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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Neighbors,

Hallelujah! Spring is here and some of our residents have been able to receive their COVID-19 vaccines.

We are starting plans to reopen. Follow email blasts regarding the office schedule.

The BRS Women's Club will hold a bake sale on Saturday, April 3 under the school bus pavilion. An email blast will follow with details. All proceeds from the sale will go towards local charities. Please stop by for Easter goodies, all safely wrapped.

The Joint Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 15. You will be receiving further details about voting procedures. BRPOA has three open positions for the board of directors. We will be following current state guidelines with voting and attendance.

Please remember that all dues must be paid by April 30. All boats must be registered each year before placing in the lake. We rely on dues to maintain all amenities, roads and the dam in our lakefront community. If you have been renting space in the drydock storage area, you will be billed for that convenience.

Enjoy the Spring,

Jane Sleight BRPOA President

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UPCOMING 2021 BRPOA MEETINGS

April 10, 2021

May 8, 2021

BRPOA/RU Joint Annual Meeting—May 15, 2021

June 12, 2021

July 10, 2021

August 14, 2021

September 11, 2021

October 9, 2021

November 13, 2021

All Meetings will be held at 9:00 AM virtually unless otherwise specified.

BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting March 13, 2021

In Attendance: Jane T. Sleight, Hal Davis, Ken White, Bill Earhart, Dan Kilcoyne, Mary Mainland, Anthony Gallardy, Dave Kronander, and GM Curt Heidel.

Absent: Michael Burnett

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Hal Davis, seconded by Ken White to adopt agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ken White, seconded by Mary Mainland to approve the minutes, with addition of the word Plan in the Five-Year Plan Committee title, Joint Personnel Committee is still updating the employee manual, and update Joint Personnel committee chair to Hal Davis in the Jan 09, 2020 BRPOA Board Meeting Minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

Painting and Staining BRS Areas: Motion by Ken White, seconded by Dave Kronander to accept quote from David Pelletier to pressure wash, paint or stain BRS common areas including back bridge, dam weir, docks and marina area at a price not to exceed \$20,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Proxy Committee: Motion by Ken White, seconded by Hal Davis to approve members of the 2021 Proxy Committee to include Mary Ann Belair, Virginia Burrill and Sondra Feagans. Motion passed unanimously.

Jake Moore Request: Motion by Dan Kilcoyne, seconded by Ken White to approve Jake Moore's request to transfer Lot 412 from a single-family dwelling unit to an adjoining moving forward. This includes the stipulation that lot 412 cannot be used as a dwelling unit. Motion passed unanimously.

Women's Club Bake Sale: Motion by Ken White, seconded by Mary Mainland to permit the Women's Club to hold a bake sale on April 3rd under the bus shelter. Motion passed unanimously.

BRPOA, Inc. Online Payment Portal

You can now pay your BRPOA invoices at www. blueridgeshores.com via our new online payment portal. You will need your BRPOA Customer ID/ Account Number, which can be found on your invoice, to process your payment. Payments can be made via credit/debit card or by check. There will be a 2.5% convenience fee automatically added on credit/debit card payments.

Ridge Utilities Online Payment Portal

You can now pay your Ridge Utilities invoices at www.ridgeutilities.com via our new online payment portal. You will need your RU Customer ID/Account Number, which can be found on your invoice, to process your payment. Payments can be made via credit/debit card or by check. There will be a 4% convenience fee automatically added on credit/debit card payments.

MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING

Richard Agosto & Susan Avery Alan Investments, Inc Linda Ashworth Thayne & Lauren Barber Kimberly Bass Estate of Thomas Bradshaw Matthew Brandt Robert & Dana Cahill
Tammy Dahm
Tara & Brian Evans
Makeba Kelly-Gaines
Vernon & Patricia Harrison
Douglas & Jeannie Johnston
Carol & Marvin Kammeter

Victor Klamans Wilda Ruth Lamb Walter L. Libby Paul & Suzanne McCoy Ida Ann Miller Wiston Mora Richard & Tracy Munger Norbert & Mary Lee Reiner Mandy & Tyler Weinhold Barbara & Pat Wellman Timothy White Kenneth Yates The Shore Line Page 3

Blue Ridge Shores Property Owners' Association

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2021

Invoices for 2021 membership dues were mailed on 1/4/21. One-half of your invoice amount is due by 2/28/2021. The second-half is due by 4/30/2021. On July 1, 2021 a penalty of 5% will be imposed on balances not paid in full by April 30, 2021.

