

## MPOA Board Meeting Minutes January 13, 2016

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm by Chairperson, Patty McHenry. Board members in attendance, Todd Schultz, Denise Buckner, Doug Sobey, and Diana Munsch  
Guests: Bill McCall and Bo Jamison

Minutes of 11/19/15 meeting read by secretary and accepted without correction or addition.  
Motion to accept by Doug, seconded by Todd.

**Security Camera(s):** Getting closer to finalizing a plan for Camera(s). Tapping into the expertise of Bo Jamison who was able to attend the meeting and provide guidance in this area. We may be able to limit cameras to one high speed resolution camera on a pole and one secondary camera to capture a panoramic view. We may need to add a speed bump to be sure to capture license plates. (The legality of using a speed bump will be examined). Construction of a speed bump and providing electric power to the camera could be accomplished simultaneously. BIT will be given a chance to install the camera set up including cabling, etc. Plan is to do the following:

1. One high resolution camera on a pole/one secondary camera with panoramic view
2. Assess cost and legality of speed bump
3. Evaluate guarantee of camera
4. Secure a pedestal type, insulated encasement (Bill will check on this)
5. Sign required for "Speed Bump Ahead"

Motion to move forward on this plan by Doug, seconded by Todd.

Wildlife camera discs to be stored in a safe place. Doug and Todd are handling this issue.

**Hydrilla:** This nuisance weed is being held at bay. It may be prudent to spray for Hydrilla only in the areas where it is visible (individual lot owners' discretion). Widespread spraying will not be pursued by the Merrymount Board. Notice of this decision will be sent out to homeowners. Justin Nawrocki (NC State Representative) stated that the Hawtree has been isolated as a site for Lynbgya from the mouth of the river to the midway point of the boat ramp. Some Lynbgya has been seen at the boat ramp as well and may be coming in from boats. PLM claims to be able to spray for Lynbgya, but it is 4-5 times more expensive than spraying for Hydrilla. Because NC State has an on-going study of three different chemicals to treat for Lynbyga on the lake, it would be premature to know which chemical is effective and safe. The Hawtree is not one of these three study sites. Justin Nawrocki may be willing to speak at our Annual Meeting and again our property owners are encouraged to attend the Weed Control Meetings held by the LGA to become more informed, and have a voice in what is happening on our lake. Native aquatic plants like the willow are being planted at "The Flats" and monitored for their effect on the ecology of the area. State funding may be available to help with these planting efforts.

Our Merrymount Membership LGA dues have been paid for the year and this was acknowledged at the last LGA meeting. Denise will send a letter to the membership explaining what personal individual information was provided to the LGA. The minimal amount of information was provided. Individuals will be able to go on-line to the LGA and provide more in-depth individual information if they wish.

**Community Lot Improvements:** Preliminary Perk Test was done by Jeff Dilliard. For an additional \$650 an engineer will be able to design a septic field suitable for the 18" specifications the lot was approved for. Much work has been done by the ARC to get estimates on doing various improvements to the Pavilion area. Denise and the ARC have streamlined a survey and our fine WebMaster, Harvey Powers, will input the questionnaire into an on-line survey. The survey will be sent out to property owners with a quick turn around time of January 31, 2016. Doug motioned to send out the survey and do so separately from the Annual Dues Notification and Diana seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Annual Dues Letter is going out today.**

Motion to retain annual dues to \$300 per year per lot was motioned by Patty and Doug. Seconded the motion. (Sufficient monies are currently available in the treasury for proposed expenditures for the Pavilion lot should they be voted on and accepted by the ownership).

**Budget Items:** Denise plans to create a spreadsheet charting interest rates currently earned on Merrymount CDs. She has been gathering info from Carter's Bank, BB&T and First Citizens in South Hill to compare their rates. Our CDs come due in May and this may be the perfect time to restructure them.

**Boat Association electric bill.** Mecklenburg will not charge anything to change the name on the electric bill account for the boat slips. Denise is trying to schedule a meeting with Rick Shupe to discuss this matter. Subsequent to this discussion, the MPOA will take responsibility over the electric bill for the boat slips adding it to our regular electric bill account.

Should permanent electricity be added to the Pavilion per vote of the membership, that bill will be added to the MPOA Mecklenburg Electric Account as well.

**Patty made a motion for this action, Diana seconded it. Motion accepted.**

**Grass cutting contract:** Gene our current contractor dropped off a contract for the new calendar year. Grass will be cut every two weeks this grass-cutting season. Doug solicited a quote from Seth at Green Acres Lawn Care. Denise will send Doug a blank contract to be completed by Green Acres to ensure that we are comparing apples to apples. If any new vendor is to be considered it would take effect next November (2016).

Patty mentioned an interest by some in the subdivision to establish a "Planning Committee" to take up the 3-5 year proposed plan improvement plan for the Pavilion lot. The purpose of this

committee would be to provide a vision for the future of Merrymount. Discussion ensued whether this was necessary, or whether this planning would come under the purview of the ARC. No decision was made on this proposal.

Christmas wreaths and lighting was very tastefully done this year thanks to the direction of Linda Sobey. Spot lights are working well.

**MPOA Annual Meeting will be held June 11, 2016 at 9:30am in the Pavilion. We will reserve the Fellowship Hall at the Jerusalem Baptist Church in case of inclement weather.**

Our next meeting of the MPOA Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the home of Denise Buckner.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Munsch, MPOA Secretary