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Heidelberg Beach
Vermilion, Ohio
August 4th, 2014



Summer Update

Here are the voting results from the Annual Meeting and the minutes from both of the July 19th meetings.

As you will read in the Annual Meeting minutes, the Board has decided to try handling our property maintenance work a different way other than scheduled bi-annual Work Days. Please read the related article for a full explanation.

Jane & John

Voting Results from Annual Meeting

Board of Trustees

Re-elected were Bill Hertzner and Bill Richardson. Newly elected were Jane Chidester and Scott Welch. Non-voting member Mary Chidester was re-appointed as Real Estate Officer.

Officers	Exec	Member	Term Exp.	Term
President	*	Jane Chidester	2017	1
VP	*	Rick Herwerden	2016	2
Treasurer	*	Dick Castele	2015	1
Secretary	*	Tom Eshelman	2016	1
		Sharon Chidester	2016	1
	*	Bill Hertzner	2017	2
		Nancy Lukens	2015	1
	*	Jan Peer	2016	1
		Bill Richardson	2017	2
		David Rohrbaugh	2015	2
		Barbara Weber	2015	1
	*	Scott Welch	2017	1

By-Laws Change Passed

When the changes to the By-Laws were made in 2008 defining term limits for the Treasurer and the Real Estate Officer, and allowing for these positions to not necessarily require Board Membership, a

vulnerability was opened up for those that serve these positions. Board Members are indemnified under our Association's insurance policy against personal liability in the case of lawsuit. Wording changes were made to ensure those that serve in the positions of Treasurer and Real Estate Officer are also covered under this insurance. These changes were approved at the Annual Meeting.

Bi-Annual Work Days

Because I've been the one organizing the task list for the last several years, I just wanted to say that I'm so grateful for all of the people who take so seriously their responsibility to participate whenever they can. It has warmed my heart to have such support.

Even with this wonderful effort however, it has been hard to get through our tasks each year.

Weather is an obstacle more often than not. Many people don't have the needed equipment. Many don't have the needed mobility for the types of work to be done. Many don't want to use their limited time this way.

Twenty years ago there were more people that enjoyed this kind of work, and gifted all of us by doing huge amounts of it for our benefit. I know those of us with long histories at Heidelberg Beach have understood the gift that "Uncle Bob," the Footes, the Kramers, the Brattons, and others have given us over the years.

The Board has asked me to share a new idea on how to make it easier for people to fulfill their responsibility to the beach, and as a community, to more equally distribute the responsibility for the upkeep of our property.

For the next year or two we are going to try to handle the community work in a different way. This will just be a trial period to see if it works, or how it

can be refined. We will no longer have a Spring and Fall Work Day. Instead, families will be asked to volunteer for specific tasks. We'll make a list of tasks, and have specific assignments.

If you want to handle your task by hiring someone to do it, that is fine—you just need to coordinate the work.

You will have the flexibility to do it when your schedule permits. Some tasks need to be done at certain times (and will be noted in the task list), but otherwise, the only request that the Board makes is that if you are doing a spring task that the work is complete before Memorial Day Weekend—and if you are doing a fall task, that you do it before Halloween.

Thank you to everyone for their cooperation. Of course, and as always, please provide feedback and suggestions for improvement to the Board.

In the near future, task lists will be presented to the community with the hope that everyone will volunteer to help in some way. We also want to emphasize that signing up for a task is not limited to just leaseholders—we'd love any members of their family that use and enjoy our great beach to also take part in its upkeep.

Jane Chidester

Thank You David Rohrbaugh!

David Rohrbaugh (30 W. Virginia) once again spent his summer vacation with a hammer in hand. He has re-nailed all of the shingles on the bench covers because some of them had become loose. He also replaced the window in the pump house with a no-maintenance vinyl window. He came upon this perfect find earlier in the summer and was thrilled to have it fit exactly. Thank you David!

A Few More Reminders

- There are a few places where people are parking their cars extremely close to the edge of the road, or having their bumpers overhang into the roadway. If possible, please make sure to keep the roadway clear—it makes a tight squeeze and we don't want anyone's car to get damaged!
- Remember when cleaning up after your dogs around the beach to also keep your own lots

cleaned up because we are fenceless community!

- We've had three recent incidents where large delivery trucks have run into our low hanging wires and pulled them off cottages or damaged the wires themselves. Whenever you have a construction truck or delivery truck come, please warn the drivers to watch for wires. If possible too, ask for the smallest trucks to make your deliveries.

Harry Bratton Great Grandpa for 11th Time!

Harry Bratton (42 W. Virginia) welcomes great grandson Nolan Bratton, born July 16th and weighing in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Nolan also makes Harry's son Don Bratton a first time grandpa. Don's son Curtis and family live in Akron, Ohio.