You can now pay your invoice online by going to www.blueridgeshores.com and using our online payment portal. You may pay by credit, debit or with a check. There will be a 2.5% convenience fee per credit or debit transaction. There is no fee for checks.

MARINA GAS SALES

Many of you have already used our new self service fuel pump during 2020. We no longer have an attendant at the pump. You may buy your gas by going to the office and obtaining a key fob. This fob will allow you to prepay for a stated amount of gallons of gas at the current pump price. After prepaying for the gas during office hours you can then use the fob at any time to fuel your boat with gas. This new pump has made it more accessible for our members to fuel boats at their leisure instead of on fixed days and hours in the past.



PLEASE DO NOT PLACE LEAVES IN THE LAKE

Phosphorus in our lake can come from leaves. Raking leaves into the lake, or water flowing through leaf piles in our streets create a "leaf tea" that is rich in dissolved phosphorus. Too much phosphorus can lead to toxic algae blooms, low oxygen levels, and green murky waters, none of which are good for animals living in the water or those of us who use it for recreation.

Ladies and Gentlemen, just a gentle reminder on reporting items that require attention but are not life-threatening situations once the office is closed. Please call Louisa County Central dispatch, 967-1234 to report the following (examples):

- Water Leaks
- 2. Gates not working or a broken gate board
- 3. Tree down blocking a road
- 4. Items in the lake or loose boats
- 5. Problems with a boat located in one of the marinas
- 6. Lost & Found Animals

This is Standard Operating Procedure. Once dispatcher is contacted, they will notify appropriate BRS Staff Members to respond.

PARKING of VEHICLES

The area between the edge of the roads and the RU black meter box is BRPOA property and normally referred to as right-of-way. WE are seeking your cooperation and requesting that no vehicles, trailers, boats, RV's, or any item be parked there except when unloading of delivery items. This is especially important during bad weather and mowing months. Vehicles obstructing the roadways may be removed without notice. Thanks in advance for your assistance. Let's all be safe!



Bridge Players

Looking for Bridge Players.

If interested call Kathleen Bergen at (540) 967-1554.

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RIDGE UTILITIES



Serving Blue Ridge Shores

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Customer Service Information

Report all problems to Customer Service

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM — 2:00 PM (540) 967-1408

After Hours Water Emergency Contact (540) 967-1234

UPCOMING 2021 RU Meetings

May 1, 2021

BRPOA/RU Joint Annual Meeting- May 15, 2021

July 17, 2021

September 18, 2021

November 20, 2021

All Meetings will be held at 9:00 AM virtually unless otherwise specified.

Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting Motions March 20, 2021

Board members present were Alex MacCormack, Molli Ellis, William Munday, and Steve Tompkins. General Manager, Curt Heidel and Administrative Assistant Sabrina Lowry were also present.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Steve Tompkins to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion (by email), seconded by Steve Tompkins, to approve the January 16, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Steve Tompkins, to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by William Munday to appoint Mary Ann Belair, Virginia Burrill, and Sondra Feagans for Proxy committee members. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Steve Tompkins make a motion, seconded by William Munday, to get the 2009 maintenance truck replaced. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Steve Tompkins, to solicit 3 quotes with approval by George Allen Kail, William Munday, and Molli Ellis. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Steve Tompkins to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

I would like to thank and recognize Lorri Tompkins for her volunteer work in January and February, helping the office out with bookkeeping.

Alex McCormick-President, Ridge Utilities

Due Dates for 1st Quarter 2021 Water Bills

If you did not receive your bill by 1/10/2021 please contact our office to receive a replacement bill. Failure to receive your bill does not negate any late charges that may incur. Your 1st quarter 2021 water bill is due on or before 4/30/2021.

