

# Sandscribes

Heidelberg Beach  
Vermilion, Ohio

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011



## Summer Wrap-Up

Thank you to all members who attended this year's Annual Meeting. Hopefully everyone liked the streamlined approach of checking in and receiving your ballots as you arrived at the Pavilion and having all of the Committee Reports published in advance of the meeting. Jack Kramer ran a tight ship and kept this year's meeting to a half hour!

Attention is now being turned to the fall, and the Board is also trying a slightly new approach. There is much work to do to maintain this beautiful property and we are always trying to do as much as we can ourselves, and only hiring what we cannot do. See the adjacent detailed article.

*Jane & John*

## Election Results

Mark Hayman and Dick Henderson were re-elected to the Board of Trustees and Bill Hertzler and Bill Richardson were elected to fill the two vacancies.

### Your Board of Trustees are:

Jack Kramer, President \*  
Roger Nehls, Vice President \*  
Jane Chidester, Secretary \*  
Jack Corrigan  
Carol Dunkle \*  
Mark Hayman \*  
Dick Henderson \*  
Bill Hertzler  
Rick Herwerden \*  
Bill Richardson  
Barclay Rohrbaugh  
David Rohrbaugh

*\*Executive Committee Members*

### Adjunct Trustees:

Dick Castele, Treasurer  
Mary Chidester, Real Estate

## Important Fall Dates

September 10<sup>th</sup>: This is **Vermilion Township's Free Dump Day**. Jack Kramer will have his pickup truck available to haul anything you might have to the dump. Hours of the dump are 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Please let Jack know in advance if you might have something for him to take.

Anyone who is willing to give a few hours of work this day—we'd be very grateful. **See John Macko at 9 AM by the tennis court** for tasks on the "to do" list. Please bring chain saws, razor/weed whips, rakes, general gardening tools, and work gloves.

In the evening, come and relax with the classic **movie *Singin' in the Rain* and snacks at the Pavilion at 8 PM.**

October 15<sup>th</sup>: **Official Work Day**. Work will begin at 10 AM. Work will focus on continuing to clear the creek in the center and east side of the property. Please bring chain saws, razor/weed whips, brush cutters, rakes, and work gloves.

The **Board of Trustees will meet at 2:00 PM.**

*Note: We may not be having coffee & donuts and a lunchtime Potluck this year—stay tuned for details.*

## Attention: Committee Chairs

Please submit any monetary requests as soon as possible to Dick Castele (Treasurer) for consideration in this year's budget.

## Attention: All Members

Please let the Board or any Committee Chair know of any of your concerns, suggestions, or desires for use of our budgeted money.

## July 4<sup>th</sup>, Honoring our Country



Harry Bratton (42 W. Virginia) shows Jackson and Tyler Nehls (grandchildren of Rosalie & Roger Nehls) the proper method of folding a flag. He shares with them the tradition of the flag raising and flag lowering ceremony.

Harry served our country in the European Theater of Operations, US Army from February 1943 to November 1945. He spent a year in England storing subsistence supplies for the invasion, and then facilitated communications during the invasion of Normandy.

Harry is not the only Heidelberg Beach member who served our country. We'd like to gather the names and information of our other members who served for our "history books." If you served, or know a past or present member who served, please contact Jane Chidester and she'll make a list that we can share next year.

### **New Tennis Court Bench**

Thank you to the family and friends\* of Bill Chidester whose donations went to purchase a new recycled lumber bench for the tennis court. In addition to loving Heidelberg Beach since his parents first visited here in the 1950's, Bill was an avid tennis player—and he was very good at it too!

*\*Mary Jane Garner, Walt Chidester, Mary Chidester, Jane Chidester & John Macko, Pam & Don Seymour, Carolyn Leitch & Dick Castele, Cathy & Jack Corrigan, Nancy & Tom Lukens, Jennifer Sullivan & David Rohrbaugh, and Joan Margard.*

## **Christian Margard makes Eagle Scout**

Scouting's highest honor was just bestowed upon Christian Margard (grandson of Joan Margard, 22 W. Virginia)! After years of hard work and dedication, Christian joins an elite group of young men to enjoy this distinction. Vern Margard (Christian's father) is Scoutmaster of Troop 417 and could not be more proud of him—as is his whole family—and his extended family here at Heidelberg Beach!

## **Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Annual Membership Meeting July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM. Jack Kramer opened with a prayer.

