

WIA Closing Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 28, 2021

Bridgewater Town Hall

Meeting called to order by President Will Fullerton at 10:08AM

Quorum established with approximately 45 members in attendance (attendance sheet on file).

President's report by Will Fullerton:

Thank you to Karen Simula, Margaret Freedman, Tina Fullerton and everyone who cooked at the annual picnic.

A reminder to not leave dog waste, trash or cigarette butts at the beach/picnic area.

A reminder that the speed limit for golf carts/ATV's/UTV's is 10mph. Kids operating these vehicles must be licensed. Parents please watch your kids regarding speeding and being loud as they're driving. This privilege could be taken from all of us if kids/teens abuse or break the rules.

Tony Bonaccorsi spoke to the parents of the kids who were recently acting up while driving around the Point.

Vice President's report by Joan Dobbins:

The carpet on the swim raft was recently repaired.

Thank you to the beach rakers and to Margaret Freedman for coordinating.

All kayaks & canoes must be removed from the racks by October 25th.

Beach chairs must be removed from the shed by October 25th.

Carol ~~Brooks~~ has volunteered to clean the shed once chairs are removed.

Chairs can be put back in the shed once it's been cleaned.

There are 2 piles of brush/leaves on the beach which need removal. Someone will be hired to remove it.

Please remind renters that there is no horseplay on the raft and parents need to police any kids who are roughhousing. The Barry's swim raft has been used also and cannot be.

Treasurer's report by Diane Farraher-Smith:

Corrections were made to the balance sheet and explained.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the balance sheet.

A non-profit report has been completed and submitted to the State which is done every 5 years.

We recently purchased excess liability coverage of one million dollars (which was not reflected in the financials).

Beth Bonaccorsi reviewed the new policy and noted it does not cover the dock, personal property or the shed. Coverage is for liability only, not replacement coverage. It's recommended we purchase additional coverage because of renters and Airbnb properties. Beth will submit her analysis.

The Board will look over the analysis and coverage. A conversation should be had regarding additional coverage for beach rakers and landscapers.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

Regarding the passing of WIA members, the Treasurer is recommending only WIA members will be acknowledged with a memorial donation. Members' family will be acknowledged with a card.

Secretary's report;

A motion was made to waive the reading of the June Opening Meeting Minutes.

A question was raised regarding when the minutes are posted to the WIA website.

A watermarked draft will be put on the website prior to the annual Closing Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the June Opening meeting minutes.

Mooring Coordinator's report by Tony Bonaccorsi:

6/21/21 mooring list distributed. Two adjustments have been made since then.

A late dues payer is disciplined the same as a person who doesn't pay their dues at all.

A member stated that it's unfair that the person is removed totally from the list,

Dues must be paid to be in good standing to be put on the mooring list.

Clarification of the current mooring regulations was read by Vice President Joan Dobbins.

"Back on list" means that payment was possibly submitted late.

Any mooring changes would go through the Mooring Committee, Executive Committee and then to general membership.

Member Jennifer Brown noted she is not on the current list. Tony Bonaccorsi will look into,

There was a recent mooring regulations meeting/discussion group held on 8/21/21.

Minutes from the meeting/discussion were highlighted by Tony Bonaccorsi. (A draft of minutes from that meeting was distributed).

Boats must be off the moorings by 9/26/21.

A \$50.00 increase to the annual mooring fee has been approved by the Mooring Committee. There was no vote to implement this fee.

Old Business:

2022 Approved Meeting Dates:

Opening Meeting: Saturday, June 25, 2022

Closing Meeting: Saturday, August 27, 2022

Motion made and seconded to approve meeting dates.

New Business:

The fence on the left side of the beach needs repair. Tony Bonaccorsi will get someone to fix the fence.

A member suggested hiring a lawyer specializing in contracts to review WIA mooring regulations to correct any verbiage in conflict or any vague WIA bylaws.

It was questioned whether money from the general fund could be used to hire a lawyer.

It was stated that mooring rules and regulations are separate from the bylaws and the Association owns the right to the mooring field but not the equipment.

A motion was made to appropriate funds to hire a lawyer once the Executive Committee reviews the bylaws,

A member requested up to \$5,000 to hire a lawyer to review and clean up mooring regulations and WIA bylaws.

Another member suggested no lawyer is needed.

Vice President Joan Dobbins called for a vote to spend up to \$5000 after a small committee reviews the bylaws.

Motion Failed.

Vice President Joan Dobbins called for a vote to spend up to \$2500 for the same motion.

Count: 33 in favor

11 opposed

Motion passed for \$2500 to be spent on an attorney.

It was noted that chairs from the shed had fallen onto people during the picnic.

Overcrowding is an issue. A possible solution would be to add another shed and maybe spit the 2 sheds alphabetically. It was noted that there is a per family chair limit on shed chairs.

A member inquired about the hose by the shed and why it didn't work this summer. A contractor is needed to get it running and Tony Bonaccorsi wasn't able to find anyone available to attend to it.

A member mentioned the excess of beach rocks at the shoreline and suggested volunteers to clean up. It was decided September 11th would be a clean up date.

A member suggested a "No Diving" sign be placed on the floating raft.

Motion to adjourn unanimous at 11:40AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine Tiomkin, Secretary