Past-due/Disconnect notices will be mailed on 5/3/2021 for any account that is not paid by 4/30/2021. WATER METERS WILL BE DISCONNECTED FOR PAST-DUE ACCOUNTS. Once water is disconnected there will be a \$50.00 fee to reconnect.

Make payments at www.ridgeutilities.com

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Curt Heidel

I would like to recognize our maintenance team; George Kail, James Hawely, and George Sweet for exceptional dedication and great work keeping our roads clear and safe this past storm season. I would like to introduce Renee Sheffield to the members as our new bookkeeper. DeeDee Conley and Sabrina Lowry continue to lead the administrative duties. Our team is here to serve the community, just let us know how we can help!

It is great to see warmer days! I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the common areas of the community and all the recreation BRS has to offer.

BRPOA LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE 2021

Donna Cubbage, Chairperson

Warm Weather is just around the corner! The Landscape Committee needs volunteers to help keep our community looking pristine and well maintained. We are responsible for all common areas within the community. If you can donate some of your time to help us, please let me know. You can contact me at slakeshore@comcast.net or (540) 661-2378.



Signs

No signs of any kind except those indicating the owner's name, address number and conservative property title and having an area of not more than two (2) square feet shall be displayed on any lot without the written permission of the Board. The 9-1-1 house number, assigned by the Louisa County Planning Office, shall be displayed in 3" numbers, clearly visible from the street, within 60 days of assignment. The 9-1-1 number must be displayed on the same side of the street as the house and adjacent to the entryway/ access to your house from the street.

Please remove any signs not meeting these guidelines.

Trash and recycling

We would like to reinforce the value of using the county recycling centers to reduce the trash Updike takes and hence our tipping fees. We are close to the Trevilians recycling center, as well as other sites if you are heading towards Mineral/Richmond. Many things can be recycled. This helps the environment and saves the community money.

All of this information can be provided by giving this link: https://www.louisacounty.com/220/Refuse-Recycling-Centers

We would like to remind members that we have dry dock (parking space) available at the end of Beach Road behind the shop. The spots must be reserved at the office prior to placing anything in the lot. The cost is \$120/Year or \$15/Month. Please call DeeDee at 540-967-1408 to make arrangements. Any property stored must carry your own insurance and have current titles/registrations and stickers identifying it.

We have several items that are NOT registered with the office. If they are yours, please contact the office. We will be disposing of these items if not claimed in the next couple of months.

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Blue Ridge Shores Boating Regulations:

- The General Manager or the agent of the General Manager shall have the authority to order the immediate removal from the lake of any boat in noncompliance with the rules governing said boat.
- 2. Only boats titled to members and/or non member occupants in good standing with the Association may be launched on Lake Louisa. Boats belonging to non-members, family members or to guests of members may not be registered for use on Lake Louisa. The member is responsible for all actions of any non-member, family members or guests while operating the said member's boat. Any boats launched which do not comply with this section will be in violation of the rules and regulations. Any member and/or registered non member occupant will be held responsible for any violation of BRS rules and regulations by an individual who gains access to Lake Louisa through their membership.
- State laws applying to ownership and operation of boats are applicable and all boats shall carry U.S. Coast Guard approved lifesaving equipment for each passenger. Details are available at the Blue Ridge Shores Office.
- 4. Water craft radios/stereos must at all times by played in a manner that restricts the radio/stereo from being heard fifty (50) feet past the exterior of the watercraft.