Sharon Chidester Welcomes New Grandson

Sharon Chidester (69 Kentucky) welcomes grandson William George Gould, born July 11th, to daughter Sara and son-in-law Steve Gould. Will weighed 7.5 pounds and was 20 inches long. Sharon, Sara, Steve, and William have now moved to Alabama. Sharon will be Will's nanny for a year while Steve finishes out his residency program. In another year, Sara & Steve will choose where their permanent home will be. Sharon will continue to make intermittent trips to Heidelberg Beach and Columbus (her home).



Adell Kleineke Passes Away

Adell Kleinecke, formerly of 19 W. Virginia, passed away on July 6th. She was 102. Her parents (with the help of a contractor) built 19 W. Virginia.

Gordon Spirakus Passes Away

Many will remember Gordon & Doris Spirakus, former residents at 89 Michigan. The Wagners (Doris's family) were long time members of Heidelberg Beach before Gordon & Doris moved here permanently. Gordon & Doris had moved to Sebastian, Florida a number of years ago.

Minutes for the Heidelberg Beach Annual Membership Meeting July 19th, 2014

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM. Rev. Richard Henderson opened with a prayer.

Membership Roll Call and Distribution of

Ballots: Secretary Barbara Weber recorded the roll of leaseholders by lot numbers. Ballots for the election of the Board of Trustees for 2014-2017 and the By-Laws change were distributed.

Association members representing 65 lots were present and proxies were turned in for an additional 18.5 lots. Hence, a total of 83.5 lots were represented. 50 lots are required for a quorum and 56 lots (2/3+1 of 83.5) are required for a By-Laws change.

Report of the Nominating Committee: Mark Hayman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees for 2014-2017. They were Mary Border, Jane Chidester, Mary Chidester, Aaron Hamilton, Bill Hertzler (incumbent), Bill Richardson (incumbent), Claudia Springer, and Scott Welch. There were no additional nominations from the floor and nominations were closed (Char Shuman/Martin).

Treasurer's Report: Dick Castele presented the summary of the finances as of the end of the fiscal year (June 30th, 2014). Of the \$122,941 total cash assets, \$87,699 are reserved for specific uses and \$25,915 are unencumbered.

During the year we had a water main break in February which cost \$2,832 to repair. This overage to the budget was offset by a reduction in our anticipated costs for property maintenance (beach bank and trees) of \$6,657. This reduction was due to the harsh winter which prevented the tree

company from bringing their large trucks onto the property.

The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously (J. Chidester/Nehls).

By-Laws Change: Dick Castele explained and presented proposed changes to the By-Laws.

When the changes to the By-Laws were made in 2008 defining term limits for the Treasurer and the Real Estate Officer, and allowing for these positions to not necessarily require Board Membership, a vulnerability was opened up for those that serve these positions. Board Members are indemnified under our Association's insurance policy against personal liability in the case of lawsuit. Wording changes are being suggested to ensure those that serve in the positions of Treasurer and Real Estate Officer are also covered under this insurance. The proposed wording changes were posted on the Web Site for advanced review.

Voting: Mark Hayman collected ballots and Char Shuman, Jack Kramer, and Dan Warder served as tellers to count the ballots.

Committee Reports:

Beach Bank (Tom Lukens): The Board has decided to continue with annual maintenance on the beach bank and will hire a complete cut down of the undergrowth each fall.

Boat Club (Jack Kramer): The Boat House will be painted this summer.

Communications Committee (John Macko): We spent \$229 of our \$300 budget and published 3 hardcopy *Sandcribes*. Everyone is encouraged to share news items—just contact Jane Chidester or John Macko. We are a “family community” and very much share in each other's happiness and sorrows.

We are also involved in ongoing efforts to make the documents on the Web site accessible to more devices by converting them to PDF format.

Please keep the Committee informed of all contact information changes: addresses (both E-mail and snail-mail) and phone numbers (both land line and cell). We keep the online version of the Membership Directory current.

CCWW (Joan Margard): The CCWW is looking for new volunteers. Please contact Joan Margard or Jane Eshelman if you have any interest.

Grounds & Creek (Bill Hertzner): Weed and feed was not applied to the promenade, and the decision was made to suspend further fertilization programs. The Board has also decided against any further clearing of the creek banks, but will continue to hire a complete cut down of the creek each fall (when the Beach Bank is cut down). Many thanks to Harvey and Joyce Foote for all their work and help.

Insurance (Craig Peer): Research was done to ensure that, pursuant to the proposed change in the By-Laws, the Treasurer and the Real Estate Officer would be indemnified under our Association's insurance policy against personal liability in the case of lawsuit. Erie is still our insurance company at a modest increase in premium.

Read Estate (Mary Chidester): This year there was one lease transfer. Lot 68 on Pennsylvania transferred from Maryanna Vondriska to Angela M. Chidester and Aaron W. Hamilton. We would like to welcome the newest members of our community.

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 a lease transfer I am more than happy to help.

Safety & Recreation (Joe Tereshko): There were no safety issues reported this year. The committee thanks Harry and Don Bratton for removing and storing the playground equipment (car) for the winter.

