

**Middlesex Beach Community Meeting**  
September 1, 2018  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jeff Sella at 10:00 a.m.

Board Members present: Jeff Sella, President; Ellen Throop, Vice President; Tris Kruger, Secretary; Sharon Adams; Judy Bennett; Margie Cyr; Jim Dempsey, Steve Larsen

Minutes from the May 7, 2018 Community Meeting were reviewed. Minutes approved.

Anne Raskauskas asked to read a statement from her brother, Joseph Raskauskas. The statement questioned the validity and scope of the proxy. Ellen Throop responded to the statement and a discussion between Anne and Ellen ensued. Bob Aberbach and Steve Larsen also contributed to the discussion. At the end of the discussion, the Board advised that the proxy was legal and valid and the meeting continued.

**Board Election:** Jeff Sella

Jeff asked if there were any nominations from the floor to add to the list of candidates for the four open board positions. No additional nominations were offered. David Wolf, a candidate for the board withdrew his candidacy—all attendees, who had previously voted for David were invited to change that vote. The seven remaining candidates were introduced and each gave a short speech of introduction—Mary Byrd, Nancy Glasgow, Steve Larsen, Alan Lesch, Greg Pichler, Marty Shecter, and Ellen Throop. Meeting attendees were asked to complete their ballots. Ballots were collected to be counted along with previously submitted absentee ballots. Three CAS employees organized and led the vote counting and were assisted by three community members—Chuck Taylor, Gerhard Thelen and Sharon Adams.

**President's Report:** Jeff Sella

Jeff introduced all members of the Board and the Committee Chairman.

Jeff asked if there were any new residents of MB in the audience. No new residents were identified.

Our Property Manager from CAS, RuthAnn Barnes, was introduced, RuthAnn spoke about the need to update the Directory and the website. She also discussed some of the problems related to trash collection.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Dempsey

Jim gave an overview of our reserves, currently at \$250,000. Another \$165,000 will be added this fiscal year. Spending on current operations is within budget through July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Jim is leaving the Board after 4 years of service and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Community.

**BEACH:** David Taylor

David gave an overview of the current season and stated that it had been an excellent experience for everyone with no significant issues occurring. Our guards participated in various competitions, both local and national, and won multiple awards.

**Beautification:** Tris Kruger

Tris provided a quick update for plans off season, which include landscaping the south end of Dune Road, refreshing or replacing the plants at the foot washes, and consideration of some additional projects.

**Building—Margie Cyr**

Margie recognized Alvin Ross for his work on the Committee, and thanked all of her Committee members. She reminded the community that all building forms as well as the various rules related to maintenance, repairs, improvements and tree work were posted to the website.

**Community Patrol:** Steve Larsen

Community Patrol employees had new uniforms for easier visibility, new radios for communication, new golf cart for safety in crossing Route 1, and QR scanning of beach passes to increase accuracy and efficiency. Employees were posted on both the north and south borders of the beach at various times throughout the summer.

**Social:** Mary Byrd

Mary reminded those attending that the last Happy Hour of the season would be on September 15<sup>th</sup> and she solicited volunteers for next year.

**Beach Usage Committee:** Pam Baratta

Pam introduced committee members and reminded all of the Middlesex items for sale at the meeting and on the website. She mentioned that the new beach passes with the QR code have been a success.

**Community Comments:**

Carol Selig thanked the Board for the cleaning of the ditches and mentioned that there was no standing water at this time. In her opinion, this was the best year for drainage.

Carol DuBois requested that the Board reconsider the issuance of one beach pass and revert back to issuing two beach passes. Mary Byrd echoed this comment. Other community members stated that the one beach pass worked much better than anticipated. Several members commented that there seemed to be an ancillary benefit in a reduced demand for the ocean side parking spaces. Other members commented that the one beach pass seemed to reduce or eliminate the abuses that occurred with two beach passes.

**Election Results:** Jeff Sella

The following people were elected for a two-year term:

Nancy Glasgow  
Steve Larsen  
Marty Shecter  
Ellen Throop

Move to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Tris Kruger, Secretary