5. Registration:

- (a) All motorized and non-motorized boats are required to be registered with the Association. All members are required to provide a copy of a current valid state registration or title for powerboats to the General Manager. A Blue Ridge Shores boat sticker is required to be placed on both sides of all boats near the state registration numbers. For non-motorized boats, the stickers shall be placed on the front half of each side of the boats. A Blue ridge Shores registration card shall be issued for each motorized boat. These cards shall be carried on the boat while it is operated.
- (b) Boats shall be insured (liability insurance) for personal injury and for property damage. Evidence of this insurance shall be certified to the General Manager before the current year's boat sticker shall be issued.
- (c) Power boats permitted on the lake shall have no more than 350 horsepower and shall be no more than 22 feet (no more than 30 feet if a pontoon) and must have adequate exhaust and noise abatement systems. All power boats shall operate below the maximum decibel level allowed by the Louisa County Zoning for the Blue Ridge Shores property. Jet Powered Boats are not permitted to be used on Lake Louisa except those registered prior to July 14,2012 and they may not be replaced or registered by other members.
- (d) The speed limit for all boats on the lake between 9:00 a.m. and sunset shall be 35 miles per hour. Boats are required to proceed at the slowest possible speed required to maintain steerage and headway between sunset and 9:00 a.m.
- (e) There shall be a one-time registration fee for all non-motorized boats.
- (f) There shall be an annual registration fee for all motorized boats.
- (g) Boat trailers shall be required to display a sticker on the hitch end of the trailer frame. The boat trailer sticker shall be issued after the registration fee is paid for the motorized boat.

- (h) In the interest of safety, the Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Shores requires completion of the Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirements or the equivalent for operation of a boat with ten (10) horsepower or greater on Lake Louisa. The member is required to submit proof of compliance for their file in order to receive their annual boat registration. A member who does not or cannot operate their boat may register the boat if they present proof for their file that a family member has met the Boater Safety Education Requirements and specify that the family member will operate the boat. All members are required to carry proof of completion of the course while on the lake operating a boat as prescribed in this section. The Association will comply with sections of the State Code on this issue.
- (i) If a boater shows evidence of completion of a safety course in his or her home state and is in Virginia for less than 90 days, he or she is not required to take the Virginia course. Also, an individual under direct supervision of an individual who has met the requirement is also not required to take the course. While completion of a boating safety course is no guarantee that an individual will operate a boat in a safe manner, awareness of what constitutes safe boating is important and could make Lake Louisa a safer place for all to enjoy.
- (j) All boats shall display a BRS boating safety decal on their console or equally noticeable location without hindering the operator's line of sight.
- 6. <u>Personal Water Craft</u>: Personal Water Craft (PWC) as defined by the VADGIF are not permitted on the lake with the exception of law enforcement, state and local agencies in an official capacity, or rescue services for emergency situations only.

7. Right-of-Way and Other Limitations:

- (a) Any authorized watercraft not under motor power, (i.e., canoes, rowboats, paddleboats, kayaks, sailboats, etc.) always have the right-of-way; refer to Virginia's Watercraft Owner's Guide.
- (b) Gas powered motorized boat traffic is required to travel only in a counter clockwise direction. Each boat owner is responsible for his boat's wake as well as for the boat itself
- (c) Fast moving boats, boats towing skiers, tubers, aqua boards, etc., are required to stay at least 100 feet from the shoreline and the docks, except while taking off and landing.
- (d) The operator of any power motor boat is required to be 14 years of age or older. While towing a skier, or person on a tube, aqua board, or object of any kind, it is required that there be an observer at least 12 years of age in the boat in addition to the operator.
- (e) Water skiing, tubing, aqua boarding, or object of any kind, are permitted only from 9:00 a.m. until sunset.
- (f) All boats are to have required navigational lights on when operating after dusk or before dawn.
- (g) Boats shall proceed at idling speeds at the slowest possible speed required to maintain steerage and headway approaching and leaving a docking area.
- (h) Prohibited Uses: Boats shall have no toilet facilities.
- 8. <u>Reporting Violations</u>: In the interest of safety, members who witness boat operators violating any rules and/or regulations are encouraged and expected to report such violations to the Association Office.

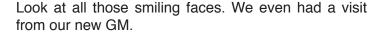
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The Women's Club at Blue Ridge Shores

Donna Frago

Hello BRS Friends and Neighbors! Like most of you the members of the Women's Club are looking forward

to seeing our lives get back to a more normal pace. Most of our members have received their Covid vaccinations and so early in March we took advantage of the agreeable weather and to met for a social up on the hill where the gazebo floor is.



For April we are having our first bake sale under the bus stop from 9-12 on Saturday April 3...the day before Easter. Please come out and find some awesome home baked goods for your family. We will also be raffling a Spring/Easter basket and the winner will be selected and notified immediately following the sale.

