

**Boston Harbor Association Board Meeting
Monday, August 5, 2019**

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

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Susan called the meeting to order at 6:22 PM.
- 2) Minutes from the special meeting of June 24, 2019 were approved.
- 3) Treasurer's report: Larry Seale emailed updated information to all board members. Current financial report is attached.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Fireworks Display Debrief

Buoy Challenge – In Dan's absence, he provided a written explanation attached. The buoy must be moved fifty feet by order of the Coast Guard as its present location is considered hazardous to boat traffic.

Feedback on Fireworks - Members reported overall positive comments from community and guests on the event.

Financials – One sponsor, Sunset Air, has not paid. Income from crowd donations was down this year, but the bank account is in good shape (see financial report attached). Raising the sponsorship donation from \$300 to \$350 for next year will be discussed at coming meetings.

Banners – Members agreed the banners looked great – positive community comments were made about them. Brian suggested they be made 'wind proof' for next year to prevent damage from tearing.

Bike Parade – Lots of participants, some great pictures of the event have been shared, and can be used to promote next year's event.

Association Potluck – September 15th- 3:00-5:00 PM

Price- last year's charge was \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for non-members, children were free. This year's charge is to be determined. Susan suggested we consider raising it to \$12.00 for members if we are able to get fish. Fish are late this year. More information should be available by the September meeting.

Volunteers and Grills - Susan will post on Nextdoor and Facebook with date and prices (after price is determined at the next meeting), and call for volunteers to sign up at the Marina. After Labor Day Susan will place sign-up lists at the Marina for volunteers to set

up, cook (two shifts), and clean-up. We will also need at least three grill units; last year Chris and Richard loaned theirs. Several people are needed to collect money for the event, and run a dues collection and sign-up table.

Association Garage Sale – September 14th – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Approach – Brian is in charge of getting the signs up and the word out. This year will involve more resident responsibility as advertising will bring people here, but no balloons or maps will be provided by the association.

Notifications – Brian will buy and place an ad (his expense) in the *Daily Olympian*, and post on Nextdoor, Facebook, Craig’s List, and Offer Up. Susan suggested starting the Nextdoor ad three weeks out, then again at two weeks and one week out.

Value Village Pick Up– Kate reminded the committee to work through the school (as has been done in the past) about getting the Value Village truck here at the end of the sale for donations which are then credited to Boston Harbor School. Nicky was suggested as the liaison for this.

Environment Committee

Burfoot Park Clean-up- Nancy Brown and Dan met with Karen Hibton from Thurston County Parks Department two weeks ago. Ms. Hibton explained that cutbacks have been made to their budget, so together they compiled a list of priorities for the park clean-up. The committee agreed on the morning of October 5th as the clean-up date. Chris will bring his tractor. After discussion, **Chris moved that the committee set aside \$200.00 to be used to incentivize local youth to assist in the clean-up effort.. Brian seconded. Motion carried unanimously**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the vice president at 6:53 PM.

September meeting date to be announced (Labor Day is the first Monday).

Buoy Update

The Ross family who had been letting us use their buoy for the barge was informed they needed to move the buoy closer to shore (it was a hazard to navigation according to coast guard). During that discussion it was mentioned we had been using the buoy for the fireworks show. DNR informed us it was not permitted for a commercial barge.

Now - I will cut to the chase.....The Ross's sold us their buoy position for \$1.00. We have acquired a permit to use the buoy location for the fireworks shows for the next 5 years. What is yet to be determined is if we can use the same set up the Ross family had at that location or if we will have to pay for our own buoy set up and installation at that location.

We have plenty of time to get it all figured out but it obviously must be a priority to get it taken care of soon.

-Richard