

## **SOTS MEETING MINUTES – May 14, 2015**

- A. **Call to order** – 7:20 PM
- B. **Welcome to Guests** – Present were Gary Harris, Jean Spohn, Randy Churchill, Lori Bushsbaum and Dana Wheelock
- C. **Communications of the President** – The President was out of town this month. Gary reiterated the arrangement where the Vice President Tim Wilhelmi has been extremely busy as of late and that Randy Churchill has agreed to take on the position of Vice President in an interim role. Randy said that he was happy to be in an acting role, but would defer to anyone that the Board deems acceptable for the position. Jean and Lori thanked Randy for stepping up.
- D. **Minutes and Report of the Secretary** – April Minutes were reviewed and minor corrections were made regarding the date of the recent work parties April 25<sup>th</sup> (as opposed to April 24<sup>th</sup>). April Minutes were approved with corrections.
- E. **Report of the Treasurer – Gary Harris**
- a. **Savings = \$18,452.97; Checking = \$6,492.51; Total = \$24,945.48**
- b. **Discuss of the Budget** – Gary reported that a little over fifty percent of the community households have paid 2015 dues. Currently the count is around thirty eight short of last year's and that some may need reminding. Lori suggested reaching out, perhaps via telephone call.
- Gary showed the Board the certificates of appreciation and the gift certificates to be presented to Kevin Deleschmutt and Joe Cail for their years of service to the SOTS community.
- Lori questioned the \$2,000 line item for the Beach. Gary reminded that there were a number of maintenance items regarding the Beach that need funding such as maintenance and repairs of the stairs, fence, handrails, trail, picnic tables, etc. as well as occasional services such as tree removal, professional yardwork and others.
- Gary reminded that there had been discussions in the recent past regarding raising the dues. SOTS dues have not been raised in over a decade. Dana noted that participation from the whole community would be nearly the same as doubling the dues for the households (currently ~50%) that do pay dues.
- Lori also inquired about the line item on the budget regarding the gate on 30<sup>th</sup> Ave SW. She indicated that there was some negative feelings towards the neighbors on 30<sup>th</sup> Ave SW that have limited access to the Beach by installing the gate. Gary explained that the Club supported the installation of the gate as it helps limit the access to community

members [for the most part] and helps reduce problems such as vandalism that was occurring in the past. The funds pay for the maintenance of the pedestrian gate which gives access to dues paying members – they are provided with an access code. Lori acknowledged that it made sense, but most people probably don't know the history and the Club may want to get that message out. Dana suggested a short article in the Newsletter explaining the gate, the funding and its history.

Lori suggested that the subject of a reserve fund be added to the agenda. Gary reminded that there had been a wash-out at the Beach that cost considerably more than the Club had in reserve and that an emergency assessment had to be imposed on community members to cover the cost. Jean said that the construction on an adjacent property had caused the damage to the seawall and that the owner of that property had to pay. Gary said he was referring to a failure of the seawall in the 1980s.

## **F. Committee Reports**

- a. Communications – Bob, Chestine, Barrett, Kyle, Betsy** – Bob dropped off the Newsletters, fresh from the printers. The envelopes were not available so there would not be a 'stuffing party' following the meeting. Dana volunteered himself and Betsy to handle the stuffing, labeling and mailing of the Newsletters. Gary said that the envelopes would be available early the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> and would get them to Dana. He also indicated that Barrett would work with Rand to get the labels printed and that getting them to Dana and Betsy could be coordinated via email.
- b. Beach – Tim, Jean, Guy** – No report.
- c. Welcoming Committee – Patty, Beth** – No report. Gary pointed out that appears to be a number of new neighbors moving in.
- d. Ecology/Path Maintenance – Jean, Guy** – Jean reported on the work party on April 25<sup>th</sup>. There were a couple of hours spent in the morning at Shorewood Park and a couple of hours spent at the Beach in the afternoon pulling ivy and cleaning up. She also provided an article for the upcoming Newsletter. Gary reported that the ivy from the beach got picked up – thanks to Michael Steiner for the use of his yard-waste receptacle.
- e. Current Board members:**
  - 1. President is Barrett Knudsen**
  - 2. Acting Vice-President is Randy Churchill**
  - 3. Secretary is Dana Wheelock**