### **Membership Roll Call and Distribution of**

**Ballots:** Secretary Jane Chidester called the roll of leaseholders by lot numbers. Ballots for the election of the Board of Trustees for 2011-2014 were distributed.

Association members representing 68 lots were present and proxies were turned in for an additional 18 lots. Hence, a total of 86 lots were represented. 50 lots are required for a quorum and 58 lots (2/3+1 of 86) are required for a By-Laws change.

**Minutes:** Bill Hertzler (John Macko) made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 2010 Annual Meeting and approve them as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dick Castele presented the summary of the finances as of the end of the fiscal year (June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011). Of the \$92,482 total cash assets, \$67,912 are reserved for specific uses and \$21,320 are unencumbered.

In the fall of 2010 the Board of Trustees approved a budget of \$45,710. In an effort to minimize the assessment increase from the prior year, assessments to the community were limited to \$41,000. Surplus funds from prior years were used to cover the difference.

Overall, actual expenses would have been less than budgeted expenses except for the unanticipated cost to repair the water line. The year ended \$1,031 over

budget due to the \$2,240 cost to fix the water main break.

Jack Kramer (Dan Warder) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Report of the Nominating Committee:** Dick Castele, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees for 2011-2014. They were Mark Hayman (incumbent), Dick Henderson (incumbent), Bill Hertzner, Nancy Lukens, Tom O'Dougherty, and Bill Richardson. There were no additional nominations from the floor and nominations were closed.

Dick Castele and Jack Corrigan were appointed as tellers.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Beach & Bank Committee Report (Tom Lukens):** For those that saw it, this spring was a real challenge on the beach. We had more debris wash ashore over the winter than those with long histories here can remember. Thanks again to all of those who showed up on Work Day and made impressive efforts on the beach. We are also very thankful for the crew from Mr. Brown's property in completing the task. They spent four hours on our beach hauling the huge logs and piles of debris away. They had a brigade of tractors, trailers, and dump trucks—truly an amazing sight.

Also, as you've been reading in the *Sandscribes*, the Board has hired Harbourtown Lawn & Landscaping to keep our beach bank cut back. The bank looks considerably better with these cuttings. There are still many areas to tame, but the hope is to get the undergrowth to a point where it can be managed with weed whips alone. Many thanks as well to Herb Foote & Harvey Foote who have been keeping the sand smoothed and sculpted on a weekly basis, particularly after the most recent storm.

The fire pit is relocated a bit west of its previous location to account for the decrease in our beach space since last year. We appreciate all of your efforts to keeping the area clean and maintaining the chairs in good condition.

**Coastal Legislation Committee Report (Carol Dunkle):** The Ohio Lakefront Group's fight for

shoreline owner's property rights has reached the Ohio Supreme Court and a ruling is expected soon. To date, all of the previous lawsuits and appeals have been won by the OLG. If the court sides with property owners, the ruling would have no impact on the 164 public beaches and points of public access to Lake Erie, which averages one public area every two miles.

The case presents a fundamental property rights question: Do state bureaucrats have the right to take portions of land legally purchased by, and deeded to, private citizens for more than 200 years?

**Communications Committee Report (John Macko):** The Communications Committee maintains the Heidelberg Beach Web site (<http://www.HeidelbergBeach.org>); publishes and distributes the *Sandscribes* newsletter; and maintains contact information for, and publishes, the Heidelberg Beach Membership Directory. Any suggestions for improvement for any of these items are welcome.

All Heidelberg Beach residents and guests are encouraged to report news items. Contact information is available within the Web site and *Sandscribes*. In particular, please share your personal items such as births, graduations, engagements, weddings, accomplishments, and milestone birthdays and anniversaries.

We plan to publish a new hardcopy version of the Heidelberg Beach Membership Directory as soon as the sales of 79 Indiana and 95 Ohio are complete. In the interim, everyone is reminded that current, up-to-date copies of the Directory are always available on the Web site at <http://www.HeidelbergBeach.org/HBdirect.html>. Two versions are available: one formatted for hardcopy printing, and one softcopy version to store on your computer. If you haven't downloaded the softcopy version, do consider giving it a try: it's very handy to have a searchable local resource of all our member information that can be accessed without having to be connected to the Internet.

Please keep the committee informed of your address changes (both E-mail and snail-mail) and telephone numbers.

