

MELROSE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MINUTES
June 2, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:05 by Tom Germano

Members present:	Members Absent:
Tom Germano	Rebeca Richardson
Joe Rush	Mark Scarborough
Pat Ward	Olivia Clulow
Mandie Jones	
Deb Massie	
Karen Goff	
Linda Osborne	

Tom welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of May 5, 2021 minutes. Motion to accept by Joe Rush, second by Pat Ward. Motion carries

Treasurer's report: **MBCA** beginning balance = \$4,793.37 (Expenditures – Clay Electric of \$10.00; Deposits of \$340.00 membership dues). Ending balance = \$5,123.37. **Melrose Bay Park:** Beginning balance = \$386.93 (Deposits of \$350 from MPOA annual donation (the money covers ½ of the porta potty cost) Expenditures: Gotta Go - \$72.97 and Clay Electric - \$50.00. Ending balance \$613.96
Motion to approve: Motion by Pat Ward, second by Joe Rush. Motion carries

Pat Ward

Pat reported that the By-laws committee had met for 4 sessions. By-laws committee members: Pat, Tom Germano, Karen Goff, and Linda Osborne. There have been no additional comments recently After Pat emailed "final revision" to board members

Areas of change:

Delete proxy voting -add voting by email

Board could have expenditures up to \$250.00 w/o getting board approval -Section XII

Membership dues set by the general membership for the calendar year

Standing committees: Membership, Beach Park, Christmas, and Finance

Committee chairs with members will review and revise necessary forms

Tom Germano called for board approval to send out the "final revision" of the by-laws to the general membership. Motion by Joe Rush, second by Mandie Jones to send out the By-laws to the members for suggestions/comments via email. **Mandie Jones** reported on the new on-line membership sign up and Ability to pay dues on-line. Also Mandie called for volunteers for membership committee (MBCA or anyone from the community. **Karen Goff** commented that all board meetings are open to general membership or anyone wishing to attend.

General Membership meeting scheduled for June 9th @ 6:00 at the Homemaker's Club to approve said By-laws.

Joe Rush -Melrose Beach Park Report

- *Several unfortunate incidents at the park- confrontation between two adult men, belligerent unaccompanied youth and fishing in the swim area while swimmers present
- *Floating raft a very popular with the children, however some concern has been voiced about Rough housing and bouncing on the raft
- *Membership drive a huge success – 29 new member – membership dues of \$580.00
- *Broken gate latch and hinges have been repaired
- *Suggested changes in the rules: Banning all fishing / no smoking in the swim area
- *Cars illegally parked due to the lack of parking space
- *Clearing more of the weeds -new member Adam Svitek, owner of Adam's Lake Bed Weed Service has Offered to clear out the weeds – no charge
- *Cornelius Clayton is mowing the beach lawn every 2 weeks
- *Request for more picnic tables -Pat will research the cost
- *Suggestions to have 2 rafts -one for older children, second for younger children
- *Possible playground equipment

Lengthy discussion regarding security: Energizing our membership to be proactive and report any Problems by notifying the police/sheriff. Take photos or videos and send to police or MBCA. Since the park is privately owned anyone can be trespassed. Possibility of hiring off duty officers or security company, however, very costly. There are still concerns for the 4th of July, please contribute ideas/comments. Ruth Berkelman reported that there was a hiccup on the county ordinance (action to keep boats away from the swim area). Ruth reported that there was Alachua County Commission meeting later this month and asked Joe to attend in her absence.

Linda Osborne

Voiced concern that two elected board members had not attended board meetings since they were elected to the board in November 2020. Motion to remove – after discussion, no action. Motion dies due to lack of second.

Karen Goff

Unexpectedly resigned from the board.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 pm

Submitted by Linda Osborne, Secretary