



**Baycliff Civic League
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
May 17, 2005**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Christine Westendorf at 7:05 PM in the Cafeteria of Alanton Elementary School.

Minutes (Jan Wahl)

Minutes of the March 22, 2005 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report (Bob Swink)

The beginning balance of the money market account was \$11,839.87. There were no deposits and no expenses. There were dividends \$9.90, leaving a balance on hand of \$11,849.77. The beginning balance of the checking account was \$11,542.18. There were deposits of \$3437.00 and expenses of \$1364.07, leaving a balance on hand of \$13,615.11 The combined balance of both accounts is \$25,464.88.

A second drawing will be held tonight for a DVD player from the list of all families who've paid their dues.

Corresponding Secretary (C. Westendorf for Sharon Haring)

Please contact Sharon if you know of anyone to whom she should send a card. Sharon has already sent out a half dozen cards.

Vice Presidents (Mark Shalow and Paul Rist were absent)

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of proposed new officers for 2005-2006. The vote was taken. There were 16 proxy votes and 16 voting members present. The following officers were elected:

President: Christine Westendorf

1st VP: Paul Rist

2nd VP: Christine Woytowitz and Weaver Wrenn

Recording Sec.: Susanne Dye

Corresponding Sec: Sharon Haring

Treasurer: Bob Swink

Vote on Proposed Budget

A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed budget for 2005-2006 (see attached). The vote was taken. There were 16 proxy votes and 16 voting members present. The proposed budget was approved.

DVD Player Drawing

Thomas and Lucinda Snyder from Seafarer Cove were the winners of the DVD player chosen from the 221 families who had paid their civic league dues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

C & R Meeting (Ted Land)

The committee will meet on May 25 at 7:30 PM at Ted's house on 1905 Crestview Landing. An agenda was distributed to committee members. The goal is to determine where the Civic League stands.

Dolphin Sunset Cruise (Christine Westendorf)

The Dolphin Sunset Boat Cruise will be held on Sunday, June 26, 6:30 PM. Gene & Donna Feuerhahn are only charging the Civic League \$4.00 per person (the cost for this is usually \$16.00 per person) and are offering a 15% dining discount at their Dockside Inn pre and post cruise. 50 people have already signed up. Those attending can bring their own refreshments.

Hospitality (Rosalie Haight)

Please let her know when new neighbors move in. Rosalie has already greeted 22 new families.

Landscaping (Barbara Hancock & Jack Donahue))

Begonias will be planted at the entry on May 19, 2005. Volunteers are needed to mulch, apply Preen and weed. Volunteers are also needed for weekly weeding for ½ hour any time that is convenient for the volunteer. An emergency e-alert was sent out concerning this. Please call Missy Friske at 496-0520 or Ellie Winn to volunteer.

Neighborhood Watch (Claire Polley)

Police report that our biggest problem is destruction of property. We've had 6 reports, which really

isn't many. August 2 is the annual National Night Out celebration, a community crime prevention celebration. Baycliff residents are asked to participate by putting on their exterior lights. A special flyer will be needed for this. Also, thank you's will be sent out to the Block Captains in appreciation for all they do.

Newsletter (Christine Westendorf)

Kristen Field has retired. A new editor is needed with computer skills and strong writing skills.

Power Outages (Anne Mitchell)

After hurricane Isabel, residents questioned why the front of Baycliff had their power quickly restored, while the back of the neighborhood endured over a week of power loss. A committee to investigate this and improve electrical power reliability for all residents was formed at the November Baycliff Town Hall meeting. At the initial December 2004 meeting with Dominion Power, the committee learned that the back part of Baycliff was fed from Alanton's overground lines (East Road) and not hooked up to the Mill Dam Road feed. Dominion Power explained that they cannot add the back of Baycliff to the front feed because the additional load would be too great. However, they are willing to add additional equipment to handle this increased load and to improve power reliability in Baycliff. The cost for this connection is \$45,000 plus a \$5,000 installation fee. This would be paid for by Dominion Power. A second meeting was held in February, and a third March meeting was held at Dominion Power. Information on neighborhood outages for the past 3 years (excluding the hurricane) was provided. In May, a brief article in the Baycliff Bugle summarized this information. Anne reports that she received only positive responses from the article. She recommends that Baycliff commit to having the work done by Dominion Power to connect the back of the neighborhood to the Mill Dam Road feed.

Bill Westendorf, who has a M.S. in Electrical Engineering and who has worked as a power distribution engineer, offered this analysis: There are 2 power feeds: East Road and Mill Dam Road; each has 3 phases (A, B, and C loops). Currently, 1/6, 1/3 or 1/2 of the homes lose power if one of the phases experiences a problem. If the entire neighborhood is on one feed and an outage occurs, the number of homes affected doubles to 1/3. The maximum number would be ALL of Baycliff. With a full Mill Dam Road feed, it will likely also take longer to locate the problem and restore power to everyone. On the other hand, with a greater number of homes out, Baycliff may command a higher priority in getting power restored..

Jack and Jan Haworth have had many power outages and are in favor of the "switch". There is not much digging involved. For 18 months, Baycliff was fed from Mill Dam, then we were changed back to the 2 feeds.

Bill Westendorf added that it is important that this issue not divide the neighborhood. When asked about the number of homes already fed by the Mill Dam Road feed, Bill indicated that it was approximately half of the neighborhood, but that the remainder of the community could not be added as the Mill Dam Road electrical grid was already overloaded.

Anne Mitchell then asked that we vote on changing the current power grid configuration. However, since the pros and cons of this change had not been fully explained to all residents, no absentee ballot had been included in the May Bugle, and there were inadequate members attending (not enough members present for a quorum), the vote was delayed..

Residents need to be first informed about the proposed change and then vote on this issue. They will be given notice that a vote is going to be taken at a special emergency meeting. Anne Mitchell is too busy to work on this. Christine Westendorf agreed to contact the appropriate people and

schedule an emergency meeting. We will also try to have a speaker from Dominion Power attend to clarify the issue and answer questions.

Safety & Improvement (Mark Schalow)

No report.

Traffic Safety (George Cox)

2 accidents have occurred recently. The committee needs to proceed with its plans of sending out a survey. George is preparing a survey and will distribute it shortly. All residents are encouraged to respond.

Yacht Club (Weaver Wrenn)

The boat ramp clean-up was held last Saturday. 6 people volunteered, 2 of whom were boat ramp users. This was a disappointing number of volunteers. Nonetheless, a large commercial trash container was filled. Also, 44 boat ramp keys have been issued.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Wahl, Recording Secretary