

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

Welcome: President Don Smith

Call to Order: President Don Smith

Moment of Silence

Opening Comments: President Don Smith

Don's meeting with Annette

Desirability of Pickle Ball and Bocce courts as part of the expansion and the omission of Shuffleboard and Memory Garden in the most recent plan renderings.

- Don will provide Annette with unedited resident comments on this issue.
- Don and Annette have a difference of opinion on whether Pickle Ball courts create undesirable noise. The issue needs further investigation.
- Annette appears to be receptive to residents' concerns and will pass them on.
- Annette echoed residents' disappointment in Heather Hill-Falkoff's response about the lack of shuffleboard courts on the most recent plan.
- The rationale for Pickle Ball and Bocce was to theoretically attract younger residents. (Don has emailed Karen Kerstetter to find out what prospective residents want.)

Comments:

- *Racquetball was once all the rage. Will Pickle Ball also prove to be a fad?*
- *Transcript of the General Meeting didn't include shuffleboard or the Memory Garden.*
- *Were Shuffleboard and the Memory Garden included in later communications?*
- *Is Pickle Ball age appropriate for most of The Moorings Residents.*
- *Consideration should be given to Pickle Ball injuries and maintenance of the courts.*
- *Karen's answer will be important since it involves what new residents may want.*
- *A discussion indicated that the Board should not take a stance on this issue. If individual residents voice their opinions, it will have more impact.*
- *So far there are no comments in favor of Pickle Ball but a few in favor of Bocce.*
- *The placement of Pickle Ball, Bocce, Shuffleboard, the Memory Garden, etc. will probably be determined by Bohler Engineering. Bohler mostly deals with properties in New Jersey and has only one individual in Delaware. It is not clear if Bohler has a Delaware attorney to help them through the Planning and Zoning process.*

Other issues

1. TMALRA website tutorial is ready.
2. Jame Hockenberry has issued an email clarifying The Moorings' Pet Policy.
3. A concern for the best way to get information to residents who don't have email.

Comments:

- *In response to whether emails could be posted in the glass cabinet in the mail room, it was determined space was limited and would only be viewed by apartment residents.*
- *For now, copies of emails are being put in the cubbies of those who don't use email.*

Treasurer's Report: Tom Reed

The March Treasurer's report has been uploaded to the TMALRA website.

- Diane will cover the gift shop.
- In addition, in March we received the \$500 donation from Springpoint Choice to support our activities. The expenses in March included \$48 for magnetic sheets for refrigerator magnets, \$58 to Finelie to fix a website problem, and \$113 to fix the shuffleboard storage cabinet.
- At the end of the month, our operating balance was a little over \$30,000 and we have \$2,250 for next year's Employee Appreciation campaign.

Proposal made that TMALRA pay down the cost of the Christmas Dinner.

Comments:

- *This gesture addresses the goal of getting more residents involved in activities, particularly those who do not participate now. The goal is to have 75 at the Christmas Dinner.*
- *A concern that 75 participants would lead to slow service at the bar was addressed by the idea that an additional bartender could be hired.*

Motion: TMALRA fund the reduction of the Christmas Party cost to \$25 from \$56 per person.

Motion Passed

Board Issues:

1. Officer's and Director's Liability Insurance should be considered. After a discussion the Board determined it would be wise to investigate the issue further.
2. There is a concern that the current name of the Employee Appreciation Committee and its practices could be interpreted as compensation and therefore taxable.

Proposed Motion: That the Employee Appreciation Committee be replaced by Resident Staff Relations Committee. The purpose of the committee is to establish and maintain good interactive relationships between residents of The Moorings and the people who maintain the property and provide services to those residents.

Comments:

- *It needs to be clear the staff are employees of Springpoint or Morrisons, not TMALRA.*
- *The wording used when asking residents to contribute needs to be carefully considered.*
- *Any monies given to staff must clearly be a gift.*
- *Using the number of hours worked as criteria could make the gifts appear to be compensation.*
- *Changing the name of the committee will require a By Laws change.*
- *Motion was tabled until the next meeting.*

Committee Issues:

1. The library is getting new shelves for the surplus DVDs.
2. The issue was raised as to whether there were enough people for the community table to have several seatings.

Jane Bretnall, Secretary