



**Baycliff Civic League
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
March 22, 2005**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Christine Westendorf at 7:02 PM at the Alanton Elementary School cafeteria.

Minutes (Jan Wahl)

The minutes of the January 14, 2005 General Membership Meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report (Bob Swink)

The beginning balance of the money market account was \$11,825.30. There were no deposits and no expenses. Interest earned was \$14.57, leaving a balance on hand of \$11,839.87. The beginning balance of the checking account was \$8227.24. There were deposits of \$7540.00 and expenses of \$4225.06, leaving a balance on hand of \$11,542.18. The combined balance of both accounts is \$23,382.05.

The winner of the DVD player, chosen from residents who had paid their dues, was Ritsa Merjos on Inland Cove. Another DVD drawing will be held in May.

Corresponding Secretary – Christine Westendorf for Sharon Haring

Please contact Sharon if you know of anyone to whom she should send a card.

Traffic Safety Committee (George Cox)

At the November "Town Hall" Civic League meeting, residents expressed traffic safety concerns, and the need for this committee was determined. A sign up sheet was passed around for anyone interested in serving on this committee. George has observed school buses speeding in Baycliff and has contacted the VB school administration regarding reducing unnecessary school bus traffic in Baycliff and eliminating bus speeding. George has agreed to take his committee a step further and is looking into all traffic safety issues within our community. He reported there have been no recent accidents in the neighborhood. This approach seems to be working. Please let George know the bus number of any speeding buses. There seems to be a problem with bus # 50 in the morning. Bob Swink has dealt with this previously and will contact George to share information. New areas that were discussed included installing speed bumps and additional signs.

Egg Hunt

114 children participated. It was very successful. Thanks to Melissa Hickey and Jill Frazier for the organizing the event and Janie Cecelic and Farm Fresh for the generous donation of ice cream and

candy.

Yard Sale

Anna Koufos-Slade is organizing the yard sale, scheduled for April 30. 20 families have already signed up to participate.

Neighborhood Directory

The new directory was delivered by the Block Captains. Everyone should have one by now. Thanks to Mike Reda and Signature Printing for printing it.

Benches

Laser-etched benches will be installed at the boat ramp as a memorial to Claire Polley's daughter, Andréé. Custom Stone is donating 1 bench. Monetary donations toward the benches are welcomed from Baycliff residents.

Landscaping (Barbara Hancock)

Barbara is Cochairman of Baycliff Landscaping and liaison with the Alanton-Baycliff Garden Club. Is the Civic League willing to share expenses for mulch with the Garden Club? \$407.50 is being donated by the Garden Club and \$350.00 would be needed from the Civic League. The Garden Club and civic league also share the cost of winter pansies and summer annuals. A motion was made and seconded and passed to donate the funds.

Program

John Moss, Robert Dean, and Bob O'Connor from the Citizens Action Coalition and David Sullivan (Chief Information Officer for the city of Va. Beach) spoke about escalating property assessments and reducing real estate taxes.

Baycliff resident Larry Sancilio suggested that the Civic League form a committee to address real estate tax issues. We should work with and encourage other Civic Leagues to do the same. Kurt Karvala has studied these tax issues extensively and is very knowledgeable. A Tax Relief Committee was formed with Kurt Karvala as the chairman.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Wahl, Recording Secretary