And while visiting the bake sale take a few minutes to visit the Lending Libraries located under the Bus Stop. There are some new Spring Accent books for kids and adults. We thank you for wearing a mask when approaching the tables or library boxes. New members are always welcome. Just come by the day of the sale or give me a call. My number is 967-2853.

We thank you again for your continuing support for the various organizations and charities we support. Stay safe and we will all get through this.

Sincerely

Donna Frago President, BRS Women's Club









In Memoriam



Our Deepest Sympathies and thoughts go out to the families of Keith Modena and Donald MacKenzie.

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BLUE RIDGE SHORES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION RULES OF OPERATION FOR GOLF CARTS — 2021

- 1. Golf carts are limited to a self-propelled vehicle that is designed to transport persons playing golf and their equipment on a golf course.
- 2. All golf carts must be registered with the Association and obtain an ANNUAL DECAL. The 2021 decals are available and the annual fee is \$50.00.
- 3. Owners must provide evidence of insurance at Virginia minimum and maintained in the golf cart at all times.
- 4. Owners must possess a valid state driver's license.
- 5. Owners must comply with all laws pertaining to the use and possession of alcoholic beverages.
- 6. Only the number of people the golf cart is designed to seat may ride in the golf cart. Passengers shall

- not be carried on the part of the golf cart designed to carry golf bags or other equipment.
- 7. Golf carts shall be operated to the extreme right of the roadway and must yield to all vehicles and pedestrian traffic.
- 8. Golf carts shall be operated only between sunrise and sunset, unless equipped with such lights as are required in Section 46.2-1010 (Virginia Code).
- 9. Golf carts shall not be operated during inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions.
- 10. Golf carts shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with Section 46.2-1081(Virginia Code).

Be Safe!

We have wonderful streets in a gated community. Enjoy them safely please! Operate your golf carts with caution, obey speed and traffic signs while always being on the lookout. Bikes should stay to the right side of the road, and pedestrians should stay to the left side. There are always people out enjoying the community, so be aware at all times.

Community Service Committee

Val Wallace has resigned her position as CSC chairperson. We would like to thank Val for all the hard work she has done in the past, organizing our Christmas dinners, helping with pancake breakfasts, and so many other activities that she was involved in.

BOAT REGISTRATION FOR 2021



Please register your boats at the office and acquire your 2021 Boat decal. We can register your boats via mail for your convenience. As a reminder the office staff will need a CURRENT copy of your State Registration, Insurance Policy that shows watercraft liability and your Boaters Safety Certificate/Card of completion. If you renewed any of these since your previous registration with the office in 2020 please make sure to forward a copy to the office. You must have paid the first half of 2021 assessments to acquire/purchase a decal.

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Trash is being picked up weekly on Mondays

Please be kind to your neighbors, and remove your containers from the curbside promptly after pick-up.



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What's with all the buoys?

If you're fortunate enough to be on the Lake during the week, you may have noticed a number of inflatable buoys on the west end. This is a Slalom course. A handful of members put this into the water on weekdays for a competitive approach to the sport.

Slalom skiing involves a multi-buoy course that the skier must go around in order to complete the pass. A complete slalom water ski course consists of 26 buoys. There are entrance gates at the beginning and end of the course that the skier must go between, and there are 6 turn buoys that the skier must navigate

around in a zig-zag pattern. The remainder of the buoys are for the driver to ensure the boat goes straight down the center of the course.

With each pass through the course, the rope is shortened at specific increments to make it more difficult to reach the buoy width.

While a slalom course is designed to not entangle boats, please be aware as you travel around the lake.

For more information or inquire about usage please contact Dawn Lindhurst

A reminder that all 2021 dues and fees should be paid by April 30th to avoid late charges. We are keeping our member survey open until this time as well. Please return your survey, we need your feedback to improve the community. You may take the survey online, or return the paper copy mailed to you with the annual invoices. We also can give you copies at the office if you stop by. Please refrain from fertilizing in the spring. The fertilizer run-off to the lake increases our changes of having a Harmful Alge Bloom. This simple step is one action we can take to mitigate the risk.



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