

SACHEM'S HEAD ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Alice Lee at 7:30 PM. Present were Board members Joe Anastasio, Peter Dickinson, Peter Fitton, Jane Gresham, Mary Alice Lee, Joe Weissberg and Matt Wilson. Absent were members Bob Davidson and Corinne Wilson. Ms. Lee chaired the meeting and Mr. Dickinson acted as secretary.

Mary Alice presented her President's report:

- 1, Falcon Road repair at the beach should be completed in one week (with luck).
2. The walk of the SHA properties was done on April 27. Mary Alice will write to the Fascitellis and Rothbergs about landscaping encroachment on SHA property.
3. SHA members Steve Drew and Kristin Sing have requested permission to use the Tennis court parking lot for guests on June 15 and June 22, respectively. These requests were unanimously granted.
4. Mary Alice has communicated with SHYC Commodore Peter Ginz requesting that he remind SHYC members about a) speed limits in SHA, b) parking restrictions, c) use of the SHA dinghy float at the Landing is limited to SHA residents only, and d) use of the Landing launching ramp being limited to launching boats in the spring and recovering boats in the fall.
5. Mary Alice recounted the continuing permitting activity for the new, larger dinghy and swim float at Uncas Point. Ken Lee and the Lees' attorney had contacted her about continuing concerns of the Lee family. It was unanimously agreed that we would await the granting of the DEEP permit without further negotiations, and that DEEP could respond to the Lees.

Jane Gresham presented the finished 23019 SHA Directory. Well Done!

Peter Dickinson reviewed the April 30, 2019 Treasurer's Report that had been circulated to all Board members by email. While we are currently running a surplus, and one greater than budgeted, he reminded all that we still have a significant bill coming in for the repair of the tennis courts. We are likely to finish this fiscal year with an operating deficit of as much as \$20,000. He noted, however, that we have \$212,000 in cash – enough to cover almost two years' operating expenses in normal years.

Peter Dickinson said that the Association needed to formally appoint Donald L. Perlroth & Company as our auditors for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously approved.

Peter Dickinson also presented his recommended 2019-2020 Association budget. He explained that we expected to incur two major one-time expenses in the coming year: the new dinghy/swim float at Uncas Point and repainting the tennis courts. His recommendation was that we maintain the existing mil rate of 1.0955 and incur a planned deficit of about \$25,000 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Alternatively, were we to increase tax revenue to cover these unusual expenses, we would need to increase the mil rate to about 1.30 – an increase of about 20%. After discussion, the originally recommended 2019-2020 budget with a planned operating deficit of \$23,850 was duly proposed, seconded and unanimously adopted.

Joe Anastasio reported on a successful clean-up day on May 4 and on the repairs to the tennis courts. He had persuaded Hinding to bill us in three installments as repairs progressed rather than all at the outset. It will cost another \$9,500 to repaint the courts after the repairs are completed.

Joe Weissberg reported that the contractor will return to make a few additions to the no-parking yellow lines at several locations around the Association.

Matt Wilson reported on the on-going discussions regarding the proposed new zoning ordinance. Matt had met with architect Russ Campaigne to discuss his concerns about the Association's proposed height and other restrictions as they applied to velocity zone properties and how they would affect non-velocity zone properties adjacent to them. Matt is meeting with the Guilford town engineers to discuss these issues this week. Other zoning-related issues discussed included the citation ordinance regarding persons violating SHA ordinances, and the undesirability of short-term (less than one month) rentals in the Association. There had been no new zoning applications in the past month.

Board members were reminded that the next meeting on our schedule is the annual public Budget approval meeting at the Community Center, 7:30 PM on Thursday, May 23. The next regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board will be on Tuesday, June 12 at Mary Alice Lee's house.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Dickinson
Acting Secretary