

Brookhaven Village Association

Annual Boater's Meeting

January 15, 2025

Attendance

- BVA Directors, Officers and Employees present: Dave Anderson, Chris Bland, Kris Holmberg, Kristin Kirk Murphy, Andrew Komosinski, Andy Lovito, Mike Martens, Julia Villacara, Karin Wagner, Lynda Wagner, Janet Quirk. Steve Young
- BVA Directors, Officers and Employees excused absence: Kevin Glynn, Aileen Kokell

Opening Remarks

- President Julia Villacara opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Board members
- Intro by Julia Villacara: Discussing highlights of meeting to be covered.

Prior Month's Minutes Reviewed

- Review of 2024 Minutes.
- Motion to accept minutes by Missy Mirabelli._
- Seconded by Janet Schlock.
- Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-Janet Quirk

Income:

- Income up and expenses, as a whole, are down.
- \$10,000 was added to the Squassux Reserve.
- \$25,000 was added to the Shoreline Preservation.

Expenses:

- Majority of the expense lines changed very little.
- One of the larger expense lines is electrical work. For clarification, the Electrical Work expense line was divided into Repairs and Upgrades. Last year there was an upgrade that will be covered in the Squassux report.
- General Maintenance line was higher from previous year mainly due to new kayak rack, gate maintenance and service contract and spare gate rollers.
- Miscellaneous line includes the cost of a new purple martin setup and 2 new horsefly traps.

Squassux Committee Report-Andrew Komosinski/Andy Lovito

- Andrew Komosinski updated on the repairs made at Squassux since 2024.
- Andy Lovito reminded all about the importance of controlling speed on the road and in the water. He reported that he will continue to watch the elevation and grading at Squassux. Carmans River is suffering from embankment erosion.
- Invoices need to be filled out completely. The materials needed are: registration, signed check, license plate number on invoice. Uniformity is important.
- Boat changes need to be communicated so Andy can accommodate it with a new slip if needed.
- The sooner you pay, the sooner you get a slip.
- Julia added that we purchased an ice eater.
- Our insurance policy increased rates went up so we need to pursue a better company. Janet got 2 quotes as we are anticipating rising costs.
- Raising rates for vessels.
- Andrew K offered cost explanation/breakdown to the audience.

Shoreline Preservation Project

- Julia reviewed the Cole Environmental presentation from last year.
- Plans are still in approval process with Town of Brookhaven and DEC. It is expected this will be done by the summer. The financial range goal is \$550,000.
- A discussion about raising money for this inspired many possible solutions: A surcharge conversation followed- flat rate versus percentage rate.
- **Group voted on \$200 surcharge. \$75 for non-motor vessels and \$75 for ramp users.**
- Fund savings is at \$75,000 in bank for the shoreline project. We have received 3,000 in donations since September.
- Karin applied for a grant and is looking into additional resources.
- Kris Holmberg offered the idea about a boat slip raffle. \$50 for a raffle. If you win, your slip is free for the year. We want to make sure any fundraisers benefit the marina and the users.
- Julia offered that the 80th anniversary event for Squassux can also serve as a fundraising opportunity.

Open Discussion

- Ed Chiofola warned about being careful about where the money we get for the project comes from so it doesn't harm anything we have in place at Squassux.
- Billy Kresse asked about the style of the bulkhead that is being planned. Chris Ciervo added that the bulkhead will last likely 20-40 years.
- Fred Chiofola shared his experience as a marina owner in Moriches --it is starting to go now, after 20 years. CCA materials were used.
- Bruce Van Vessem asked about the materials proposed.
- Chris Ciervo asked about the project cost; how we are going to save the money for it? This will take a while. Next year we might have \$250,000. Can the project be done in 2 phases?
- Bill Kresse stressed that we need to get the permits.
- Missy Mirabelli offered her knowledge about permit extensions and reapplications.
- Jeff Johnson thanked Georgie for taking the lead at the ice eater party and for being so helpful.
- Mr. Martens- contributed to the discussion looking critically at surcharges and giving advice about the project. Reinforcing the need for bulkheading. Payments are increasing and he has a fixed income. He suggested a discount for people 60 and older.
- Ed Palace- complimented Martens' idea about discount.
- James Martens asked about the vote rejecting jet skis. Andrew K. explained that it was a majority vote. Jet skis can be hard to control regarding speed and help to cause erosion.
- Mike Gaffney-wonders if it is against DEC regulations to have jet skis on Carman's River.
- James Martens continued about his frustration over not having ability to launch a jet ski in Squassux.
- Missy Mirabelli offered that the BVA can reach out to the Town of Brookhaven about the blockage at the end of Bay Road. This used to be where the jet ski launching area was. The guard rail was put up and this prevents access.
- Kris Holmberg. offered a correction but received pushback.
- Steve Young asked the audience if they preferred to have jet skis at Squassux. A group raised their hands.
- Jim O'Neil asked about the marina cameras possibly streaming so the people can all have eyes on goings on.
- Chris Ciervo asked about pin codes. Julia offered new rule about rules abused in the past.

Closing

- **Motion to adjourn made by Larry Wollhandler. Seconded by James Martens.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Kirk Murphy

Recording Secretary, Brookhaven Village Association