

SOTS MEETING MINUTES – July 9, 2015

- A. Call to order** – 7:06 PM – Patty and Barrett Knudsen, Bob Edgar, Betsy and Dana Wheelock, Lori and Steve Buchsbaum, Rick Goroski, Kyle Lonzak, Randy Churchill and Angelica Spates in attendance
- B. Welcome to Guests** –
- C. Communications of the President** – Barrett welcomed all
- D. Minutes and Report of the Secretary**- Minutes had been distributed in advance for review. Betsy moved to approve with no additions/corrections, Kyle seconded – voted approved.
- E. Report of the Treasurer as of 07/6/15**
- a. Savings = \$18,451.16; Checking = \$6,416.69; Total = \$24,867.85**
 - b. Discussion of the Budget – Hold for Gary’s return**
 - c. Sent out reminder dues notices on 6/30: 9 returns so far**
- F. Vote on open Board position** – Randy nominated Angelica, Rick seconded – vote affirmed her to the Board.
Bob reminded that Chestine was both on the Board of Directors as well as being the past Newsletter editor. Her recent resignation was for the Newsletter editor, however she remains as one of the Directors.
Discussion followed regarding number of positions. Betsy reminded that with both Tim Wilhelmi and Beth Kleparek’s recent resignation and Angelica’s appointment, the Board was now full.
- G. Committee Reports**
- a. Communications – Bob, Chestine, Barrett, Kyle, Betsy** – Bob indicated that there was nothing to report.
 - 1. Bob - Annual Meeting Minutes** – Bob presented copies of the Minutes that he and Barrett had compiled from the Annual Meeting from last November (there was no Secretary at that time to officially record the Meeting Minutes). Lori moved that the Minutes be approved as presented – Patty seconded. The Annual Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

b. Beach – Tim, Jean, Guy – The Beach looked good (July Meeting held at the Beach). It was noted that the trail and picnic areas could use some weed whacking – it appeared as if none had been done since the Easter Egg Hunt. Dana and Kyle agreed to take care of that on the following weekend.

c. Welcoming Committee – Patty, Beth – Lori noted that there were new neighbors on her street. Rand indicated that the house west of him had new neighbors. Others commented on new neighbors as well as houses on the market. Patty said that she would work with Angelica (a real estate agent) to keep updated on new neighbors and that the Welcoming Committee would reach out to them.

d. Ecology/Path Maintenance – Jean, Guy

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 Betsy Wheelock**
- 6. Board Members are Jean Spohn, Chestine Edgar, Bob Edgar, Rand Fullington, Rick Goroski, Patty Knudsen, Kyle Lonzak, Lori Buchsbaum and Angelica Spates.**

H. Discussion of Web Page maintenance – Eli/Jesse – **Kyle's neighbors** – Eli and Jesse now have access to the Website. Barrett requested (via Kyle) that Eli and/or Jessie attend the next meeting so the Board can thank them for taking it on and we can all get acquainted. There was an inquiry regarding requirements for the website administrators to be on the Board. Bob replied that anyone can volunteer to take on tasks supported by the Board. The topic then turned to the Facebook page. The SOTS Facebook page, which is linked to the SOTS website, is supported by the SOTS Community Club and is titled 'Shorewood on the Sound Community Club'. Therefore, the Community Club should take on the task of maintaining it, too. Angelica explained, in basic terms, how Facebook worked to some of the Board members that had little or no experience with it. Kyle indicated that Eli and Jessie might be able to help with the SOTS Facebook page as well as the SOTS website since Kevin was (understandably) wanting to shed some of his former SOTS duties. Barrett asked Bob to approach Kevin regarding the SOTS Facebook page and report back.

I. Discussion of Remaining 2015 Events

a. SummerFest, Barrett, 7/18/15: Need Help

- 1. Setup – Start 9 AM or 10 AM** – Rick, Kyle and Dana will help with the set up. Rand and Rick have offered up their grills for the occasion.
- 2. Kids' Area – Face Painter and Bounce House** – Face Painter has been arranged – Betsy and Lori will supervise the Bouncy House from 12-3
- 3. Food Preparation – Purchasing, Preparing, Serving** – Patty Knudsen will handle the purchasing. Angelica and Betsy will help with some of the preparing. Dana and Rick will man the grills.
- 4. Cleanup – Start at 3 PM** – The setup crew and others will help with the cleanup.

b. SalmonBake, Tim and John, 8/22/15 – Barrett will reach out to Tim and John to confirm that things are on track for the Salmonbake.

c. Christmas Lights, Kyle, December 2015 – Barrett will get with Kyle regarding signs for the Christmas Lights event.

