

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
October 14, 2013 Minutes CSCA Board Meeting

Present: Bill Moore, Eric Nothman, Jack Orrick, Phil Rider, Mary Lou Shannon, Bob Stocker, Gunnar Tomasson

Opening and Comments –

Phil Rider called the meeting to order.

Discussion –

1) Secretary's Report –

Gunnar Tomasson presented the September Meeting minutes for review. Following discussion, the minutes were approved as presented.

Gunnar Tomasson to consider September Meeting minutes final.

2) Treasurer's Report –

Bob Stocker provided a review of current balances in CSCA accounts and income statement. He noted 76% of goal for dues had been met. Bob will work with Barbara Ames to send out a follow-up dues email. Lastly, Bob noted that the current financial statement shows expenses related to the Fall Swing Dance Party but income received has not yet been captured.

The Treasurer's Report was approved without changes.

3) Social Events –

The Fall Swing Dance, held on September 21st, was very successful. Joe Tobin, who coordinated the event, is resigning his position as Social Committee Chairperson due to other time demands. Joe has provided a list of candidates to consider as replacements. The Board discussed posting the position to the community in addition to considering the list from Joe.

4) Mid-Century Modern House Tour –

Phil mentioned that the recent MCM tour, conducted on October 5th, was very successful and that everyone seemed to have a good time.

5) House and Property Maintenance –

Phil has found someone who will contribute information for a newsletter article concerning houses that are in disrepair. He will develop some steps to consider before elevating discussions. While the first step would ideally be neighbor-to-neighbor, skills in approaching someone to discuss this vary.

6) Meeting Schedule –

Phil discussed the recent Board consideration to move the meetings to an earlier Monday in the month. After checking with Board members and the club schedule, the only Monday seem to work for all board members plus the club is only available regularly on the third Monday of the month. The earlier meeting date was being considered to allow more time between CSCA Board meeting and newsletter submittal, which is currently the 20th of each month.

The recommendation was made to extend the CSCA Newsletter submission deadline by one week to the 27th of each month. Phil suggested that the Club and CSCA Board coordinate on the delivery of hard copy newsletters. Phil will present the proposal to extend deadline to Margie.

The motion to propose extending the newsletter deadline by one week was approved.

7) Fall Meeting –

Phil discussed the upcoming Fall meeting. The first issue is to determine a Sunday in November. November 17th or 24th were suggested as possible dates. The Board will target the 24th which will be dependent on the availability of a speaker and the club.

8) Other Issues –

Mary Lou Shannon suggested including a calendar of events in the CSCA newsletter. She advocated the idea of including information and program highlights on the front page.

Mary Lou also presented some ideas on a senior program, modeled after the Bannockburn inter-generational program. The program pairs a high school senior with a senior community member. A high school teacher or counselor provides interview tips to the senior student who then conducts an interview. The student makes a presentation of the person's story. Mary Lou has reached out to seniors within the community to participate and has help reaching out to high school seniors.

Eric Nothman attended the Board meeting to present his idea to coordinate a community white water canoe trip. The idea was largely driven by Eric's participation in a canoe trip sponsored by the Cabin John Community Association. He would like approval from the Board to sponsor the trip and then to refine the idea with the Events Committee. The white water canoe trip concept is to essentially duplicate the system used in Cabin John, where a professional group is hired to assist and guide the participants. The professional efforts include supplying a bus, canoes and guiding the trip down the Potomac River. The Cabin John trip is run by Calleva Adventures; another option is Potomac Paddlesports who provides similar services. The Cabin John Association subsidizes the events in the amount of \$700 - \$1,400 depending on the number of participants.

Meeting adjourned