

Baycliff Civic League
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
November 15, 2005

Call to Order

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

Attendance

A membership count was taken. There were 35 people in attendance. A quorum was established.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 20, 2005 General Membership Meeting were approved as read by Recording Secretary, Susanne Dye

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Swink read the Treasurer's Report as of 11/7/05. The beginning balance of the Money Market account was \$11869.75. There were no deposits and no expenses.

There were dividends of \$9.92, leaving a balance on hand of \$11879.67. The beginning balance of the Checking account was \$12104.19. There were deposits of \$420.00 and expenses of \$2141.39 leaving a balance on hand of \$10382.80. The combined balance of both accounts is \$22262.47.

Unfinished Business and Announcements

*Bob Swink thanked everyone for payment of dues. He received the first payment for 2006 at the General Membership Meeting.

*Christine Westendorf thanked Sandi Barea and Kelly Christianson for their hard work on the Pig Roast/Fall Festival. Christine Westendorf also indicated photos have been posted online.

*Alanton-Baycliff Greenery pick up 12/3 9:30 am – noon at Deni Brown's home

1604 Bluesher Court, Alanton. 412-2858

*Silver Diner fund raiser – Sunday December 4th 5-8pm. Silver Diner donating a portion of proceeds to the American Cancer Society.

New Business

*Ryan Johnson – Eagle Scout Project for Baycliff

Ryan is a junior at First Colonial High School looking for ideas for his project to be completed sometime next year. Reconstruction of the bulletin board was suggested along with an Osprey Tower in the water way, a permanent brick BBQ at the boat ramp parking area, and Christine Westendorf suggested a memorial walkway. A suggestion was made by Barbara Hancock to put the information in the January Bugle so the neighborhood might have some input into the project. Pam Gallagher inquired about a handicap ramp at a

person's home however Ryan indicated it should be on a community level – not an individual project.

*Grad fest donation – First Colonial High School has approached Christine Westendorf regarding a donation toward Grad fest . A motion was made for a \$100.00 donation a second was made by Paul Rist with a general approval from the floor.

*Baycliff Entry – Entry to be decorated for Christmas during Thanksgiving weekend. Help is welcomed and needed!

*Santa Visit – Chairman, Pam Gallagher advised the Santa Visit will be on December 10th at 2pm. Louis Colbus will escort Santa to the circle again this year. Bring canned goods to donate to the Southeastern Foodbank of Virginia. Drop off gift wrapped and labeled presents for the children at Claire Polley's home 1320 Baycliff Drive beginning Saturday, December 3rd until Friday, December 9th. The gift should cost no more than \$7.00. Paul and Liz Gates are donating the use of their trailer for a hay ride. Bill Westendorf will be the driver. Still looking for cookie bakers, food servers and craft helpers. A flyer will be sent out with the luminaries.

*Holiday Party for Adults – Reminder of the date and time – Sunday, December 11th from 7-10pm at Doris and Weaver Wrenn's home 2001 Echo Cove. Host & Hostess

Volunteer sign up sheet passed around at the meeting. Christie Woytowitz will be compiling a recipe book after the party of all the recipes made for the party.

*Landscaping – Barbara Hancock advised that the fall planting of pansies would be on Thursday, November 17th @ 9:00am. Still need volunteers. The sprinklers would be turned off after pansies have been planted.

*Luminaries – Christine Westendorf advised that we would have more bags than last year. She needs help batching bags etc. Idea from the floor to engage Block Captains to encourage participation in Luminary lighting. The bags to be delivered late November, lighting December 24th @ 6pm. Rain date is December 31st.

*Newsletter – Pam Gallagher gave a thank you for all the great feedback she has been receiving. The next deadline for the January Bugle is December 15th.

*Bingo – Christine Woytowitz reporting the date and location is still TBD. February 3rd looks like a possibility as well as February 10th. Paul Rist and Christine Woytowitz are co-chairs and volunteers are still needed.

Traffic Safety Report – George Cox

Mr. Cox provided background of why the survey was generated and indicated 93 responses received out of 268 surveys handed out. He mentioned the survey was important in order to gather data for a sensible approach to solutions. The survey indicated if no survey was returned there would be an assumption that no concern was present.

Mr. Cox thanked some of the important people who helped him formulate the survey and interpret the data.

He received lots of written feedback on the surveys some more helpful than others.

