

## **Barque Hill Association – 2008 Annual Meeting**

**Annual Meeting** - Minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2008 held at Church Hill Parish Hall. Number of attendees was 13: (Dan Uhlman, Eric Thorbahn, Loann & Jon Keene, Tom Poor, Kris Buckley, Steve Lynch, Chuck Bowering, Rosemary Spurway, Mark Roman, Christine North, Bob West and Carolyn Lundgren).

President Tom Poor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Secretary, Kris Buckley was in attendance.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Kris Buckley and approved by those in attendance.

2. Financial Statements:

- The President reported on the finances. A somewhat larger surplus than projected for 2007-08 was recognized due to slightly less expenses, primarily mowing.
- The President reported on the receipt of dues, noting 85 of the 107 owners paid the annual dues of \$200.00. This number was 5-10 less than in previous years.

3. Grounds

- Our mowing and clean-up costs were in line with budget.
- We had no expense on fence repair in 2008, but now some rails and posts need replacement. This repair is an ongoing item since our split rail fences are continually subject to weakening from weather.
- Thanks were voiced to Jessie Chai & Loann Keene for their flower and Christmas wreath arrangements at the base of Barque Hill Drive and Till Rock Lane.
- Shipyard Park and Till Rock Park are being maintained on an ongoing basis although it has been identified Till Rock Park may need some additional attention.
- Mention was made of the need for a burn to clean up a fallen tree and brush on the path between Till Rock Lane and Barque Hill common area. Thanks were voiced to John Keene for cutting up fallen tree and the cleanup.

4. Association Functions

- Picnic. The annual September picnic was a great success. Dan Uhlman is the new coordinator of the event. It was felt that the picnic was a great success and is a great asset to our community, well worth the expense, and an integral part of neighbors seeing one another.
- The Halloween costume parade in October did not happen this past year.

- Christmas caroling was suggested but did not happen with organizer Matt Hendison's move to Los Angeles/
- Again a brief discussion followed on the feasibility of an adult function for the Association, but no conclusions were reached.
- Welcoming Committee. Anne Merna was not available to report on the activity of this Committee, but the intent is to welcome each new owner with appropriate material.

#### 5. Common Lands:

- Shipyard Park remains quiet with no report of teens and others causing disturbance.
- Again, there is a "right of way" owned by the Association behind the Romans' and Shepherds' property. The Association must maintain some usage of this land to avoid the possibility of "adverse possession."
- Markers on Barque Hill Drive were not put in this winter with the exception of at the entrance to attempt to alert the plows. The Grounds Committee will review other marker options before snow season.

#### 6. Condition of Roads:

- Speeding continues to be a problem throughout the neighborhood. But particularly on Barque Hill Drive. Several offenders appear to be contractors working in the area, but there are many residents who are also at fault. Again, discussion on the letter submitted to the Traffic Committee in November, 2003 was held. Members of the Barque Hill Association attended a meeting with the town on May 27<sup>th</sup> 2004. Members have also attempted to join the Town Traffic Committee to assist but have not received back an invitation. Also discussed the corner of Till Rock and Brigantine as a concern. Association has not received back any solutions from Town on either situation.
- The Association continues to patrol Stetson Road to some extent to keep the roadside clear of trash and dead limbs. This activity is needed particularly on the strip which parallels Route 3 and is often used by residents on daily walks.

#### 7. Directors:

- The list of current directors was distributed and approved. Residents interested in serving as a Director are welcome.

#### 8. Web Site ([www.barquehill.org](http://www.barquehill.org))

- Thanks were voice to John Garvey for his ongoing work of the website.
- Tom to follow up with John Garvey on creating a bulletin board where neighborhood notices such as babysitting services can be posted.

## 9. New Business

- Dan Uhlman brought up the condition of the boat launch. Attendees discussed the possibility of further cleaning up the boat launch road and beach area for easier small boat access to the river.
- Dan Uhlman and Tom Flynn are interested in creating a weekly Sunday night get together at Shipyard Park for both kids and adults. Association will send out an email to neighborhood once event is coordinated.
- Steve Lynch volunteered to scan existing Home Owners guide to allow association to revise and update manual for distribution. Discussed possibly posting manual on website once updated.

## 10. Adjournment

- There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes submitted,

Kris Buckley, Secretary