

## **WIA Opening Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, June 25, 2022

WIA Beach

Meeting called to order by President Will Fullerton at 10:09 AM.

Quorum established with approximately 55 members in attendance (attendance sign in sheet on file).

Secretary's report – Janine presented Meeting Minutes from the Closing Meeting of Aug 28, 2021. There was one correction (Carol and Paul Clark cleaned the chair shed, not Carol Brooks) and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's report – Diane presented the current balance sheet. There was a question from an attendee regarding bank balances and non-profit status. Diane clarified that there is no limit to the amount of money in the bank for our Voluntary, Domestic, non-profit corporation. Another question from an attendee asked how many WIA/Tobey's development owners are members. Diane stated that there are currently 103 paid member families plus 3 waterfront owners. There are approximately 112 properties in the WIA Tobey's development. Her report was accepted and is on file.

Mooring Coordinator's report – Tony presented the Mooring Waiting list however this list is incorrect as at least 3 people paid their dues but are not on the list. The list will be updated and sent to members as well as will be posted on the WIABeach.com website as soon as possible. Everyone is advised to check their name to be sure it's on the list.

Tony stated that there needs to be an increase in the fee paid by mooring holders because the cost of everything is increasing. The membership will be asked to vote on a \$50 increase (from \$125 to \$175) [CORRECTION: \$175 TO \$225] at the Closing Meeting. Tony mentioned that some mooring balls need to be replaced next year. He stated that when the moorings are situated each spring by Winnepesaukee Island Services (Mike Metcalf), all the equipment is inspected and parts replaced as necessary. A question from an attendee was "which moorings had replacement parts installed". Tony did not have that answer readily available, but said he would get back to him.

The report was accepted.

## **Old Business**

Mooring Regs Revision Committee – Bruce Couture handed out the current mooring regulations as well as *two additional pages* explaining a *potential proposal* to initiate a rotation. Briefly, this rotation would exchange 6 mooring holders with new people in years 1 and 2, with no change in year 3. Then in year 4, it would begin again with 6 exchanged and so forth. This would give a mooring privilege to someone for 3 years. It allows for a person on the waiting list to be "passed over" up to 3 times while waiting for a large enough space before being moved to the bottom of the list. Bruce plans to hold at least 1 more meeting to discuss this proposal with hopes to present it at the Closing Meeting for a vote. Joan stated that she would 1. Send an email to everyone notifying them of the next meeting and 2. Would post it on WIABeach.com under ANNOUNCEMENTS as soon as the date/time is known.

By Laws Revision Work Group – Joan stated that the work group met a few times and had numerous emails regarding potential revisions to the By Laws. The intent is to 1. Make membership and voting rights clearer and 2. Add language concerning removal of officers for cause. Ginger Burke added that she'd like to see the ability for a property owner who holds more than one property to be able to cast 2 votes per property. This has not been settled within the work group yet. Once the work group has language, we'll present it to the membership – hopefully at the Closing meeting. Once the membership approves it, we'll ask an attorney to look it over for its "lawfulness". (A budget of \$2500 was allotted to this at the Closing meeting last fall.) Again, membership will be provided with the a red-line version of the language at least 2 weeks prior to the Closing Meeting. Clarification was made concerning current voting, namely that By Laws changes require a 2/3 vote [CORRECTION: SIMPLE MAJORITY] from the membership while non-By Law votes (such as mooring regulations) require only a majority.

### **New Business**

Bridgewater Town Updates – the Bridgewater Town Selectmen recently sent out a Town Update (provided as a hand-out) which stated that (among other things) the "use of golf carts, ATV's and the like in Whittemore Point" will no longer be allowed. There was a great deal of discussion about this. President Will spoke to Terry Murphy who basically said that a golf cart could be upgraded (add VIN, appropriate windshield, seat belts, etc) and be registered for on road use. Owners are encouraged to speak to Colleen in the Town Hall about this. There was further discussion about law enforcement of the "golf carts, ATV's and the like" and the current situation with Bridgewater's police (or lack of police). Members can submit their email to Julie at the Town Hall (on Mayhew Turnpike) to be included in the contact list for Town Updates. Karen Simula talked about the upcoming town-wide vote (in March) concerning the school district, potentially splitting away from other towns, and its effect on town taxes.

Beach Maintenance Coordinator – Kris Bean is the new coordinator. He will assign kids to be beach rakers. Speak to Kris if your kids are interested in helping. This is a paying job!

Executive Board Elections will be held at the Closing Meeting. August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Town Hall on Mayhew Turnpike. Ginger stated that it's important to stay involved and do your part.

Annual Picnic – Karen Simula volunteered to be in charge of the picnic. The date will be Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>. The membership voted to approve a \$2000 budget.

Beach lot maintenance – a member opined that the parking lot needs to be regarded along with re-dredging of the various culverts surrounding the beach lot to help improve water runoff and prevent beach erosion. Will will speak to an excavator with hopes of having this done before the winter. Tony stated that the bottom step has shifted; again Will or Tony will seek a contractor to fix this. Lastly, the stockade fence still needs to be shored up and reinforced. Despite numerous calls, no contractor could be found last year; the effort will continue.

Beach lot deed/ownership? A member asked who owns the beach lot. Someone said that Robert Bent's name was on the deed. The Executive Board will research this.

A new member asked about adjusting hours that dogs could be on the beach; it was suggested that the members bring this up for the agenda at the Closing Meeting.

Motion to adjourn accepted at 11:04 am.

Respectfully submitted. Janine Tiomkin