

Minutes

Board meeting

DATE

March 3, 2025

TIME

6:30 PM at Troop 3

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY

Erik Warner

IN ATTENDANCE

27 Fairfield Farm Residence, Joe Hutter, Jerry Cusick, Alexis Walters, Erik Warner, Monica Harrison, Carol Bilas, Bob and Susan McMullen, Grace Pau, Michael and Deborah Wright, Dottie and Rich Harper, Ray and Sheri Ott, Carol Apgar, Pell and Erik Warner, Michelle Bolger, Michele Buckler, Jack and Kathy Askin, Roger and Paul Hollopeter, Mary Rose D'Aununzio, Kara and John Graham, Invited special guest – Lt. Michael Dill, from Delaware State Police

BOARD Michele Buckler - President, Martin Nunlee – Vice President, Joe Hutter – Treasurer (Herb Konowitz stepped down since he is moving), Monica Harrison – Sectary and Communications, Roger Hollopeter- Safety, Eric Warner- Facilitator

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recently it has been brought to our attention that there are a few Tier 3 Sex Offenders in very close proximity to our Fairfield Farms development which has raised much concern especially with our residents with children and grandchildren.

Lt. Michael Dill, Deputy Troop 3 Commander from Delaware State Police, stated that the DSP has a great The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R.) He also discussed the rights of residents and offenders in this matter. He explained what the different tiers. He also stated Fact People Search and Family Watch Dog are also good resources.

Monica Harrison, former school counselor, stated that she had a “Stranger Danger” video that she showed at her school. She offered to lend it to anyone in the neighborhood who may be interested. She also stated that if we were interested, we could have it as a group viewing

- Michele has put a link on the FFCA.info website to the Delaware Sex Offender Registry. So that we can find out more information regarding these individuals.
- Another pressing issue that has been ongoing is the female Rottweiler dog that has been running at large and has shown aggressive behavior towards many of our residents. This is especially concerning given that seniors, individuals with physical challenges, and children live in the area and frequently walk, play, and bicycle along these streets. Delaware has a leash law, but the owners have not been near when the dogs run at large. We thought that the problem was solved when the owners put up a tall fence, however, the dog(s) (Male Pitbull also lives at the residence) have still been getting out. Animal Control has been called and has responded numerous times. Letters 4-3-2024 and certified letters 5-7-2024 were sent to the owner as well as the tenant regarding this matter on behalf of the FFCA Board.
- Lt. Dill also spoke about the dog issue. He stated that everyone has a right to protect themselves from animals, pepper spray works very well.
- Michele Buckler stated that she spoke to Lt. Jessica Kramer from Delaware Animal Services earlier on March 3. Michele reported to the group that Delaware Animal Services does not have much information on this dog. She stated that perhaps people have been calling the SPCA Animal Control which handles Dover. However, Fairfield Farms are considered outside of the city limits. We should be calling Delaware Animal Services phone number 302-255-4546. We can also report through their website and email. We can make anonymous complaints through the website. She stressed that we need to call and document each time that we see the dog(s) out of the yard without a leash. It is very important to take photos or video with a date and time stamp if possible. Since there needs to be proof. They cannot issue any citations without proof. To dates she disclosed that she has been to the residence on three occasions once for a wellness check and the other two times due to complaints and said that citations have been issued to the family. Michele will put a link to Delaware Animal Services on the FFCA website under resources.
- Joe Hutter did the Treasure Report
- Roger Hollopeter stated that we need more people interested in the Crime Watch. That there is a Crime watch meeting at Kent County Administration Building located at 555 S. Bay Road in Dover, DE, on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm. The meeting is held in the Levy Court Chambers which is on the second floor to the left of the stairs or elevator. We also need Street Captains.
- Michele Buckler also added that part of South Fairfield Street had an area that was crumbling. DelDot was contacted and as of Feb 28,, 2025 a patch has been put over the area to stop it from continuing.
- It was also pointed out the DelDot came and cleared the streets during the last two snowstorms.

OLD BUSINESS

We need more people interested in the Crime Watch. We also talked about needing Street Captains. And what their responsibilities would be. (listed on the 9-24-24 meeting slide 21) Possibly implementing a phone tree. With Herb Konowitz moving we also have a vacant space on the board according to our bylaws we need 7 board members

Dues of \$25.00 or contribution are coming due, as per our original bylaws. This money goes towards covering our operation expenses. Checks can be made out to Fairfield Farms Civic Association. If you have already paid that will go toward this year's dues.

Events: Community Spring Yard will be Friday and Saturday May 9-10, 2025 from 8 AM - Noon. Rain or Shine
In 2025 we are still planning on doing the Friday night Glow Rides, Sunday Sunset Strolls, Fall Community Yard Sale, and Flags out for Freedom event. I am hoping that we can add more events to the list this year
There were also some rumbles about doing a block party for National Neighborhood Day Sept 21, 2025.
However, we need volunteers to plan and coordinate this event.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2025 at Troop 3 at 6:30 PM

Monica Harrison donated cookies and water for the March 3, 2025 Meet and Greet Meeting.

Additional Note:

Monica Harrison provided some online resources for more information about Stranger Danger. You can do a search "Stranger Safety for kids" is what you search for Safe Side Stranger Safety, Safe Side Super Chick, on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muWBtQrYvrM> by John Walsh or someone else. There are many great videos out there on this subject. Another good one is How to Teach Kids Stranger Safety <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygixKgwUog>