

Boston Harbor Association

Draft Notes for August 7th, 2023

Monthly Meeting was held at the home of Joyce Herschberger. All board members in attendance and new neighbors from Byron Street Jeff & Irene also attended the meeting. (I don't know who invited them.)

1. Call to order- Jeff Salazar, President at 6:53 pm
2. Approve Last Meeting Minutes- Nina motioned to accept the minutes, Haylie seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
3. President's Update- Many folks asked to be on the map at the last minute. Membership was not required to be "on the map" on our website.

Membership count. About 69- plus possibly a few more members. Jeff emphasized his change of mindset with the Garage Sale to: **Everything we do is a Membership Drive**

4. Treasurer's Report- about \$5800 in checking and \$1600 of that is for the Plaque. A total of about \$9868 in the bank of BHA funds. Nancy requested a donation to Sewer Sisters of \$400- nobody could remember how much we normally gave, so that request was tabled pending further review of past notes. **UPDATE: Nancy responded by email with the information and BHA donated \$400 last year to the Sewer Sisters in September.**

5. Garage sale success! Bjorn did a great job leafing & advertising- signs and designs for Facebook, fielding inquiries to be on the map. Bjorn & Jeff coordinated efforts to get the map completed with assistance from Larissa on Facebook as well. There was a relatively low turnout this year for participation from Garage Sale attendees. Feedback- provide a deadline to be on the map and a downloadable pdf link on the site. Discussion and disagreement between members about making Membership of BHA a necessity to be on the map. Tabled the discussion with a 5/4 vote in favor of requiring membership next year and requesting a small fee for their participation.

6. July 3rd Bike Parade & Fireworks- Joyce sent an email for breakdown – touched on changes to next year's event.

a. Lessons Learned- print waivers and let them be one per family, two lines for starting, more direction & direction for volunteers needed. This year was much better than the year before.

Nina brought up if the \$500 sponsors are receiving the benefit they donated for and Jeff & Jackie were going to check on & follow up with that- additional business listing information on the website.

b. Banner Removal/Storage- Jeff to remove the banners- Jackie brought up about keeping a regular calendar that could make it easier for us to reuse some banners from season to season. Example: Garage Sale– First Weekend in August, Annual Meeting Second Wednesday in February, etc. Jeff to call Alpha Graphics and find out how much for those banners & if they would donate all or part of the expense.

7. Sept23—May24 event planning —Postcard mail out? Polar swim & bonfire in Jan 2024?

Planning session for the second half of the year added-August 22 in the evening- location & time??

Meeting minutes to go out to the entire group by email afterward.

Some Members spoke up about not being able to attend additional meetings- watching the time needed for meetings and additional meetings.

Date for Community BBQ is September 17th at the Marina after the Seahawks away game.

10. New Business: Joyce to lead

a. Burfoot park Eagle Project - vote to support & advertise.- unanimously passed to help advertise and members to help pull Ivy for the project.

11. Adjourn- Larissa motioned & Jeff seconded- (I didn't record the time)

Next Meeting Tuesday Sept. 5th at the Marina 6:30 pm.