suissevale home owners. Under the current rates, non-marina slip owners are paying fees about \$112 more per year, subsidizing slip owners.

In addition (and in the January minutes), you point out that other lake HOA's are changing less for their slips. This a diversion argument. Non-marina holders do not care what other HOAs charge for their slips; we care how other HOA's create equal-participation of benefits among all their homeowners. How do they collect fees? What do they spend their money on? How do they charge for water? How do they assure that all homeowners are assessed fairly? How do homeowners get the full value of their homes when they sell? That would be a better and more enlightening study to carry out.

Given the board's reluctance to completely present my proposal to the membership and to gauge the membership's approval/disapproval, I am asking that we put the question up for a vote to the entire Suissevale community.

The question to pose to the membership could be something like: Should the price of a slip at the Suissevale Marina be \$795 lower than the valet slips at Ambrose Marina, and thereby be subsidized by all Suissevale homeowners?

What steps do I, or any interested member, need to take to put this question to the entire Suissevale membership?

Best,

John Hawkins