

**Black Point Beach Club Association
Board of Governors
Board of Governors Organizational Meeting
Saturday, May 23, 2015
6 Sunset Avenue, Niantic, CT 06357**

1. Establishing Quorum at 10:08 a.m.

Members present: Mary Cahill, Dr. Brendan Fox, Jim Pillion, Kevin Callahan,
Bob Shea, Robin Murdock-Meggers

Also present: Tom Sheehan, Association Manager; Carolyn Boyle, Treasurer;
Cathleen Special, Secretary

2. Nominations for Chair

Mr. Sheehan called for nominations for Chair of the Board of Governors for 2015-16.

****MOTION (1)**

Motion made by Dr. Fox to nominate Ms. Mary Cahill as Chair of the Board of Governors for 2015-16. Seconded by Mr. Pillion. All in favor.

Hearing no other nominations for Chair, Mr. Sheehan congratulated on Ms. Cahill on being named Chair.

3. Appointment of Vice Chair

Ms. Cahill appointed Mr. Kevin Callahan as Vice Chair of the Board of Governors for 2015-16.

4. Members of the Black Point Board of Governors 2015-16

Mary Cahill, Chair; second term expires 5/16

Kevin Callahan, Vice Chair; first term expires 5/17

Dr. Brendan Fox; second term expires 5/16

Jim Pillion; second term expires 5/18

Robin Murdock-Meggers; first term expires 5/18

Bob Shea; completing term of Dr. Peter Liashek which expires 5/17

5. Comments

Ms. Cahill stated that the Association Manager cannot have multiple bosses. The Association Manager answers to the Chair, and the Chair answers to the Board. She asked that the other Board members follow this protocol. If an Association member has concerns that need to be addressed by the Association Manager, please direct them to contact Mr. Sheehan. If the Association member is not satisfied with the Association Manager's resolution to the problem, then it will be addressed by the Chair, who will share it with the Board.

The Board of Governors meets on the fourth Friday of the month at 6:30pm. If a Board member cannot make it to the meeting, he or she must notify the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, will notify the Chair. If less than four Board members can attend the meeting, the Chair will cancel the meeting.

Ms. Cahill would like the Board to review the Association rules and bylaws at the June meeting. The job descriptions for the Tax Collector and Treasurer also need to be reviewed at that meeting.

Ms. Cahill asked Mr. Sheehan to prepare a report on what work has been done and what he thinks needs to be done. Ms. Cahill would also like a report on the Recreation Program, which needs to be revamped. The Recreation Program is losing approximately \$5,000 per year. There must be reasons for it; are there fewer children? Are the fees too high? Attendance needs to be recorded, staffing needs to be reviewed and other factors need to be assessed.

Ms. Cahill reported that Jim Moffett resigned from the Board during Executive Session at the May 22, 2015 meeting; he had one year left in his term. Ms. Cahill suggested that the Board members consider names to nominate to complete Mr. Moffett's term and present them at the regular meeting in June.

Mr. Pillion stated that there are three candidates to be interviewed to fill the Secretary's position. Interviews will take place on Saturday, May 30, in alphabetical order. Ms. Murdock-Meggors stated that because her sister is one of the candidates she will recuse herself from the interviews.

Ms. Cahill said that she appreciates that Association members are willing to form a committee to develop a plan for repair to the boat ramp, but she thinks the Association should seek help from a professional. Mr. Sheehan noted that the DEEP will have quite a bit to say about how the repairs are done. Mr. Callahan noted that this will be a costly project and suggested that there might be value in seeing if any Association members have expertise in this area. After discussion, it was decided that Ms. Cahill will talk to the East Lyme First Selectman to get the name of a person who could attend a Board meeting and guide us through the process. That person most likely would have a contact at the DEEP who could work with us on the project.

Mr. Sheehan stated that he would like to improve the main hall of the clubhouse. The acoustics are an ongoing problem. Also, the clubhouse needs a new roof. Mr. Callahan asked Mr. Sheehan to make a list of projects that need to be done so priorities can be set.

Ms. Boyle noted that there is \$35,000 in the budget for capital expenditures. She suggested that a plan be made for how the \$35,000 will be spent in the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Pillion asked that Mr. Sheehan present the list of most pressing needs to the Board at the June regular meeting and the Board will prioritize the list. Mr. Sheehan clarified that the amounts he will include in the report will have to be estimates.

Mr. Sheehan asked if the Board is going to approve the purchase of a golf cart. Mr. Pillion said that there was some question as to which would be better, gas or battery operated. Mr. Pillion is in favor of purchasing a golf cart if it can be purchased at a reasonable price. He spoke to Association member John Cellino, who will provide more information to Mr. Pillion.

Ms. Cahill and Mr. Pillion informed Mr. Sheehan that at the May 22, 2015 regular meeting, in Executive Session, the previous Board had voted to provide him with a stipend of \$1,500 per year for mileage.

The golf cart and boat ramp will be discussed further at the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

6. Motion to Adjourn

****MOTION (2)**

Motion made by Mr. Callahan to adjourn the Board of Governors Organizational Meeting at 11:12 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Shea.

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathleen Special, Secretary