

Merifield Acres Landowners' Association Board Meeting – April 7, 2019

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Kevin Hensley, President, at 7:00 pm at the Hensley's garage.
- II. **Roll Call (by sign-in):** The following board members were present: Annie Hensley, Kevin Hensley, Rick Baldwin, Lee Baldwin, Chris Crouse, David Hammer, Rusty Bishop, Cindy Meadows, Katie Ott, Kent Galvin, Kathy Compton, Carolyn Ferguson, Alan Weyman, and John Stinson. In attendance were Tim Ott, Andy Ferguson, Butch Cheatham, Scott Diamond, and Joe Pecorero.
- III. **Minutes – February 2019** moved, seconded, and approved.
- IV. **Committee Reports/Open Issues** (*organized alphabetically by Committee after President's and Treasurer's reports*)

First Order of Business and President's Report – (Kevin)

Old Business: The Oak Park cleanup is continuing. Limbs will be stacked and burned in April. Next weekend the volunteer team will begin leveling and preparing the playground area. We will need volunteers to set up the playground.

We will close the burn pile on or around May 1st. Alan will post a sign at the entrance of Oak Park that says, "No debris dumping for the month of May." This will help us prepare for the wedding in the barn May 18.

There will be a notice in the newsletter asking any Merifield resident who needs to bring debris to Oak Park to contact Kevin Hensley, Rick Baldwin, or Butch Cheatham beforehand and also asking that they help with the burn afterward. Please restrict debris to major debris windfall and yard debris. No contractors or tree crews should be dumping in Oak Park.

We are also compiling a list of volunteers who are willing to contribute time to the preservation and beautification of Merifield. Please contact Kevin if you have not yet done so and want to be called.

Treasurer's Report – Annie Hensley, Treasurer, presented the report. We have \$102,333.03 in a CD at 2.35% and \$119,632.82 in checking at Carter's Bank. Assessments are coming in. Contributions are appreciated.

Appearance and Beautification – Butch Cheatham reported that there was nothing to report.

Architectural Committee – Allen Weyman, chair. There have been two applications approved, one for a pergola on Shady Lane and one for a shed on High Point.

Alan introduced an update of the Architectural Committee Request for Approval. The new guidelines are simply a consolidating of the existing guidelines. There is no change to the substance of the guidelines, but Alan requests that the Board review and comment on this material (attached) as soon as possible. The approved update will go into the HOA packet and the Board Green Book.

Directory – Lee Baldwin reported that the Directory is continuing to be updated. Please email Lee (lbaldwin01@aol.com) with any changes or updates that you would like to make

in your listing, including email addresses. Please email any requests for changes that you would like to see since October's meeting.

Aviation Committee – Rick Baldwin, chair – We have had email meetings. The committee has discussed the following issues via email:

- We are getting prices on the airport sign \$175-200 plus tax – green metal.
- We have come up with wording:

Welcome to Merifield Airport,
The Most Beautiful Airport in Virginia!
Pedestrians, please stay to the side and watch for aircraft.
No vehicles are allowed

Airport Day is scheduled from 9-12 pm on Saturday, June 8, for Merifield landowners and their guests, weather **permitting**. We are discussing continuing the rides from Marks Airport after 12, if there is a demand, but the details of that possibility have not been discussed yet. Rides will be scheduled in advance by signup (please call Rick Baldwin at 919-846-8001), in 15 minute intervals from 9-12 am, 3 people per plane. We will be asking a \$20 donation per rider. We will hope to get some donations beyond the \$20 to help those who can't afford a ride. Joe Noah will be in the hangar talking about WWII Mustang Ace George Preddy and other legends of flight. RC aircraft will be performing from 12-5 pm. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided.

The committee has **cleaned** out around the windsock for better visibility and will be purchasing a new windsock to replace the one we have.

Apple Orchard Report – Lee Baldwin - Our **apple** orchard has survived the winter in fine style and the saplings are budding out!!! Most are in leaf, with a few of the later varieties, like the Arkansas Black, still in early bud. We also arranged for a pruning training session with Jason Fischer and Katy Overby from the Virginia Tech Extension Offices. Jason and Katy donated three hours of their time to demonstrate proper pruning techniques for the heritage apple trees. Then, our volunteer team of Rick Baldwin, Moe Tetreault, Butch Cheatham, Megan Lewis, and Lee Baldwin gave our trees a careful pruning. As a result, all of our trees are blooming, including "Tree B", the tree that we almost had to cut down. 10 scions from the 5 old trees have been sent to Century Farm Orchard to be grafted. The grafted trees will be ready to plant on Orchard Day this fall. The bulletin board with the names and dedications from our donors, along with a history of the community and orchard is under construction and will be erected with the two apples carved by Phil Beck later this spring/summer.

Common Areas and Facilities Committee – Allen Weyman, chair. We have discussed the activities in Oak Park. Jim Monaco is assisting with cleanup. We will find a generator to be used at the barn for the wedding.

Deer Control Committee – Scott Diamond, chair – We have a healthy, abundant deer population. A number of kill permits (bow only, does only) have been issued for designated areas (Sambo Lewis's properties).

Roads and Maintenance Committee – Kent Galvin for Mike Gupton – We are continuing to assess the roads for post-winter damage and will be considering tar and gravel repair, along with asphalt and cold patching. Tar and gravel work will be sometime this fall.

Security Committee – David Hammer – no report.

Newsletter, Email and Newcomer Welcoming – Emily Howie was not present. She would like to see us organize an Easter Egg hunt next year. The Board mentioned past years when we also had a hay ride and picnic. Please send Merifield news and other pictures and articles for the newsletter.

Webpage – Hal Norman was not present. Please send any interesting photos to:
mala@halnorman.com.

New Business - Kevin reported that all of our investment has now been moved into investments that are not with Merrill-Edge. \$4000 is available for the playground, Oak Park, and other community improvements.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Kevin Hensley at 7:55 pm.