I'd like to personally thank Jane Chidester who does the bulk of the work for this committee, all flawlessly and with a great writing style and sense of humor. Thank you, Jane!

CCWW 2011 Annual Report (Joan Margard):

**Membership:** Current members of the Council are: Jack Corrigan, Jane Eshelman, Rev. Dick Henderson, Joan Margard, and Rosalie Nehls. The Council Constitution stipulates that there shall be 8 members with staggered terms. Shelia Henderson and Vern Margard will be asked to serve for two year terms. Karen Herwerden has requested a furlough from the Council and was thanked for her years of dedicated leadership as chairman.

**Officers:** Jane Eshelman and Joan Margard have agreed to be Co-chairs for 2010-2011. Joan will continue to serve as Secretary, and Rosalie Nehls will continue to arrange for refreshments to follow the worship services.

**Meetings:** The council is to have two meetings a year (Annual Meeting and Spring Meeting) and as many other meetings as it deems necessary. The Annual Meeting was convened on September 5, 2010, and the Spring Meeting was held on Work Day, May 21, 2011.

**Worship:**

Music It was suggested that because our hymnals are so old, we should update some of our songs, using selected praise music and choruses. Incorporating the praise songs and choruses on successive Sundays will help to familiarize the congregation with the music. Rosalie will contact Claudia Springer to help with the song selection. Traditional hymns from the hymnal will be used each week as well.

Ministers Barclay Rohrbaugh arranged for the ministers for the weekly services this year. Some members of the Council feel that property owners who are clergy should be asked first to supply the pulpit for weekly worship. Guest ministers or worship leaders will be asked for the remaining Sundays.

Communion Dick Henderson will be the minister for the Labor Day weekend service

and is interested in knowing if there are any elders within the congregation who might help with serving communion.

Bulletins and Greeters Vern Margard has agreed to prepare the bulletins for each week and send them electronically to Jan Peer and/or Claudia Springer for printing. Bill Richardson will arrange for Greeters and Announcers for the season.

**Funds:** Dick Castele will manage the Council funds in a separate account. Roger Nehls will continue to make the deposits for Dick.

**Tithe:** Our tithe in 2010, \$350.00 (\$200.00 + one returned honorarium) was given to the Vermilion Food Pantry. The Council decided to contribute the 2011 monetary tithe to the Vermilion Food Pantry as well and will collect currently dated, non-perishable food items each week. Rosalie and Roger Nehls were thanked sincerely for their delivery of the food items and the check to the pantry last year.

**Constitution:** Council was asked to review and revise its constitution and submit the revision for publication in the *Sandcribes*. Following input from members of the Council, the final document was submitted on June 15th.

Grounds & Creek Committee Report (Bill Hertzler):

1. Weed and feed has been applied to the Promenade.
2. Thanks to Joyce and Harvey Foote for a fine job of mowing our lawn and working on the grounds.
3. Thanks to Joyce and Harvey for all the work they do all for us as we need help.
4. Thanks to all the folks who spend many hours working on the grounds.

Real Estate Report (Mary Chidester): This year there were five lease transfers. The one sale was the Seymour cottage which was sold to David P. Young and Georgia Newman. We would like to welcome the newest members of our community. The other transfers were for estate planning purposes. Please remember that *any* transfer of a lease, including transfers to trusts for estate planning purposes, require the prior written approval of the Board of

Trustees. If anyone needs assistance with such a transfer I am more than happy to help.

Safety & Recreation (Joe Tereshko): Thanks to the many people who have helped with the playground this past year; particularly Harry Bratton, Roger Nehls, Dan Warder and Mark Hayman. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Social Committee Report (Jan Peer): The Social Committee hosted six events from May 30, 2010 through November 6, 2010 at a cost of \$157.45. Donations of \$54 were received to offset this cost.

The Social Committee requests reimbursement in the amount of \$ 103.45 for 2010. This is the net amount of cost less cash donations. We would also like to thank Heidelberg Beach members who donated many items not reflected in the cost above.

For 2011, the Social Committee requests an expense account of \$250 for this summer's socials. In addition please add a budget item in the amount of \$250 for the 2012 budget to be approved later this year.

Tennis Club Report (Ruth Schneider): Thanks to Roger Nehls for taking down and storing the tennis net and poles. Also thanks to Roger Nehls, Dan Warder, Jim Schneider, and Dr. Jim Schneider who put up and repaired the tennis net. And thanks to those who have kept the grass trimmed around the court.