He offered an idea of a working solutions oriented committee and discussed an approach of “SWOT” in order to evaluate a solution. S – Strengths, W – Weaknesses, O-Opportunities and T-Threats. He suggested that the committee must look at the BROAD perspective of approaches to handling the problems i.e. long

term, short term, cost impact and time. Some alternatives discussed were traffic calming initiatives – speed displays etc.

Christine Westendorf then discussed from the floor various phases of the traffic calming program that Baycliff has already utilized. She advised there was a new approach to the traffic calming program which has made some improvements since the last time we participated.

A 30 year resident expressed strong feelings that there are no traffic problems and Paul Rist redirected the meeting back to George Cox who provided the phone number of Chris Spous who handles problems with School Bus drivers. The number is 263-1563 and if calling please have the date, time, description of the incident (i.e. speeding) and the Bus#. He then opened the meeting for further discussion, comments or questions. The Baycliff Town Hall Opened and consisted mainly of Traffic related inquiry and comments.

Adjournment –

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susanne Dye, Recording Secretary

Traffic Safety Brainstorming Baycliff Town Hall November 15, 2005

Question from Claire Polley. What will be done with the data from the survey?

Answer: George Cox – We will be forming a committee to discuss how to proceed however we are still in the process of gathering volunteers and we may need a place to meet. Claire Polley offered her home; Christine Westendorf advised they could meet at her home as well if needed.

Comment from Chuck Long – indicated he had 17 years in Law Enforcement and feels the committee is a “waste of time”. Police handing out tickets is the main deterrent to speeding.

Comment from Helen Cox – speed limit signs are limited. They need to be placed strategically. Suggested that we put our money and time into a bike safety clinic as kids in the street can be a problem. Parents need to provide helmets etc.

Comment from Bob Swink – Seven years ago he was on a Baycliff Traffic Committee. He feels that if anyone does not believe there is a speeding problem in our neighborhood they should take a walk or bike ride with a pet or small child. He indicated that 7 years ago the conclusion was that tickets given by unannounced police enforcement is the best deterrent to speeding.

Comment from Lou Latham – Agrees about unannounced police presence but also suggested small scale speed bumps like those on Shore drive.

Question from Claire Polley – Do we know the cost of speed bumps?

Answer from Christine Westendorf – Speed bumps are part of Phase 4 traffic calming. Advised there would be a speed monitoring device put in the development on Friday, November 18th.

Comment from Ernie Cox – He is an “early riser” and Baycliff Drive resident. He has concerns about the

stop sign at the intersection of Bay Point Drive and Baycliff Drive. He notices that it is not being paid attention to and sees MANY violators not using the stop sign.

Comment from Christie Woytowitz – She lives at intersection of Seafarer Cove and Bay Breeze Drive. She indicates there are 10 children in a 3 house radius and commented that the children outside are being watched, wearing helmets, and being educated about safety in the street. She says she does not see people stopping at the intersection where there is a stop sign and she expressed concern about lack of visibility when trailers for construction are parked frequently along Bay Point Drive.

Comment from Claire Polley – There are problems with drivers not living in Baycliff that speed as well.

Comment from Doris Wrenn – She doesn't believe a speed monitor machine or bumps will help at all. She feels we need more police giving out tickets.

Comment from George Cox – he suggested that people can call him anytime to volunteer for this committee.

Question from the floor – What is insurance issue with speed bumps?

Bob Swink indicated if the bump is perceived to have caused an accident or damage to a vehicle there may be a liability issue that comes up.

Comment from Helen Cox – The concern she has about kids in the street is more directed toward skate boarders. She also suggests while committee looks at speeding they look at other traffic hazards as well.

Comment from Chuck Buis – He is also an ex-policeman and agrees a bike program is a great idea. He suggests that with regards to speeding police giving out tickets and speed bumps are a workable idea. He feels the City of Virginia Beach is making it difficult to implement speed bump installation. He has had prior knowledge of speed bump implementation in Raleigh and it helped dramatically in the long term while tickets were a short term fix.

Comment from Susan Moritz – via Email to Christine Westendorf. Thank you to George Cox for his hard work on the survey. She suggested putting sidewalks in the community.

Comment from Howard Kinmont – via Email to Christine Westendorf. He doesn't see a problem except for folks parking in the street far from homes.

Comment from Bill Cole - via Email to Christine Westendorf. He suggests that yard waste only be put out on trash day because it makes the neighborhood look "trashy".

Comment from George Cox – The time frame for assembling the committee should be December – January.

Comment from John King – Feels that e-watch should only be utilized for safety of neighborhood type issues. Says we should use the website for advertisements etc. not e-watch.

End of comments and questions.