

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING
THE KEY SCHOOL
March 14, 2013**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christian Elkington, Noel Gasparin, Kathy McFadden, TJ Hurlburt, Shannon Frece, Bill Anderson

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers, Jim Schwallenberg

GUESTS: Kayla Erbe, Mike Drucis, Linda Elkington, Fred Sandford, Kevin Green, Matt Franz, Phil Jones, Suzanne Martin, Wayne Martin, Lori Nichols-Hogbin, Angie Carroll, Mark Carroll, Brooke George, Frank Groblewski, Maria Triandos, Danielle Brooke, Danielle Franz, Melissa Cooper, Kate Penn, Michael Glass

Christian Elkington called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. No quorum present.

Minutes from the January General meeting were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Christian Elkington reported on the Treasurer's Report for Nancy Fulton who was absent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Christian Elkington mentioned that Julie Crudele is Hillsmere's Historian. If anyone has any pictures of Hillsmere for Julie or for the Sea Breeze, we would love to have them. We will scan them and get them back to you. The Hillsmere Elementary 5k race is Saturday, March 23. It will take place on the eastern side of the community starting at Hillsmere Elementary School. This race is already approved by the HSIA Board. The Board only approves four races a year. The METAVIVOR race is Saturday, April 13. This race is also approved by the HSIA Board and raises money for metastasized breast cancer. This is a kayak, bike and foot race starting at 8 am. The Key School Book Fair is also on Saturday, April 13, starting at 10 am. Key School Camp is contracted to use our pool again this summer. New this year, an adult lap lane from 9-11 am, Monday through Friday and 2 lap lanes from 6-8 pm, Monday through Friday, will be open at the pool. The Burning of the Socks is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 2-6 pm at the beach.

PIERS & HARBOR: TJ Hurlburt reported on the pier renovation project. Work is going well. This is work we had to do now and it is a 30-40 year project; and may last longer. We collected 80% of Piers & Harbor revenue at Come And Get It Day. The slip waitlist is reduced 70% (30 people) now that there is a \$100 slip waitlist fee. When we begin to fill slips, we will first go to the upgrade list, and then offer slips from the waitlist. The revised Boat Park Rules are approved. The Grandfather Clause for storing non-boat items in the Boat Park is terminated. The revised Dinghy/Kayak Rack Rules are approved. The Operations Committee is gearing up for the summer. TJ took questions from the floor.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE: Kathy McFadden was introduced as the Welcoming Committee Chair. Kathy met 14 new residents at Come And Get It Day and six were interested in joining the Welcoming Committee.

SECURITY: It is strongly recommended that residents put up “No Soliciting” signs. With a sign, police can arrest solicitors that come to your house.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Christian Elkington reported that \$5000 is allocated this year for professional maintenance of our rain gardens. Rain gardens are extremely effective in reducing storm water runoff, but they need to be maintained.

BUDGET:

1. Christian Elkington presented the General Fund budget. Unofficial vote taken – approved by a non-quorum.
2. Christian Elkington presented the Piers & Harbor budget. Unofficial vote taken – approved by a non-quorum.
3. Christian Elkington presented the Pool budget. Questions & Answers. Unofficial vote taken – approved by a non-quorum.

WATERSHED PROTECTION ACT: HSIA applied for a grant with the Watershed Protection Act.

BEACH: The shoreline renovation plan will be implemented this summer. Start date is July 8. May go into August. We are in the permitting phase and have submitted permit plans to the State and Army Corps of Engineers. We will then submit permits to Anne Arundel County. After permits are received, we will go out for bids. The work starts at the center of the walkway at the bridge over the culvert to the grassy area at the water; then east. HSIA will work with the contractors to ensure safety, but it will be a construction area. We will use the west entrance for the beach and close the east entrance. The work should only take several weeks.

POOL: Christian Elkington reported that the Pool Committee was asked to look into ways to increase revenue. Many options were discussed at the board level. Christian Elkington discussed the possibility of entering into an agreement with Black Walnut Cove to join the HSIA pool. We can only open membership to a community with a homeowner’s association. Otherwise, we risk becoming a public pool. Christian Elkington explained that HSIA wanted Black Walnut Cover to canvas their community to see if there is any interest. Much discussion and questions taken from the floor. Many pool members were upset that the Board did not tell them in advance that this discussion was taking place.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS: None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator