

Green Hill Civic Association
August 21, 2021
Annual Meeting
Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Mal O'Connor at 10 a.m. Officers present were Mal O'Connor, VP Bill Conlin, Treasurer Bill Anastasiades, and Secretary Maureen Koehl.

The meeting was held via Zoom because of the Covid 19 pandemic regulations still in place concerning in-person gatherings. Attendance – approximately 30 member families.

Minutes of the July 11 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Bill reported not much change since the June meeting. He projected a budget of \$17,000 for the year. Expenses were higher last year because of work done with the tennis/recreation area improvements. He said that a bank account of between \$15K and \$20K is what the organization should feel comfortable with.

Membership: Bill also gave an historic look at the membership roster.

2019 = 195; 2020 = 202; 2021 = 209 members

A question was asked concerning why there was a budget expense line for lifeguards/beach if there were none. Mal explained that upon advisement of our lawyer we should not charge for boat stickers or launch area keys so providing these is now an expense in its place.

There has also been a \$5,000 increase in insurance costs.

Beach Report: Optimist Mal O'Conne-Or has a hope that the back end of the next hurricane will bring us some sand. [lol] Even the Low Tide Club has had a difficult time reaching the shore this season. He will talk to the current homeowners, the Evnins, about access. There is a plan to reinforce access to the benches next year.

Lucy McNair [part of the Spencer clan] mentioned the need for discussion about what is happening to our beach and how this can be addressed in the future. Mal said it might be advantageous to have a Coastal Resources person attend our June meeting.

Yacht and Racquet Club Report:

Yacht - Commodore Bill Conlin reported that all the kayak slots were assigned and taken. Eight members received two slots. A discussion re building a 5th rack ensued. The questioned seemed to be, "Do we really need it?" Current feeling – not at this time. Dylan Gamache will build a ground-level extension for the double kayaks. Troubles - One lock disappeared and securing of the kayaks by users could be improved. One seat from each double is missing...no clues...Bill has received lots of positive feedback on the kayak program. Any issues? Contact Commodore Bill. He asks that all boats be removed by the end of the year. Our insurance covers liability to the water, not in the water.

Tennis – Robust resurgence of members reported by Kathy and Bill, there were 39 paid members: 31 GHCA members, 4 pickle ball members and several associate members.

Conversation is ongoing re a ball machine. Problems might be electric supply installation in the

shed. The recent tennis cocktail party was a pleasant success with 26 attendees. Funds are good: \$10K in checks received, \$6K for the reserve fund, and \$4400 in the operating account.

Community Liaison Update: Mal reported for Dan who was absent. The Mean High Tide [MHT] measurement was explained as set in 1982. An 18.6 year tide cycle sets the MHT line. This line is now underwater off our beaches. There is a proposed new law regulating the MHT allowing shore access to beach users that would set the line 10 feet above the most recent high tide line, as shown by the rack line on the beaches. This would determine public access. Some property owners are against this proposal. Public comments are needed and should be sent to the state representatives. Mal will publish a list of these individuals on the website. He also reported on the Green Hill Recovery project. Pollution is caused by several sources – the greatest fecal and high nitrogen counts are generally caused by wildlife; storm water runoff is a secondary pollutant and can be controlled by catchment basins. Engineers are looking for sources of overland runoff. In our area, Green Hill Beach Road is where the greatest flow into Green Hill Pond occurs. Let Mal know if any flows are seen as this would indicate where catchment areas should be located.

Social Committee: The recent movie night [*Sandlot*] was enjoyed by all who attended, although the turnout was small. The Porchfest Music Night was well-attended and well-done and everyone is looking forward to next year so get your acts ready now! The audience had an evening of wonderful music. Bocce tournament was a success as was the Sidewalk Chalk Day over the July 4th weekend. Mal said it has been a terrific year for social happenings! And there is one more to go...Don't forget the End of Season picnic this afternoon at the Recreation Area before Hurricane Henri makes landfall!

And thinking of 2022...

Kick-off Dinner: Hopes are high that a Spring Dinner – social event can be held next June. Help will be needed to chair the event. If you have an interest in this, please contact one of the officers. Spain Restaurant has been wonderful these past few years, but we have probably outgrown the venue. Suggestions for a new venue are welcome. And if this afternoon's picnic is successful, look for a redo same time next year.

UPDATE: The GHCA Season Kickoff Dinner will be held on June 4, 2022 at the Locanda Restaurant (attached to the Holiday Inn at the intersection of Rte 1 and Rte 138). Hold the Date!

Nominating Committee: Kathy Conlin presented the nominating committee [Kathy and Peter Brash] report. The four current officers indicated a desire to remain [President- Mal O'Connor, VP - Bill Conlin, Treasurer - Bill Anastasiades, Secretary – Maureen Koehl] ; Leah Puzzo and Peter Brash were nominated for the two open Board positions. The vote to elect the slate as presented was unanimous. Many thanks to Ellie McGrath and Donna McNulty who are stepping down after many years of service.

Discussion about having a two consecutive terms limit for the officers. All present terms of office are for two years. Decision was made to leave the current rules in place, but an executive meeting before the Spring meeting might be called to discuss the idea.

Mal ended the meeting with a push for the new improved website <https://greenhillcivic.com> – all the old features and some new ones like blog and cookbook sections. All ideas are good ideas. Let Mal know what you think and with any offers of additional features.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Koehl, Secretary