



**Poplar Heights Recreation Association
Annual Shareholder Meeting
November 10, 2020
Virtual Meeting Via Webex**

Call to Order

A quorum being present with more than 136 proxies, President Dan O’Grady called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes from 2019 Annual Meeting

A motion was made to add the statement that Fairfax County does not define the term: “nearby residential areas”. With that modification, it was moved, and seconded, to approve the Minutes from the October 30, 2019 Annual Meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote. A request to have the PowerPoint slides of a presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting included in the record was rejected. No other objections were heard.

Election of Directors

There were nine vacancies on the Board to be filled. The slate of candidates before the membership included three current Board members -- Shawn Kline, Dorothy Lange, Jim Nach – who were standing for re-election. Other candidates who submitted their names for a position on the board were: Chris Cook, Armand LeVasseur, Pam Nicholson, Richard Snyder, Marc DeLuca, John Kosco, Nick Reskusic, John Thompson, Elizabeth Hosinski, Margaret Neubig, Rob Reynolds, and Allison Viola.

No other nominations were received from the floor.

The deadline for delivery of proxy ballots was November 10 at 8 p.m. At that point 177 ballots were received by the registrar Cynthia Wilson at which point she, Janice Martin, and Lisa Ferguson began the count. In addition to the election of directors, a shareholder vote to approve a bylaw change regarding membership boundaries was included.

Reports

1. COVID-19

Dan O'Grady provided a summary of the board's response to COVID-19 restrictions. A new reservation system was introduced for access to the pool. The board instituted restrictions similar to our peer recreational associations. Barb Mayer remarked that Lee Graham, Tuckahoe, Chesterbrook, Langley, McLean, Fairfax Station, Fox Hunt, Mantua Hills, among others had less restrictive COVID policies after the County entered Phase 3. Dan responded that half of the clubs he was in contact with retained the more restrictive reservation and lap restrictions even after Phase 3.

2. Treasurer

Shari Kane reported a loss of \$72,000. 275 Shareholders paid their dues, 60 shareholders and 35 renters went inactive. There were no August or September rentals. We received a repayment of \$12,000 from Fairfax Water from overcharges during the past three years. We received \$1,000 from the Lacrosse team for the use of our field. An Eagle Scout project to replace the garbage can holders cost \$3,800, a walking path \$7,375, pipe repair \$71,000, tree removal \$14,500. We had legal fees associated with COVID and property encroachment totaling about \$3,000. General administration was \$44,800, significantly higher than last year. [Note: the average general administration costs for the three years 2017-2019 were approximately \$11,000. Thus the 2020 general administration costs were about \$34,000 higher.] More details were provided in the Second Notice mailer, but some of those figures were revised by the time of the November 10 meeting.

The Treasurer's report prompted several questions from the shareholders. Shareholders suggested that updated financial reports should have been transmitted via email before the meeting to avoid confusion produced by the outdated numbers in the mailer. Several shareholders requested more detailed breakdown of expenses and the most up-to-date reports. Others requested that the effective loss in revenue relate to COVID be calculated and reported to shareholders. The board offered to send that information to shareholders upon request via email. Several members noted they had previously requested detailed information many times to no avail. One shareholder requested an explanation of the large increase in General Administration expenses this year. Another shareholder referred to the 2019 budget report from last year's annual meeting where an Annuity of \$70,000 was entered as income to the 2019 budget whereas the Annuity was an existing PHRA asset, not newly acquired income. The shareholder asked if this accounting issue was resolved.

3. Miscellaneous Topics Raised by Shareholders:

A. Can the reservation system be used to obtain a breakdown of how many people used the pool and courts this season and how many stayed home? These statistics could be used to predict usage and operating expenses for next year.

- B. An objection was raised regarding the recent bylaw amendment regarding inactive membership deadlines and payments. The dissenting shareholder(s) expressed a wish to revisit the issue in the future via member initiative.
- C. An objection was raised regarding curated email communications to inactive members.

Results of Board Elections and Bylaw Amendment Vote

The results of the votes were reported to shareholder in a MemberSplash message on 11 November, 11:17 a.m. Elected to the board in order of number of votes received were: Marc Deluca, Chris Cook, Elizabeth Hosinski, Allison Viola, Dorothy Lange, Shawn Kline, Rob Reynolds, Jim Nach, and Nick Reskusic. The bylaw amendment on a Geographic Preference Zone passed with 92 votes approving, 82 votes not approving. The Registrar, Cynthia Wilson, reported that 177 members cast ballots and one ballot had no votes marked so it was invalid.

Adjourn

There being no other items, Dan O'Grady adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Grossmann