The bank account balance as of June 30, 2011 (end of Fiscal year) is \$1,714.73. \$271.94 was paid in Real Estate taxes for 2009 & 2010, and \$600 in dues was received in 2009 & 2010. Please pay 2011 dues (\$25) by July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (checks made payable to "Heidelberg Beach Tennis Club").

Tree Committee Report (Jane Chidester): This past winter we focused our funds on having large dead and dying trees removed. We lost 4 Siberian Elms along Route 6, and a Tulip Poplar on the promenade. Next fall and winter we will have to address the Ash trees that have succumbed to the bore disease and the large pine that has fallen in the woods up by Route 6. We also hope to have enough money to do a minimal maintenance pass through the whole property.

Thanks to Dan Warder for his efforts to reestablish grass in areas where we've lost trees. Thanks also to John Macko and Harvey Foote who have been spending recent weekends ringing trees with mulch around the property.

Utilities (Harvey Foote): The septic tanks were cleaned this year by Abel Sanitation and costs were held to \$110 per tank. Tanks will continue to be cleaned on an every other year basis.

Zoning & Building Committee Report (Bill Hertzner):

1. Sharon Chidester has just completed a new geothermal heating system for her cottage at 69 Kentucky.
2. Jennifer Sullivan and Dave Rohrbaugh are close to finishing major work on 30 West Virginia.
3. Rosalie and Roger Nehls are replacing their sun room with a more permanent sun room.
4. Carolyn Leitch and Dick Castele are replacing their front porch at 92 Ohio.

#### **Old Business:**

New Board Members: Mark Hayman, Dick Henderson, Bill Hertzner, Bill Richardson were elected to serve for 2011-2014.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jane Chidester*  
Secretary

#### **Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Board of Trustees Meeting July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

Present: Jack Kramer (President-presiding), Roger Nehls (VP), Jane Chidester (Secretary), Jack Corrigan, Mark Hayman, Dick Henderson, Bill Hertzner, Rick Herwerden, Bill Richardson, Barclay Rohrbaugh.

Absent: Carol Dunkle, David Rohrbaugh.

**Adjunct Trustees:** Dick Castele (Treasurer), Mary Chidester (Real Estate)

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 12:00 Noon.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Board Meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dick Castele gave Jack Corrigan the Fiscal Year 2011 books to audit.

**Real Estate Report:** The Seymour cottage sale of 95 Ohio Road to Georgia Newman & David Young was completed on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Committee Reports:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**New Board Members:** Welcome to Bill Hertzler and Bill Richardson.

**Officers & Executive Committee for 2011-2012:** Barclay Rohrbaugh (Rick Herwerden) moved to retain the current slate of Officers and adjunct Trustees. The motion passed unanimously. For 2011-2012 Jack Kramer will continue to serve as President, Roger Nehls as Vice President, Jane Chidester as Secretary, Dick Castele as Treasurer, and Mary Chidester as Real Estate Trustee.

Roger Nehls (Mark Hayman) moved to retain the current executive committee with the exception of replacing Dick Castele, who is no longer on the Board of Trustees, with Rick Herwerden. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Committee members are: Jack Kramer, Roger Nehls, Jane Chidester, Carol Dunkle, Mark Hayman, Dick Henderson, and Rick Herwerden.

**Orientation of Matt Glaviano:** Linda & Cliff Glaviano are adding their son Matt Glaviano to their lease. Matt has been an unofficial member of the Heidelberg Beach family his entire life, and is well acquainted with our community. He is thrilled to become an official member of our community. Matt and his wife Marissa live in Westerville, Ohio, and they have an adorable 2 year old girl named Harper. Matt was given the Heidelberg Beach Orientation Booklet and signed the "Agreement to and Acknowledgement of Materials" document (which

will be stored with the Glaviano lease records with our Real Estate Trustee).

**Vote on New Member:** Barclay Rohrbaugh (Jane Chidester) moved to accept Matt Glaviano into membership of the Heidelberg Beach Association. Motion passed unanimously. We had 10 Board Members present, so we did have the "two thirds of the whole of the Board," as required by the By-Laws.

Barclay Rohrbaugh (Roger Nehls) moved to authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign all appropriate documents to complete the addition of Matt to his parent's lease. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting is August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jane Chidester*  
Secretary