



Ferry Beach Park Association

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MINUTES, FBPA Board meeting of May 1, 2017 via Internet Zoom teleconference platform

Commenced 8:04 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Board Secy. Ron Willett

Participating: E.D. Cathy Stackpole, Directors Barbara Crowley, Marty Burgess, Deb Best, Janet Bringola, Lydia Gibb, Carolyn Hodges, Cyd Melcher, Caitlin Peale Sloan and Ron Willett. No visitors participating.

* Board Vice President Marty Burgess opened the meeting with welcoming comments (Board President Barbara Crowley will be delayed in joining the meeting).

* The **Agenda** offered by Cathy Stackpole was approved.

* **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Board's Zoom (teleconference) meeting of April 8, 2017 were approved with no changes.

* **Financials:**

Carolyn Hodges reported that she would submit an updated report on cash flow and other financial details at the Board's next meeting on June 11.

Carolyn will meet with Cathy and with counsel to discuss appropriate procedures for restricted or conditional donations.

* **President's Report:** Barbara Crowley agreed to serve as Moderator for the Annual Meeting, with assists from Cyd Melcher and Ron Willett regarding the Bylaws proposals.

* **Executive Director's report (Cathy Stackpole):**

- Saco's strategic planning: Cathy reported that the recent meeting of the planning group was disappointing, as little interest was expressed in viewing and treating the beach and beachfront areas as valuable community assets. Cathy will continue seeking alliances with parties sharing interests with Ferry Beach. Youth camps: Cathy reported that a successful and positive planning meeting recently occurred.
- Summer conferences: Cathy reported that registrations are already at about 65%, a higher rate than same time last year. Ron suggested that Cathy identify the new summer conferences at the Town Meeting on June 11.

* **Committee Reports:**

- Nominating Committee: The Board had received a report from the Committee identifying three candidates for the position of Director and one for a position on the Nominating Committee.

After brief discussion it was agreed to accept the nominations for submission to the membership for vote at the Annual Meeting. There were no objections to this action.

- Membership and Bylaws: Ron Willett noted that two weeks ago he distributed to all the Directors a copy of the color-coded set of proposed Bylaws amendments and that he has not received any comments or proposed edits. The same set of proposals was also included in the Board packet that Cathy submitted to the Directors for the current Board meeting. Accordingly, he considers the review of the proposed amendments to be completed.
 - *Ron moved that the color-coded set of Bylaws amendments and explanatory introduction page be approved for submission to the membership for review in advance of the June 11 Annual Meeting and for vote at the Annual Meeting.* Janet seconded the motion. *The motion was approved unanimously.*
 - Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the set of proposals will be submitted for vote up or down – approval or disapproval of whole set, not individual sections, with the possibility that further amendments or adjustments could result from comments submitted during the at-least-30-day review period, which will commence upon Cathy’s distribution of the proposals via Constant Contact e-mail and possible posting on the FB website.
- Marketing: Cathy expressed hope for a report at the next Board meeting. **(Not sure what this means?)**

*** Town Hall:**

The Directors discussed items to be addressed at the Town Hall occurring at 11:00 a.m. before the luncheon and Annual Meeting on June 11, to include the following:

- Summary of Bylaws amendments being proposed
- Introduction of new staff
- Art room update
- Identifying new summer conferences
- Any property issues to be highlighted (including outlook for Quillen loft)
- Connection with church retreat weekends
- Financial outlook – 10 year slide of 2011 – through 2021

Some discussion focused on the need for a context of right relations or ground rules for the Town Hall in order to encourage truthful participation and prevent disorder or disrespect. All agreed on this need but no formal action was taken. Debra Best and Barbara Crowley will confer on an approach to this need.

ADJOURNMENT was moved, duly seconded and approved at 9:23 p.m.