

Marla Bay Protective Association(MBPA)
General Membership Annual Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2017

631 Lakeshore Drive (Daley Residence)

1. Meeting called to order by MBPA Acting-President Ryan Davis at 9:05am
2. Marijeanne Rende, MBPA Secretary, conducted roll call of MBPA Board members
 - a. Board Members Present: Ryan Davis, Piper Smith, Marijeanne Rende, Dick Barnard, Brendan Riley, Ron Borsos, Scott Smith
 - b. Board Members Absent: Ed Wheelbarger, Steve Edmundson
3. Ryan Davis, Acting President, conducted General Membership Introduction for all Marla Bay residents present – Ryan Davis
 - a. Board members introduced themselves and addresses
 - b. General Membership introduced themselves and their addresses
4. Marijeanne Rende, MBPA Secretary, conducted review of 2016 General Membership Meeting Minutes
 - a. Members were emailed 2016 minutes prior to this year's (2017) meeting and asked to review, identify if they had questions/corrections
 - b. Marijeanne asked if the membership objected to her solely reviewing the highlights of last years' meeting minutes, no objections, so she proceeded to summarize the 2016 minutes for members
 - c. Marijeanne asked if there were any corrections or changes requested but no one had any changes or corrections
 - d. Patty Paulson White made motion to accept 2016 General Meeting minutes, second Dennis Farnesi, All approved

5. Ryan Davis introduced guest speaker – Tom Lotshaw - Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- a. Tom, public information officer for the TRPA, commented that Marla Bay (like other communities) is squeezed between Transportation planning on land side and lake/shoreline planning
 - b. Tom discussed ongoing and planned activities, e.g. TRPA/Tahoe Shoreline Plan
 - i. Shoreline planning process hasn't been successfully updated in 30 years
 - ii. Other TRPA Initiatives are focused on forest health, streamlining all basin permitting processes, Invasive species initiatives, stormwater control initiatives
 - iii. Will ramp up existing watercraft inspection program
 - iv. Shoreline process re-started in 2016; includes stakeholder assessment, need to balance Lake access with scenic and environmental protections
 - v. Stakeholder committee review policy challenges, included CA and NV state lands, TLOA, local agencies, League to Save Lake Tahoe, community workshops etc.
 - vi. www.shorelineplan.org; central repository for information about shoreline plan; residents can submit questions/comments to steering committee;
 - vii. TRPA did shoreline inventory to document and create map; 14 marinas, 771 piers (673 private), 6 boat ramps, 4 public marina launches, buoy counts
 - viii. Steering committee is beginning to come up with policy concepts (preliminary ideas yet to go through reviews);
 1. Public boat ramps (6 today), expand to 8 in future in areas with transportation infrastructure
 2. Marinas could pursue facility improvements
 3. Nonmotorized watercraft, no wake zone, would like to see better enforcement, and allow for storage racks
 4. Buoys, 4841 on lake today, would like to authorize 1400+ more over several years
 5. Grandfathering process for buoys on lake existing before 1972, or those with Army Corp of engineer permits, etc.
 6. Policy proposal considers third row of lakeward row of anchors

for low water

Questions:

- Phyllis Pike: Does TRPA work with Forest Service, difference in funding? Answer: Yes - Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) where forests meet homes; 20000 acres treated/thinned before Angora fire, process continues today (50000 acres today) but basin includes 11700 acres...50% to go; forest service noticed treated areas burned with less intensity and was more manageable
- Piper Smith: Is there any discussion between collaborative groups about public access to Lake Tahoe and preservation of communities like Marla Bay? Answer: Number of meetings, workshops, tried to get involvement of communities-bring concerns to planners – use website to submit questions
- Scott Smith: In new shoreline plan, continue to charge for buoys? What happened to money we paid before? Answer: Money still there, held in trust; TRPA hasn't addressed how to handle those funds; public input down the road; TRPA wants Shoreline plan approved by 2018, so permitting process and fees would need to be in place by then
- Scott Smith: Identification markers for buoys? (original TRPA stickers don't work on buoys)
- Roy Pike commented that he and Phyllis are representing MBPA at various TRPA workshops

6. MBPA Committee and Board Member Status reports and General Improvement District (GID) update were provided

a. Treasurer's report - Piper Smith

- i. \$43000 in cash in bank accounts, separated between general fund and buoy fund (\$20000), no liabilities though holding money still that we thought would be owned to TRPA in Buoy fund; have recently learned that TRPA will not be collecting retroactive buoy fees; there will be a buoy committee meeting to decide how to handle funds
- ii. Good equity position, \$33000 in equity
- iii. Last year raised membership dues to \$125, consequently this year, brought in \$10000+ in membership dues, and also received donations which help to cover unexpected expenses e.g. greater-than-usual