J. Any Further New Business

a. Discussion of abandoned house (Marv and/or Laurel if available) – No Report

b. Discussion of formulating a SOTS Mission Statement – As pointed out by Bob, a Mission Statement already exists. The Mission Statement reads “Neighbors working together to maintain a comfortable, friendly, secure community”. It can be found on page four of the Directory. Dana mentioned that perhaps it should be displayed somewhere on the website and other social media supported by the SOTS Community Club. Angelica suggested that the Mission Statement also be included in the Newsletter. Barrett inquired as to when there would be the next Newsletter. Betsy replied that probably in September – That way both the Summerfest and Salmonbake could be included in the articles.

c. Need to prepare a bulleted list of why supporting SOTS is a benefit to home ownership in Shorewood – Once again the subject of some sort of bulleted list indicating the benefits of the SOTS Community Club, its assets and events was discussed. Angelica suggested that a high level list of where the dues are spent should be included. Lori reminded that the Beach is one of the main responsibilities and that perhaps the list could be presented at the upcoming Salmonbake. She offered to work on it.

It was suggested that the list could also be presented in the form of a flyer that could be handed out. Angelica suggested that a flyer could also be included in the Welcome Kits. Bob suggested that it also be in some form that was reusable. It was reminded that in previous discussions Gary had offered to print the list on some sort of poster board that could be set up at events.

d. Neighbor Issue Regarding Parking – The SOTS Board was contacted regarding an issue where one family’s guests parked on the public right of way in front of another neighbor’s house. Apparently that neighbor left a less than friendly notice to not park in ‘their’ space. The neighbor that contacted the SOTS Board wanted the community reminded that no one owns the public right of way exclusively and that the kind of behavior exhibited by placing notes claiming ownership of certain areas undermines the sense of community that is desired here at Shorewood on the Sound. The Board agreed with the neighbor – some discussion followed. Possibly a short article in the Newsletter could address that topic.

Bob also reminded that a copy of the neighbor’s submission should be placed in the Secretaries Book.

e. Submission of CC&R Story – Betsy reported that a community member had tried to submit (via email) a story about some legal action that had recently taken place regarding the CC&Rs and a dispute between some of the neighbors living in the SOTS area to be included in the next Newsletter. However, he had a typo in the email address, causing her to be unaware of the correspondence until later when it was forwarded to her. Copies of the submission were circulated for review among the Board. Barrett reminded that the CC&R Committee had been disbanded over a year ago. Much discussion followed regarding the previous CC&R effort and the negative impact that it had on almost anyone involved. It was suggested that the various plats could handle their CC&R issues separately since the SOTS Community Club has no authority regarding the CC&Rs. There are multiple avenues available via blogs, etc. to have an open dialogue. Betsy suggested that an on-line forum could be established for this type of discussion/information. Some felt it would need to be something separate from the SOTS website, which is supported by the SOTS Community Club. After a lengthy discussion Lori and Barrett once again reminded that the CC&R issues are not supported by the SOTS Board any longer. Dana also reminded that the negative fallout from the previous CC&R effort is contrary to the SOTS Community Club Mission of “Neighbors working together to maintain a comfortable, friendly, secure community”.

Barrett solicited a motion to include the following statement in the Meeting Minutes – “The discussion of the CC&Rs are outside of the scope of the SOTS Community Club

and/or Newsletter”. Rick made the motion, Lori seconded and an affirmative vote was unanimously cast.

f. Chestine List of Concerns – Dana reported that Chestine had sent out a list of concerns that she had regarding the SOTS Community Club and its Board of Directors. Unfortunately, the email was sent out at 5:20 pm on the day of the July 9th meeting and no copies were made in time to be presented at the Board Meeting. Dana indicated that he would forward Chestine’s email and attachment when draft copy of the July 9th Meeting Minutes were distributed for review.

K. City Items (Bob) – Bob reported on recent events such as the Strawberry Festival, Car Show and the 4th of July Parade. He also reported that the construction in the Town Square area is progressing.

L. Next Meeting is on August 13, 2015 – August meeting will also be held at the Beach.

M. Adjournment