

## MERIFIELD ACRES LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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The Board of Directors of MALA held their quarterly meeting on March 6, 1983 at 2 PM at the Bernard White home in Merifield Acres. Directors Albrecht, Wells, Gupton, Johnson, Donaldson, Floreth, Sadler, Simes, White, Nichols, Hensley, Clippinger, Lilyquist, Finn and Walsh and Security Officer Ollie were present.

The minutes of the annual meeting were approved as circulated.

The Treasurer reported a balance as of this time of \$87,524.78. He furnished the following information about MALA assets: \$1684.06 in the checking account, \$16,640.72 in Dreyfuss and \$59,200 investments in Virginia Southern money market account. Included in the \$59,000 is a CD that came due and it was felt to be better invested in the money market account. Another \$10,000 CD will come due March 8, 1983. \$22,636.88 assessments have been collected this year. 323 members have paid and still to be heard from are 220. There are 49 liens - none have been retired. 81 lots and houses are for sale. About 58 of these are Merifield Acres Inc. Two new houses are under construction. \$10,317.94 were paid to I R S in taxes. The treasurer's report was accepted.

The President reported that the smaller of the two hangars at the airfield had collapsed. The Hensleys placed the lowest bid to remove the debris and clean up. They did a good job. There was no damage to any of the equipment stored in the hangar.

### Committee Reports

The Roads Committee meant a week ago to discuss Pete Cook's contract. P. Cook wishes to terminate his contract, however he owes MALA money on the equipment we purchased for him, \$3340. Mr. Overstreet, MALA's lawyer has notified Mr. Cook by letter, 3-1-83, that he has 10 days, 3-10-83, to pay the balance due on the equipment. Should he not pay we can sell the equipment at public auction and retrieve some of the money. It was felt the equipment would not bring full price of the debt. After a discussion about Pete Cook's delinquency on payments on the equipment and his refusing to remove snow it was decided to wait out the 10 days - then seek a contract on the work required. There should be no more hourly wages.

Fred Clark, the chairman of the Common Facilities was not present. John Floreth reported a private boat ramp in Merifield at this time was a dead issue. The Corp. of Engineers said no to all requests. It was suggested we try to pursue any help we might get through Congressman Daniel or Senator John Warner. Any contact on Capital Hill should be pursued. Jim Donaldson felt he had a contact worth talking to for help. Joe Noah and Gary Wilburn gave us the feed back from a study on our airfield. It is possible a law suit could be opened against Merifield because of damage to a plane or individual with regards to the conditions of the field. The no fault waivers signed by those using the airfield no longer stand up in court. After the report on the field and its condition - no insurance, cost of maintenance, number of people using it, nearest public airport and promise of a airfield with the sale of lots from Merifield Acres Inc. it was decided that the decision whether the airfield remain open or be closed was a major

decision and should be decided by the whole group of MALA at the September annual meeting. It was requested that all written comments on this subject could be mailed to Frank Clippinger, to be included in the study report to the whole body. A motion was made and passed to temporarily close the airport until the problems can be resolved. We should also check with the attorney about the legality of our decisions.

It was requested that our Security Committee check on the possibility of the local law enforcement officers patrolling our roads. The many complaints of the high speed of so many cars on our private roads has increased to an alarming rate. Can we use the police on our private roads for accidents and injuries? How far can we expect our Security Patrol to go or should he even be responsible? There should be more yield right of way signs. Should there be a speed limit and how can we enforce it? It was requested the Security Committee take the above mentioned items for study and report back to the Board its recommendations.

A motion was made and passed to donate \$250.00 each to the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad of Clarksville.

A motion was made and passed to keep the tennis courts for Merifield Acres residents or land owners and their guests only.

The owners of Merifield Acres will be notified in writing about the regulations on the pets in our covenants. The animal warden will be called for violators and stray animals.

We have three different restrictive covenants in Merifield Acres.

- 1 - Holly Park Parcel - These covenants will be transferred from Mary Francis to MALA per her agreement.
- 2 - Fielding Development Parcel - Efforts are being made to have the covenants covering these land owners transferred to MALA. Fielding Development is no longer in existence.
- 3 - Merifield Acres Incorporated Parcel - Most of this has been transferred to MALA.

It is hoped in the near future all land owners in Merifield would be under the same covenants and all controlled by MALA.

A motion to adjourn was passed.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5, 1983 at 2 PM at Oak Grove Park.

Respectfully submitted,

*Betty Walsh*

Betty Walsh, Secretary