

BMCA General Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Monday, October 17, 2011 / 7:30-9:00 PM

Location: Church of the Brethren

Minutes:

1. Welcome and introductions (Mike McComis): Conducted by BMCA President Mr. Mike McComis

- Two women from the Arthritis Foundation asked Mike if they could speak at the beginning of the meeting to advertise The Jingle Bell Run, which will be at Bluemont Park on Saturday, December 3, 2011. They informed us that there will be 3 races, a competitive run, a non competitive run, and a children's reindeer run. Walk-up registration begins at 8:00am.

2. Approval of Minutes (Mike McComis): There were not enough copies of the minutes to distribute so Mike said that the minutes would be approved at the next meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report (Rob Pilot): The BMCA Treasurer provided a verbal and written Treasurer's report (with copies available for all present). His report (summarized in an addendum sheet was approved as submitted.

4. Committee Reports:

a. Membership (Judy Norton). Chuck Norton submitted the report for Judy. Chuck stated that there are currently 219 members, which comprises 123 households, bringing in revenue of \$2,900.00 dollars. Last year at this date there were 159 paid households at revenue of \$3, 480.00 dollars.

b. Hospitality (Claudia Maloney):

- Football Game at W-L, Friday, October 28th, at W-L at 7:00 PM with pizza provided by BMCA. E-mail Lee Dioso if you have questions about this event.
- Veteran's Day Dinner/potluck at Arlington Community Church on Friday, November 11th at 6:30pm. BMCA will provide pulled beef and chicken from Rocklands restaurant. Matt Doyle suggested ice breakers for people at this event.
- Annual Holiday Christmas Caroling at the James building at Sunrise at Bluemont. Meet at the James building at 4pm, on Sunday, December 18th, with potluck at Claudia Maloney's after the caroling. Please e-mail Claudia if you have any questions.

c. Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP) (Matt Doyle).

- Reevesland- BMCA is waiting to hear from the Architectural firm that is reassessing the report from the architect. Nancy Fitzgerald said that Joan Horwitt received a report a week ago, but Mike has not received the report at this time.
- The Learning Garden at Reevesland had a successful summer and they hope to have a successful Fall. There will be a Fall harvest lunch at Ashlawn.
- There also was a meeting over the summer at Reevesland, where the Ashlawn community was invited to learn about the art of composting.
- Until we hear what the County wants to do about Reevesland, we are still in limbo about how to proceed forward.

ii. Montague calming projects. In order to construct raised crosswalks and speed humps a 70% approval from the neighbors of those streets affected was needed to get these projects implemented.

iii. The lighting and curbing has been approved and construction should be starting soon.

iv. Matt brought up a program called Micro projects that is sponsored by Arlington County and the county will sponsor improvement projects for up to 10,000 dollars. The applications will be due next April, or May. Matt suggested a bus decoration shelter, or a picnic bench addition in Bluemont Park, or a Reevesland Neighborhood sign. Paul Svercl suggested that we look at making the stairs on 8th Road to Wilson Blvd handicapped accessible. Rob Pilot suggested that we put a sidewalk from 4th Rd along the ramp to the park, parallel to the parking lot, to make it safer for pedestrians

v. Mike said he put a notice on the listserv about a County Program called Missing Links, in which residents come forward to identify damaged curbs or sidewalks in their neighborhood, and at this time not one resident has come forward with a request.

d. Safety (Chuck Norton).

i. The Red Cross Arlington Chapter on Route 50 is closed. The Red Cross states that when they have the revenue in the near future, they may fix up this Arlington Chapter and re-open it.

ii. No crime reported for this quarter except for 2 bicycles reported missing. Encourage neighbors to call the non-emergency number if something does not look right.

e. Parks (Phil Klingelhofer not present). Debate on fencing around Bluemont playground. A "do not cross" tape was put up between a wooden and wrought iron fence on the new playground. Mike wondered if a County or neighbor put the tape there. Mike said he would follow up on the tape issue.

f. Zoning (Dormant) no report

5. Old Business.

a. Fall Picnic went very well and everyone had a positive experience. Kudos to Tony for the planning and implementation of the picnic and his hard work is really appreciated.

6. New Business:

- a. Chris Braudy shared information about the Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative Program, in which local residents can sign up to have produce delivered to your neighborhood. Please e-mail Chris if you are interested in finding out more about this program.
- b. Nancy Fitzgerald, the Pastor at Church of the Brethren has a service called Blessing of the Animals on Wednesday, October 26th, and children, adults and pets from the neighborhood are invited.

Also on November 5th, The Church of the Brethren will have its Annual Soup and Pie Bazaar and White Elephant sale.

6. Upcoming Meetings. The tentative schedule for upcoming BMCA General Meetings is as follows:

TBD

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Next Meeting: February, 2011 (exact date TBD)

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Maloney
(for Tony Ermovick, Secretary)