

Boston Harbor Association Board Meeting
Monday, June 24, 2019
Special Meeting

Members Present: Chris Hamilton, Kate Gervais, Nicky Lockwood, Brian Midles, Richard Thompson, Dan Doty, Susan Lund, (Larry Seale, Mike DeFord, and Joyce Herschberger were absent).

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Richard Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.
- 2) Corrected minutes from the meeting of June 6, 2019 were approved.
- 3) Treasurer's report: Larry Seale emailed updated information to all board members on June 19th. He reported that as of that date about \$400 in cash donations and checks totaling \$900 had been placed in the Marina bucket. Last year about \$1600 was taken in between June 25 and July 5, with the bulk of that taken in on the day of the show from buckets circulated by Glenn and Heidi. He suggested that if anything is sent out reminding people about the Kid's Parade and/or other July 3rd events, we also state that we 'haven't reached our donation target' yet.

OLD BUSINESS –

4) **Fireworks**

Sponsors – Nicky explained there was a miscommunication on the cost of sponsorship this year. Confusion occurred over the increase from \$300 to \$350 – whether the new cost applied only to new sponsors, or to all sponsors. At the May meeting the board unanimously moved to increase sponsorship for the fireworks to \$350 from \$300. However, some board members thought it was still \$300 for previous sponsors. In fairness to all sponsors, and to overcome the confusion, sponsorship this year was continued at \$300. Nicky suggests the board continue discussion about sponsorship cost by the March meeting – to include the possibility of tiered levels of sponsorship (larger icon/name for more money given).

Nicky moved that by March 2020 we begin the discussion about sponsors and tiered sponsors for the banner for the Third of July Fireworks 2020.

Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Susan volunteered to write thank-you notes after the Fireworks display to all sponsors, mentioning their donations are tax deductible or expendable.

Banner Status: Dan stated the banners should be ready by Tuesday, June 25th. He has weed whacked the area in preparation for banner placement, and will put them up.

Sponsor Invoices – After discussion about some sponsors requesting invoices, Richard requested that all sponsors receive invoices. Larry will send these using updated sponsor lists, including emails and phone numbers provided by Chris and Nicky. Nicky will follow up on who needs invoices and get that updated sponsor list with emails and phone numbers to Larry.

Barge – Mark is picking up the fireworks barge on July 2nd and returning it on July 4th. He is working with Wolverine to have the barge cleaned up by June 3rd.

Slight Challenge – DNR is saying BHA needs a commercial permit to use the buoy it has used to tie up the barge because a commercial tug is towing the barge and Wolverine is a commercial enterprise. It involves a \$2500 fee. In years past this was never a problem because the buoy had been privately owned. The volunteer Port of Olympia Harbor Patrol declared the buoy a hazard to boat traffic safety, causing DNR to act. Mark and John think it can be dealt with calmly by presenting all the facts to DNR.

Kid's Parade – Nicky reported that the ice cream and popsicles have been ordered. Sharon Thompson will get bike decoration materials at the Dollar Store, and the board will reimburse her. Pam will hand out the treats with Nicky's help if needed.

Volunteer adult guards are needed on the corners at 73rd and Boston Harbor Rd. and 77th and Boston Harbor Rd. Their main duty is to make sure the children are safe and that the children turn around where they should. Guards need to be in place by 9:45 AM.

Sheriff's Department Contract- Richard reported that the sheriffs are on board and will be here for the Fireworks show.

Fire Department- Dan reported that he will tell the volunteer fire department to have the old fire truck in place by 9:30 AM, parked at the 4-way stop at Boston Harbor Rd. and Commercial Street. The newer truck will be in place for the fireworks show at the same spot as last year, backed up by the fuel tanks.

Susan will put a notice about the Kid's Parade and Fireworks Show in the *Next Door* blog.

Honey Buckets- Kate has taken care of this; they are ready to go.

Donations – Chris will talk to Heidi to see if she is willing to use the credit card reader on her phone when circulating the crowd for donations. Larry has the credit card readers. Susan will post on *Next Door* that private parties (i.e. along Cooper Point and Steamboat Island Road) that enjoy the show are encouraged to 'pass around the hat' to collect

donations and bring the collected donations to the Marina on July 4th. If a bucket is needed, they can contact Richard.

Safety Issues – Kate informed the board about the uptick in homeless encampments in Burfoot Park, and an increased presence of the homeless at the Marina. She suggested the board bring information and suggestions on dealing with this challenge to the attention of BHA members. Dan will be in contact with Carrie about the homeless presence in Burfoot Park issue. The suggestion was made that information/awareness be posted on *Next Door* before the October meeting where this can be addressed.

A question came up concerning the Townsend property by shipwreck corner. Richard responded that if at some point there is a legitimate safety concern related to that property, then it would be appropriate for the board to address the issue.

NEW BUSINESS -

Marina Parking Lot Challenges – There are repeated instances of vehicles without trailers parking in the boat trailer area of the Marina. This has resulted in several heated arguments. Susan said Mike DeFord wants the board to be aware of the problem. Discussion determined that this is the Marina's challenge. The board does not have authority to act on this.

September 15th is the date for the annual BHA potluck. It will be from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Kate stated that on that date, the same group that performed the "Pirate Play" on the beach last year will perform a unique play – with scenes taking place in cars. The audience will walk around to different cars as the play progresses. It will begin during the potluck time.

The annual community garage sale is September 14th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Nicky will coordinate with the Boston Harbor Elementary School for pick-up of items participants want to donate after the garage sale. Brian is in charge of organizing the event.

Next board meeting will be on August 5th. Richard will not be here. Susan will fill in.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 7:25 PM.