

Moyaone Association Budget Meeting December 2, 2023, 3:00pm
Wagner Community Building
2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607

Minutes

1. Welcome and call to order by President of Board, John (JR) Rudzis at 3:17pm
2. Determinations of Due Notice and Quorum
 - a. Due notice was served and quorum was achieved at 3:15pm
 - b. The President then turned the facilitation of the meeting over to the Secretary, Jim Wickman
3. Correction and Approval of May 5, 2023 Association Meeting Minutes
 - a. Passed by unanimous vote
4. Financial Trustees Risk Assessment
 - a. Dave Koch reported on the basics of who the trustees are and what they do, according to the bylaws
 - b. Update on TRowe price account: Up 7.24% over the last 12 months.
Current balance: \$316,428.00. YTD is 10.5%
5. Reports of Officers
 - a. VP nothing to report
 - b. Treasurer (Linda Witkin)
 - i. Current checking balance \$7080.78; Savings balance \$1400
 - c. At Large member not present
 - d. Secretary nothing to report
 - e. President (JR)
 - i. Current checking and savings is about \$8K
 - ii. Money is low, and we had to suspend some spending, and money was moved out of the savings account into checking (\$4000 was taken out
 - iii. Money was never taking out of TRowe Price account
 - iv. Review of annual fees. JR is requesting respectfully that people pay their fees by the end of January if at all possible.
6. Committees and Subsidiaries
 - a. Roads (Stan Fetter)
 - i. All work had to stop in October because of financial problems. Grading not finished, leaves not cleaned, new gravel not put down. Concern is that we are now behind on the work going into the winter without drainage proper
 - ii. New grader has been purchased. This came out of the existing budget. Roads committee spent \$27K out of \$45K budgeted for year
 - iii. Stan is asking for help in general. Check culverts on your property, watch speed driving on roads.
 - iv. Question: Bonds Retreat Road construction.

- v. Question: How can we spend emergency money if needed? (Jim: Make a motion during new business.)
 - vi. Comment: Can we be more forward looking in our planning for the roads, not just taking care of problems as they come up? Stan: Yes, but costs will go up and more money will be needed. This work should be phased in
 - vii. Question: What is the budget for getting the roads up to their best level (new stone, culverts, labor, etc)? Stan: \$60K
 - viii. Tom Garcia: volunteered to be on an ad hoc committee to explore the costs and benefits of doing the work that is needed to bring the roads up to the investment needed. Tom also suggested a “roads captains” group to watch the roads. Soren also volunteered for this. This ad hoc group could work with Stan to make a multi-year plan.
 - ix. Stan asks that any resident report to his committee problems that they see in their area so they can be addressed.
- b. B and G – no one present
 - c. Pool - Hsini Russell (de facto chair)
 - i. Safe season, thanks to committee members, especially Alex Naar
 - ii. Pool committee is going to restructure, and create sub committees. They are looking for new members. Asking for those who use the pool to volunteer for these new committees.
 - iii. Committee has items on the wish list: new laptop. New lockers for lifeguards. New umbrella. New lane markers. New portable vacuum.
 - iv. Suggestion: What can be done to get more outside memberships?
 - v. Suggestion: Ask the fundraising committee for the wish list items.
 - vi. Suggestion: Lower the costs of the pool through some measure.
 - vii. We don't keep track of how many association members use the pool.
 - viii. There is a need for a long-range pool plan and getting new equipment and making major repairs.
 - d. Membership – no one present
 - e. Public Affairs – Kent Hibben
 - i. Building bridges between MA and other organizations
 - ii. Alex Naar brought up issues with the two organizations and music making activities
 - iii. Smoke signals will publish notice of monthly board meetings
 - f. Fundraising – John Mitchell for Betty Mitchell and Nancy Weiman
 - i. February 10, 2024 Artists workshops and studios tour
 - g. Special Projects – Michael Leventhal
 - i. Homestead exemptions update for property taxes. Remember to apply for them. Homestead credit, Scenic easement credit, and credit for those over the age of 65.
 - ii. Water tank was supposed to be installed at the commons by the county, but they haven't done it. They are now saying they will do it. Still waiting for the plans to come. It is funded. 50K gallons.
 - iii. Ad hoc committee has been working on upgrades for the pool and commons. There is a state initiative for a grant to pay for this. It is about \$300K and we need a sponsor. Chris Valderrama said she

will sponsor it. This will go into a bond initiative. Makes our chances better that we will get the money needed from this grant.

7. 2024 Budget Review, Discussion and Approval
 - a. Secretary reviewed the voting procedure
 - b. President John Rudzis presented the budget
 - i. Reminder that budget is based on revenue, majority of which comes from the membership fees. Some comes from pool only memberships, but that is a small amount.
 - ii. 2023 Budget shortage: Pool ran a \$14K deficit due to less revenue than expected and overspending budget for the year.
 - iii. Projection for fees in 2024 is based on what was collected this year. We are hoping that more people will pay their fees. (128 lots paid out of 193). The services we get for what we pay are very good.
 - iv. Building and Grounds has a raise in budget for pipe replacement at the community center.
 - v. Higher pool funding is due to a raise for pool workers
 - vi. Road's budget is down, but that is because revenues are down
 - vii. Other committees are about the same
 - viii. TRowe price reserve amount is built into the budget
 - ix. Discussion of budget:
 1. Alex Naar said we may be able to use our well water and offset some of the pool water expenses. Working with water supply company.
 2. Amendment to raise the cost of dues by 5%. Motion to table the amendment passed and the discussion ended.
 3. Board plan to get more people to pay their annual dues
 - a. Letter from JR
 - b. Personal invites
 - c. Jan volunteered to be on ad hoc committee for this. Dan Fishman also.
 - x. The vote on the budget failed. Board has to revise budget and represent it to the community
8. Old Business / New Business
 - a. Mike Nelson: Motion made that the board gather input from members using the chart put together by Dave Koch to get more information on the priorities of the members. Seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. Paul Livingston: Motion made that in revising the budget, the board restore funding to the Roads Committee to 2023 levels, and that the board identify the revenue source. Motion passed.
9. Adjourn – motion to adjourn was passed at 6:10pm