

Merifield Acres Landowner's Association

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
December 7, 1997

The December 7, 1997 meeting of the MALA Board of Directors was called to order by President Margaret White at 2:00 pm. Members in attendance were: Eric Scheidt, Dott Wells, Margaret White, Judy Buccine, Joe Noah, John Floreth, Frank Clippinger, Roger Greenhalgh, Dan Harris, Michelle Yauch, Paul Lautermilch, Roy Wendt, Tom Parker, and Jim Gordon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(1) Many thanks to Bob Finke, Joe Noah, and George Holtzworth for their efforts in setting up controls to safeguard the environment regarding hog farming practices in the area.

(2) The Hwy 821 launch ramp is presently on hold. MALA will send letters to VDOT and the Corps of Engineers expressing our support for the proposed ramp.

MINUTES: Minutes of the September Board meeting were approved as submitted (as mailed to board members).

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was distributed and discussed. Income and expenses are running fairly close to budget with only minor adjustments to be made between December 7 and year-end. We currently show a deficit of \$761 for all of 1997. Updates to the red Director's Handbooks were distributed and discussed. Paul Lautermilch questioned the authority and responsibility of the Executive Committee. John Floreth made a motion that the chairman of each committee draft responsibility and authority guidelines for their respective committees by the September 1998 meeting. The approved guidelines will then become a part of the MALA By-Laws. Motion and Treasurer's Report approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARCHITECTURAL: Margaret White spoke for Mike Gupton. For the Fall period a total of three houses and one addition have been approved. The report was approved as presented.

AVIATION: Joe Noah stated that the airstrip was in good shape and that the fence at the lake end of the strip had been removed. It was estimated that no more than one or two aircraft use the strip per month. The report was approved as presented.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: Everything is OK at this time. Jim Gordon again requested that all homeowners in Merifield Acres provide him with the location of their septic tanks and drain fields so that he may notify the Clarksville Fire Department. The report was approved as presented.

LEGISLATION: Roger Greenhalgh provided copies and discussed the letter he prepared for the MALA President's signature to be sent to State Representative Frank Ruff. Copies are available for those MALA directors who were unable to attend the meeting. Roger's report was approved as presented.

COMMON FACILITIES: Roy Wendt said he had met with Frank Clippinger and Dennis Hayes, but that he was still in the process of getting to know what the chairman's job entailed. He thanked all those who had volunteered their efforts with the Fall bulb planting. Report approved.

ROADS: Frank Clippinger discussed: (1) Dennis Hayes's 1998 contract, and (2) MALA spending parameters (Capital and Maintenance). Frank distributed a package titled; SPENDABLE FUNDS - SOURCE AND USE and discussed it in detail. Copies are available on request. The report was approved as presented.

SECURITY: Dott Wells discussed strengthening the neighborhood watch concept in Merifield Acres, and gave some personal examples of this type of security. This will be addressed in the next newsletter. Margaret White discussed a recent security incident in Merifield Acres. Jim Gordon drafted a message related to this security aspect for the MALA Community Service Phone System (X-240). Report approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Joe Noah discussed various aspects of what the Finance Committed should be responsible for (ie, Financial planning and 1998 budget), and outlining the use of MALA funds. Joe also discussed the two lots that MALA owns at the west end of the airstrip, ie, used to buffer the airstrip or offer for sale.
2. Judy Buccine discussed the new 1998 budget proposal. Based on requests for additional funding, motions were made to; (a) increase the regular assessment in 1998 by 10 percent on all lots, houses in 8A and MF-1, and houses to the \$160 "cap" in Merifield, Inc. sections, and to request appropriate increases from residents in voluntary sections....Approved!...and (b) reaffirm that "non-perk" lots are to be assessed in 1998 in compliance with restrictive covenants. This was reaffirmed by unanimous vote. Frank Clippinger discussed at some length the MALA maintenance contract with Dennis Hayes. The proposed 1998 budget was amended to incorporate the line item changes that Frank discussed. The 1998 proposed budget was approved as amended.

John Floreth questioned the need to continue spending MALA funds to advertise the "No Hunting" restrictions in and around Merifield Acres. Margaret White will check with the County Attorney on this. John also made a motion that MALA begin charging a 10% late fee in 1998 for all assessments that remain unpaid after June 1. This was approved pending a legality check by Michelle Yauch.

Margaret White stated that Jerry Boyle had resigned his Director's position on the MALA Board. Anyone knowing someone who would be a good candidate to replace Jerry should contact Margaret as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Floreth
MALA Secretary