Social Committee (Jan Peer): The Social Committee has organized a series of community discussions, Bible studies, a hot dog roast on the beach, and a movie night. A community potluck was held in the evening after the Annual Meeting. They are eager for more suggestions of activities people would enjoy.

Tennis Club (Ruth Schneider): A new net was purchased for the tennis court. The tennis court is in need of some work. Every company we have worked with is no longer in business. The search is underway for service.

The bank account balance as of June 30, 2014 (end of Fiscal year) is \$3,128.05. Please pay dues (\$25) by September 1, 2014 (checks made payable to "Heidelberg Beach Tennis Club").

Tree Committee (Jane Chidester): Tree work was scaled back this past season due to the harsh winter. Thank you to Jane & Jim Rohrbaugh for donating the planting of a new oak by 58 Kentucky.

Over the next few years we will implement a Board approved plan to clean up the edge of the woods along Rt. 6 on the east side of our entrance road and plant a screen of evergreens (similar to other lakefront communities). We would like to fund as much of the project through donations as possible—please let me know if you are willing to help us out.

Zoning & Building (Bill Hertzner): Valerie Murray's cottage construction is nearly complete. Mary Chidester's cottage construction should be complete by early fall.

Announcement of New Board Members and By-Laws changes: Barbara Weber presented the names of those who were elected to the Board of Trustees for 2014-2017. They are Jane Chidester, Bill Hertzner, Bill Richardson, and Scott Welch. The changes to the By-Laws passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Claudia Springer has generously and graciously volunteered to compile our beach's history as her retirement project. She will serve as the collection point for all of this information, and will then work with John Macko to preserve it on our community Web Site. One of the most valuable treasures of Heidelberg Beach is our history. Our roots and family stories are well worth preserving for the next generations.

To help, we're looking for three things: (1) any old photos of the Beach, (2) any memories or history of your cottage, and (3) any "global" history of the Beach, i.e., stories about the founding or which involve multiple cottages. Please contact Claudia Springer with whatever you have!

- Jane Chidester shared a Board approved plan for the reorganization of our spring and fall work

days. The Board will develop a task list of all of the work that needs to be done. Volunteers will be solicited to take responsibility for these tasks. Volunteers will have the flexibility to complete tasks whenever their schedule permits. More information about this will be presented on the Web Site and in the *Sandscribes*. This is a trial program, and the Board appreciates your cooperation and feedback over the next year or two to help this program become a success.

- Char Shuman expressed concern about the muddy slope near Lake Road on the east side of the entrance that has been present for over a year, and proposed that the Board find a solution to this ongoing problem. (Char Schuman/Macko)
- Linda Lackey expressed interest in establishing a lending library to enable members and visitors to share reading materials. She asked that the Board explore possible locations for a cabinet or facility to hold books.

Adjournment: The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Weber, Secretary

Minutes for the Heidelberg Beach Board of Trustees Meeting July 19th, 2014

Present: Bill Hertzler (President and newly re-elected trustee), Dick Castele (Treasurer), Barbara Weber (Secretary), Tom Eshelman, Rick Herwerden, Jan Peer, David Rohrbaugh, Mark Hayman (retiring trustee and vice-president), Jane Chidester (newly elected trustee), Scott Welch (newly elected trustee)

Excused or Absent: Bill Richardson (newly re-elected trustee), Nancy Lukens, Sharon Chidester

New Officers: Mark Hayman presided over the election of a new president. The new president presided over the election of other officers and the rest of the meeting.

President: Jane Chidester, Vice President: Rick Herwerden, Secretary: Tom Eshelman, Treasurer: Dick Castele

Executive Committee: The above four officers plus Scott Welch, Bill Hertzler, and Jan Peer.

Real Estate Officer (non-voting member): Mary Chidester

Treasurer's Report: None because the Annual Meeting preceded this trustee meeting and the annual treasurer report was presented there. Noted - the expected water billing credits related to the leaks last winter are still pending.

Real Estate Report: None

Old Business:

The bare dirt on the hill by the entrance: the history of the problem was reviewed. One last effort will be made to get the area graded and seeded before bringing in professionals. Three trustees (Jane Chidester, Bill Hertzler, and Rick Herwerden) will talk to Harvey and Herb Foote about planning an effort this fall.

- Char delivered a written version of the motion that she made that was passed at the Annual Meeting instructing the board to actively address this problem.

Pavilion Earth Work: Last year Bill Richardson volunteered to try to get machinery and create a level path and level grassy area near the pavilion for use in the social hour. Three trustees (Jane Chidester, Bill Hertzler, and Rick Herwerden) will talk to Bill about moving forward with this effort.

New Business:

Community Library – a motion was passed (Peer/Welch) to allow for a trial community library as proposed by L. Lackey at the Annual meeting – with an end-date of August 30 (Saturday prior to final church service). The Little Library will be a temporary box, most likely placed on the Ossman (99 Ohio) south stoop.

Audit – a motion was passed (Castele/D Rohrbaugh) to have Jack Corrigan audit the books.

Next Board Meeting: August 9, 2014 at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Eshelman, Secretary