- spring cleanup expenses, etc.
- iv. Also Board decided to charge a nominal fee for guest buoy use this year to cover expenses; Piper explained that MBPA is not allowed to make a profit per permits but have collected a sum of \$800 to date to defer buoy costs
 - v. MBPA Treasurer's Goal each year: General fund should be at \$0 balance at end of year
 - vi. Buoy fund will have slight reserve to maintain field and cleanup field and Buoy committee added 4 jetski moorings last year, 4 additional this year
 - vii. Questions:
 - Barbara Boucke asked why general fund to \$0? Shouldn't we have reserve- why not increase membership fees to create a reserve? Answer: Ryan Davis and Piper explained that there is a small reserve but that the Board will review recommendation on fee increase to cover future improvements, etc.
 - Barbara Boucke asked if new owners are paying homeowners dues? Piper Smith indicated that yes, new owners are paying...but there are generally about 10 homeowners overall that don't pay..she reminded everyone that membership is voluntary and we try and base membership fees around plans for expenses
 - Cathy Stewart asked why there was a dues increase last year? Answer: Ryan Davis answered that there were additional expenses like Fourth of July Security, new YOUR SPEED sign, etc.
 - Randy Baker expressed a concern about potential membership drop off if dues are raised again...suggested making contributions beyond \$125 voluntary
 - viii. Piper mentioned that membership fee notices are sent out March 1 every year
 - ix. Carol McQuirk made a motion to approve Treasurer's report, Joan Dyer, second, all approved
 - b. GID activities Update- Jack McQuirk
 - i. Jack introduced GID members: Carol Mcquirk, Ann Barnard, Ron Borsos, Jack McQuirk, and Barbara Sourikoff
 - ii. First major project, correcting runoff from highway 50 at Job/Tallac,

- and cleaning up the drainage channel
- iii. Other activities included replanting the flowers at the entrance, Snow removal (\$11000 this winter), and the annual neighborhood cleanup (\$10000); cleanup was expensive due to large number of bags of debris
- iv. Outstanding projects: Rocks in drain at south end will be cleaned up
 - Barbara Boucke asked where GID funds come from as she thought it's covered in our property taxes; Jack stated that GID funding comes from the State of Nevada from State Excise taxes on liquor, etc. though he noted that the GID has authority to tax residential parcels as well if needed
- c. Reports on MBPA Activities - Board Members
 - i. Community Well-being Committee, Marijeanne Rende, Chair
 - 1. Marijeanne stated she is looking for a few volunteers, will meet as needed during year as in past
 - 2. She indicated that issues will be addressed as they come up, the focus of committee will be MBPA safety, parking, traffic
 - ii. Buoy committee – Ryan Davis, Piper Smith – Co-chairpersons
 - 1. Ryan indicated that we are following TRPA process and getting TRPA to approve our requests
 - 2. Piper announced there was a open/available buoy this year, please contact her after meeting if interested
- d. Update of Website Roster – Marijeanne Rende
 - i. Marijeanne explained that she had discovered significant discrepancies in the existing-posted rosters on the website as well as existing mailing lists; she is pursuing a cleanup effort working with Steve Edmundson
 - ii. She requested everyone to validate their roster information for her before leaving the meeting; she will be pulling down the existing website rosters (because they are incomplete) and replacing them with a complete spreadsheet in the interim until the process to create the more-readable and reliable documents is corrected
 - iii. She reiterated that email is the primary vehicle by which the MBPA sends out notices now so it's important to make sure we have your correct contact information

- e. Overview of Security for July 2-4 holiday - Brendan Riley
 - i. Brendan indicated that we are using the same security company as last year as it has been quite effective in past years
 - ii. MBPA is using one security guard July 1-3, and two guards on July 4

7. New Business

- a. Scott Smith provided an update on Marla Bay Days – Scott Smith
 - i. Will be conducted on August 12, 5 pm
 - ii. Using same band as last year, will be serving paella again
 - iii. Will need volunteers for setup in the morning of August 12
- b. Ryan Davis conducted the annual review of the Board of Directors positions,
 - i. He explained there are usually 8 Board of Directors positions, however we had one vacancy occur in March
 - ii. If vacancy during year, general process is for the Board to appoint a new Board member who is subsequently ratified at general meeting
 - iii. Board nominated/appointed Scott Smith to fill the vacancy; he noted we are always looking for committee and board volunteers
 - iv. Dennis Farnesi made motion to approve the Board of Directors as it stands, second John Franzia, All approved; Board members were elected by membership for one more year
- c. Other new business
 - i. Phyllis Pike: In reference to several incidents of visitors to the bay in the last week, Phyllis reminded all that this year it might be better to refrain from telling large groups from out of the area that they can come, park, and use the beach for the day; the beach isn't that big enough this year even for residents
 - ii. John and Mary Stephens reminded everyone about the noon kickoff of community parade on July 4
 - iii. Larry Pilgrim implored residents and visitors to adhere to the speed limit in the bay
 - iv. Jeff Mains requested a change in the July 4th dog beach ban; would like to bring his dog to the beach before 10a; community discussion ensued and agreed with request; Jeff Mains made motion to adjust hours of dogs on July 4th, dogs will be permitted before 10 am, Barbara Boucke second, All approved

v. Mary Lynn Franzia asked regarding MBPA votes, is it one vote per home? Ryan Davis answered yes, one vote per home for a dues paying member

8. Adjournment to next general membership meeting, Sunday, July 1, 2018

a. Piper Smith made motion to adjourn general meeting to July 1, 2018, Phyllis Pike second, All approved

b. General meeting adjourned at 11:05 am

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted

Marijeanne Rende

MBPA Secretary