

## **MPACA Annual Meeting**

**May 18, 2011**

### **Minutes**

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**Welcome** - The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by President Jerry Liguori who welcomed everyone present and thanked them for their support. There were 34 members in attendance.

**Minutes** - The minutes were read from the last meeting in March and accepted.

**Presidents Remarks** – Jerry recognized several neighbors who had passed away this past year; Kay Attanasi, Buddy Bright, Harry Moore, Caroline Schlumpf, and Marie Willin. Our sincere condolence's to their families.

Jerry commented that much has been done and much is still to be done this coming year. The lake access issue has caused some contention as opinions vary of how to approach this, but this issue will continue to move forward with everyone's best interest in mind. We lost our previous VP who became a no show, no call VP. He has not renewed his membership. Membership is down from the 70 + members we had last year to 46 members as of tonight's meeting. We had a successful summer picnic that was enjoyed by many at the Moore's home and we have just finished our Spring Yard/Garage Sale.

Our main entrance off of Route One continues to be a pleasure to all of us and such an improvement over what we had. Our Web Site is not only useful but beautiful as well. We have added the emergency contact email which we hope never has to be used but is there to serve all of us if it is needed.

**Recognition of Neighbors** – Harry and Joan Moore receive this and past year's Hospitality Award for opening their home to us on numerous occasions for picnics, meetings, teaching boating to some, and taking more than can be counted for boat tours of our pond.

Jim Feist gets the Best Neighbor Award for continuing to reach out when it snows to those around him, and when his equipment won't work his snow shovel does.

Jim Perry gets the Web Site Master Extraordinaire Award for building and maintaining our web site free of charge – it is a joy to visit and a wonderful resource to us all.

We Will Get It Done Award goes to all the grass cutters – chaired by Dick Raffaelli, they are; Linda Beebe, Judi Hammond, Dennis Huffman, Jim Pitts, Dick Raffaelli, John Kreitzer, Henry Simpson, and Ray Bradley. These are the volunteers who work in all kinds of weather with their own equipment to improve our entrance and property values.

The Green Thumb Award goes to Kellie Bergen and Linda Jessop who head up our Beautification Committee and have maintained our front entrance garden making it a pleasure to see.

*Thank you all for your hours of time and dedication to all our benefit. You are so appreciated.*

**Treasurers Report** – Wes Perkins reported that as of this date we have \$1,413.24 in our account. Forty Six residents have paid dues for 2011. Our expenditures were; \$39.66 for last summer's picnic, \$25.00 for Franchise Tax, and \$50.00 for Resident Agent Fee to the firm of Lacy Holly.

**Committee Reports –**

**Beautification** – Kellie Bergens brought flyers from East Coast Garden Center for all attendees. They will not need to replenish mulch this year and still have \$57.82 in their budget from last year. They are researching what will thrive the best in the center of the garden that stays very shaded. They are also soliciting any and all volunteers for watering throughout the summer months. You can contact Kellie at [ekbergens@comcast.net](mailto:ekbergens@comcast.net) or 827-2715 if you would like to volunteer. They are researching the possibility of placing a rain barrel near the front entrance plantings.

**Grass Cutting** – Dick Raffaelli thanked the two new cutters who have joined the ranks; the Beebe's and the Hammond's. He also thanked those who have been able to return from last year to help out again this year, without you all we would be seriously shaggy. Anyone who wishes to volunteer can contact Dick at [rrraffaelli@comcast.net](mailto:rrraffaelli@comcast.net) or at 644-2780 – thank you.

**Social Committee** – Jerry advised we are in need of two neighbors who would like to take on co-chairing this committee. Originally when we started this association five years ago, the one thing that everyone wanted was more time to socialize with neighbors.....but we need volunteers to oversee this committee --- any interested parties should contact one of the seven board members before June 6.

**Lake Access** – Ken Hudson, Chair of this committee stated –The original access at the intersection of Red Mill Drive and Sherbrooke Road has been re-deeded to a private individual. We will continue to research our options. Jerry stated we are the only neighborhood on the Pond that has not been afforded access. All other neighborhoods that border Red Mill Pond have access. This issue will continue to be explored. Ken Hudson advised that no final decisions will be made without the support of the community. He further stated that we will not be encumbering the community with liability expenses. One member recommended using the political candidates to help us.

**Nominations** – There were no nominations from the floor. All officers and At Large candidates ran unopposed. The new board is as follows; President – Jerry Liguori, Vice President – Dick Raffaelli, Secretary – Linda Jessop, Treasurer – Wes Perkins. The 3 at large positions were filled by Ken Hudson, Nancy Winters, and Joan Williamson.

**New Business** – A recommendation was made to investigate “pay pal” for MPACA dues renewal.

Members were reminded that we did have a vicious dog attack last year and a neighbor’s 17 pound cat was killed. Neighbors were advised that both dogs still reside with their owners on Point Circle. If anyone sees them loose please immediately contact animal control at 302-698-3006 and then use the emergency email to notify officers.

Our community had a recent home invasion – please remember to keep all exterior doors locked as well as car doors. The board will follow up with the State Police on a presentation of how to better protect our community.

**Old Business** – The board of directors will continue to explore installing signs at the entrances off Minos Conaway that identify our community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Joan Williamson.