4. **Treasurer is Gary Harris**
5. **Newsletter Editor is Chestine Edgar**
6. **Board Members are Jean Spohn, Tim Wilhelmi, Bob Edgar, Rand Fullington, Rick Goroski, Beth Kleparek, Patty Knudsen, Kyle Lonzak, Lori Buchsbaum**

**G. Discussion of Web Page maintenance – Eli/Jesse – Kyle’s neighbors – No report.**

**H. Discussion of 2015 Events**

- a. **Easter Egg Hunt, Betsy and Lori, 4/4/15** – Old news discussed at last meeting. Lori said that she had a few receipts from the Easter Egg Hunt and that she would get them to Gary.
  - b. **Streets of Garage Sales, Heather, 6/13/15** – Gary said that there is an article in the Newsletter that goes out in about a week.
  - c. **SummerFest, Barrett, 7/18/15** – No update
  - d. **SalmonBake, Tim and John, 8/22/15** – No update
  - e. **Christmas Lights, Kyle, December 2015** – No update
- I. Any Further New Business** – Discussions while reviewing the budget items led to the topic of the SOTS Community Club mission(s). Lori reminded that one of the main duties of the Club is to maintain the Beach. She indicated that when reviewing the website she didn’t find it very clear that the Beach was one of the main reasons for the Club and that reason(s) could be better communicated. Gary stated that the Beach was donated and that one of our missions is to take care of it.
- Lori suggested that perhaps an article in the Newsletter detailing the history, purpose and responsibility of the Club might go a long ways towards getting some neighbors to pay their dues. Gary added that information could also be posted at community events and/or handouts could be provided. Lori suggested putting something together to have available at the annual meeting and/or other community events.
- Lori also mentioned that there were boxes of documents in the storage unit that appeared to have historical significance regarding the SOTS community dating back many years and that there may be some valuable information that could be used towards outreach. Jean added that there used to be a Historian as part of the Club.

Gary suggested that the history be dug up and then an article can be written and fed to Chestine for the Newsletter. He also reminded that there was a few pages of history of SOTS in the directory – he found a copy and presented it.

Randy brought up the subject of a Mission Statement. He said that the By-Laws should be reviewed and pertinent information could be included in a Mission Statement. Lori questioned if the current By-Laws [revised 1999] included the original content of the Club's mission. Randy suggested that an established community member may help to shed light on the Club's original mission and that newer folks may not have that history. He continued regarding the Mission Statement indicating that people's thoughts should be sought and recorded – what is important? The Beach? Social events? Find out what matters to the community. He stated that if some of the newer community members had a better understanding of Club and what's in it for them, there might be better buy-in such as paying dues, volunteering, participating in events, etc.

- a. **Approval of November 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes (Bob)** – At the April meeting as well as the May meeting there was an Agenda item regarding the minutes from the Annual meeting last November. Both Bob and Barrett had taken notes at the Annual meeting – there wasn't a Secretary at that time. The April Minutes indicated that Bob would work with Barrett to produce a copy for the May meeting. Neither Bob nor Barrett were able to attend the May meeting. Dana was tasked with reaching out to them to remind them to work out the details and present them at the June meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding Joe Cail's presentation at the Annual meeting and it was agreed that it should not be included as part of the record for the reasons already recorded in the January Minutes.

As recorded in the January meeting Minutes:

- D. **Minutes and Report of the Secretary** – Minutes from the SOTS Annual Meeting held November 20, 2014 were read. Bob Edgar motioned to amend the minutes to include a copy of Joe Cail's summary regarding the CC&R issue and an issue that Toni Lysen, Patti Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Ma discussed a construction project as well as a few other items such as:
- the fact that the Board thanked Heather Ingersoll for coordinating the Street of Garage Sales
  - Chestine Edgar reported that 2000 feet of Salmon Creek had been surveyed with the help of the Boy Scouts and that in late spring interested community members would be contacted to help continue the survey
  - Bob Edgar reported during the City Items that the City was currently working on the biennial budget and an Economic Development plan.

It was determined that the issues regarding Joe Cail's presentation was an opinion regarding the CC&Rs and should not be included in the minutes as no other opinions

were documented in such detail. The construction project discussion was not part of the meeting as it was tabled until the meeting was adjourned.

- b. Discussion of abandoned house (Marv and/or Laurel if available) - No report.**
- J. City Items (Bob) – Bob was not able to stay for the meeting – No report.**
  - a. Next Meeting is on June 11, 2015 - June meeting will be held at Jean Spohn's house @11925 Marine View Dr. SW**
- K. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM**