

**Stoneleigh Community Association Annual Meeting**  
**First and St. Stephen's Church**  
January 24, 2012  
7:30 PM

Pat Broome, President, calls to order the annual meeting. A quorum is present.

- First order of business is to approve the minutes from last year's annual meeting. Jim Reidenhour made a motion to approve and Jeff Boyd seconds the motion.

General Comments, by Pat Broome:

The Community Association Board is looking for new members. Everyone is welcome but we also would like to appeal to older, more established members of the community. Please consider volunteering your time for the board.

Introduction of Slate of Officers:

Lisa Mathias: President

Karen Fireman: Vice-President

Pat Broome: Past President

Eric Mellor: Treasurer

Tim Weihs: Secretary

Ellen Roberts: Pool Committee Chair

Audrey Kennedy and Mari Kate Connolly: General board members, Social Committee Co-Chairs

Brough Schamp: General board member; Greening and Recycling Committee

Anand Sivaramakrishnan: General board member; COP chair

Cara Walen: General Board Member; Stoneleighite editor

Richard Letocha: General Board Member

Tom Morelli: General Board Member

Nancy Talbott: General Board Member

Andy Whitman: General Board Member

Kathleen Williams: General Board Member

Antonio Wolff: General Board Member

Motion to approve the recommended slate of officers for 2012 from Kathleen Williams.

Dave Frisch seconds the motion; all in favor, none opposed.

Pat Broome, President, lauded the efforts of the entire Board for their dedication and efforts, especially VP, Lisa Mathias. He pointed out the grant that outgoing COP Chair, Jeff Walen obtained. He thanked outgoing Social Committee Chair, Debbie Jacobsen.

Note:

This meeting will follow the budget handout as a means to organize the topics addressed.

Membership Dues:

New Dues form with Stoneleighite: thanks to Christian Merlo for developing the form.

Review of Social Committee Events:

- Pat commented on the amazing job the social committee did especially with the Labor Day Fair, which was challenged by weather conditions and turned out to be a major fundraiser for the year.

Social Committee Report: Audrey Kennedy:

This year consisted of 33 members. Thanks to those attending and those who planned and ran the events.

A survey was conducted to determine interests of the community to increase participation in social events. 100 residents participated in Survey. Responses varied from criticism to praise. The committee is taking comments directly from survey to guide planning this year. Committee is hoping to draw a wider participation.

8 Events this year: Winter/ Spring Bowling Lanes Adult event/ Easter Egg Hunt/ Summer Social/Labor Day Fair- Almost exclusive fund-raiser/ Fall Social/ Kids' Halloween/ Breakfast with Santa/Tween Event.

Complete Calendar will be posted on the website and in the next Stoneleighite.

Other Community Events:

Golf Outing: Cory Farrugia

Try-Athalon: Margaret Schlossberg

Stampede: Sanjay Trivedi

Charitable Giving:

This line item provides available funds for community related donations.

Capital:

This line item refers to things like the Stoneleigh neighborhood signs.

Trees and Greening:

This refers to funds used by the Greening and Recycling committee.

Administrative: Reigned in to a balance budget.

COP Report: Anand Sivaramakrishnan :

- A grant from the State of \$1500.00 will be spent by July/ August.
- Janice Arcieri volunteers with the Towson Community COP.
- Anand repeats the message to call 911 if you see something—email Anand and the President at stoneleighpresident@gmail.com to get the word out and increase awareness and for record keeping.
- Janice: reminds the community to lock up

- Anand: reporting increases in patrolling

Stoneleighite Editor Report: Cara Walen:

- She would like to thank those sending in blurbs, ideas, suggestions.
- She is looking for an assistant sometime this year.

Pool Committee Report: Ellen Roberts (given by Pat Broome):

- Income is steady, consistent over time.
- Social events are the Crab Feast and Movie Night. Thanks to Peter Bulkley for putting on the event.
- Tremendous job that Ellen and crew did to decrease operating expenses; Jim and Ellen have been diligent stewards of the pool—they keep everything in order; tremendous job and thanks to Ellen for the work she has done and the work she has agreed to continue.
- Big capital improvements down the road including poolhouse renovations.
- The pool loan was paid off in 2008.
- Potential new fence, pool house and sport court are some of the suggestions being kicked around. Everyone is welcome to give their input.

Pool Committee Chair: Ellen Roberts:

- Thank you to:  
Christian Merlo  
Peter Bulkley  
Dean Hoover (new pool bookkeeper).

Projections for next year:

- We will need to get quotes for the renovations.
- The Board is looking into PayPal option to link with the website to streamline community dues and pool membership collections as well as easy tracking.

Greening and Recycling Committee Report: Brough Schamp:

- Committee has been working around the neighborhood which includes sprucing the area around the York Road sign; plants put in by Rob Reilly, Trish Woodall and the Stoneleigh Garden Club. Some trees that are dying need to be replaced: a neighbor has offered to support the trees purchased. Committee has been pruning. Christmas Decorations came up and down.
- For \$75.00 you can get a tree planted in your yard just let Brough know.

Questions from community members:

Dave Frisch:

We have discussed pool house improvements. Is there any plan for capital campaigns, fundraising?

Response: we do not expect to need a loan; the average \$50,000.00 profit over time has been planned to go towards capital improvements. No plans at this point for a bond or otherwise.

Carol McDade:

Legal expense: what is the expectation? we used to have one line in accounting.

Response: It is prudent to budget for potential legal expenses.

Seth Hammer:

Accounting and auditing: Is that for reserve or is that for a formal audit?

Response: Our by-laws require an audit which can be external or internal. Most prudent is to do both. Former treasurers or other community volunteers can help by reviewing financial documents and then forwarding them to an auditor.

Mike Stockard:

Is \$300 increase each year what we expect for filing tax return?

Response: It is fair to expect \$1500 for accounting. We can get bids before we hire.

Motion to approve 2012 budget: Ridenhour.

Richard Letocha seconds.

#### By-Law Changes:

Still need to address a few from last year:

- Section 2: If you are over 18 you can vote.
- Article 4 : Section 1; We deleted the remaining named positions except the Executive Committee.
- Section 7: We are changing the way we are collecting money. Bookkeeper on the board, bookkeeper on the pool and a treasurer on the board. This creates stronger checks and balances. The Treasurer's report will be given to the board by the treasurer. This change will remove the separate treasurer position on the Pool Committee.
- Any expense over \$500.00 gets voted on by the entire Executive Committee. For anybody who spends money you will need to wait a bit longer for reimbursement based on the new checks and balance in place.
- Savings and Loans are taken out of the language.
- The term of the board members will now be from February until the end of January the following year. Annual meeting will now be in January instead of November or December.
- The Pool Committee will be in charge of operation but oversight of the money will be partnered with the treasurer of the overall Community Association. The treasurer and Pool Committee Chairman will plan the yearly budget together.
- Section 9: minutes need to be kept at meetings.
- Section 10 was taken out because we are auditing all books (pool and community association) at one time, not as separate entities.
- All other by-law changes reviewed.

Question:

How is the pool committee selected?

Response: By the Chair of the Pool Committee (elected by the Community Association) and the president.

Other members include: Buildings and Grounds; treasurer/bookkeeper; social chairman; Sharks and Synchronized Swimming-team liaison, secretary, non-membership and membership.

Nate Collamer: Should there be a minimum number like the old laws said, “6?”

Response by Pat: We don’t want to limit ourselves.

By-laws of the pool: Not incorporated, they are rules, procedures and policies of the pool.

Brian Corbett: Is there a maximum number for the pool?

Response by Ellen: No. Non-resident membership was increased to 220-225 because of the lull in July.

- There are 500+ Stoneleigh homes. Down side is parking. Please walk to the pool.

Motion to approve the changes to the by-laws by Kathleen Williams. Nancy Talbott seconds the motion; all in favor, none opposed.

Pack 352: Charter organization: Alan Bowman

- We are the largest Cub Scout in district. The Stoneleigh Community Association has been supporting us for years. 40% are residents. Trying to be an asset for the community. Looking for volunteers from the community. Charity –food drives. Fall service clean up in the community. Always looking for ways to collaborate and work with the community. Looking to build solid citizens with our programs.

General Questions:

Fred Stringfellow:

Is the board doing anything to nudge the state to improve the roads and curbs?

Response from Kathleen Williams: I am still communicating concerns about some of the patching.

Pat Broome adjourns the meeting.