

8/26/15 Inverness Association/Inverness Foundation Board Meeting

Convened: 7:12

Present: Bob Johnston, Alex Poratta, Marshall Livingston, Francine Allen, Sarah Myers, Kathy Hartzell, Tom Branen, Elizabeth Whitney, Catherine Caufield, Bridger Mitchell, Joyce Arndt

Inverness Association:

Minutes of July 23 meeting

- Kathy moves to accept with amendments made by email; Catherine 2nd Unanimous
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Nominating Committee report (Marshal, chair; Catherine, Francine)

- Marshall reports the committee advises keeping the same officers until December then have a vote because we have so many new members. Bridger, as VP would act as interim President.
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- *****MOTION:** Tom moves we continue with same officers, with Bridger as acting president, that a slate be put on the agenda for a vote in January, and nominating committee remains consistent.

Kathy seconds. Unanimous

Election of officers postponed til January

Public Expression – none

VP's Report – Bridger

**authorized purchase of database software for membership records - members polled by email and approved

Committee reports

Inverness Fair – Elizabeth

*Believes we broke even and everyone had a good time

*We need to make some sort of financial arrangement so the Fair committee has access to the funds that were made from the previous year's Fair

*Alex (co-chair of Fair) - the Fair is for community building; next year can go more smoothly by having more help

*Francine: We need to get someone in charge of raffle / people missed it this year

*Tom: The Fair committee must start meeting in May

*Kathy: we need to start recruiting people in the community to help

***Actions:**

*Appreciation letters to Katie Jay and Madeline Hope written by Francine, signed by Bridger as acting president

*Alex will send a letter to the Editor of the PRL and to makers of the cakes for cakewalk

*Bridger will send thank you letter written by Tom to Alphonso

Tom reports IA and TBLA made \$2400 on book sale that they will split

Membership Committee – Catherine

*Many changes had to be made on website re: donation & membership

*We have working email addresses for 80% of our members

*Of the 270 members, only 20% have renewed

*Will send board members the list of who are current members so they contact non-members they know to urge them to join

*A renewal letter will be sent out -

* Discussion of a website payment mechanism (PayPal)

* Acknowledgement for membership should be sent out

*We need to establish on the website a means of handling recurring donations

*We need to charge for serving as the fiscal agent for various organizations, for example the scholarship program of the IYC

*Chris Backenstrass is willing to put on a workshop for local nonprofits on how to create a centrally accessible process (?)

Catherine presents 4 desired actions which results in these motions:

*****MOTION** Bob moves, Tom seconds, passes unanimously: a \$500 expenditure for IA stationery.

*****MOTION** Bridger, as acting president will assist Catherine in drafting letter that authorizes her to replace John Speh as the IA representative to PayPal Bob moves; Kathy seconds. Unanimous

*****MOTION:** Eliminate giving a \$10 portion of dues to TBWC, keeping this money which will act as an increase in membership dues Notify the membership of this action of the board through the Bagpiper. Marshall moves; Tom seconds. UNANIMOUS

*****MOTION:** Bob moves, Alex seconds; Unanimous
Catherine can spend up to \$250 for professional services to improve the membership database

Website – Martha (not present) --

***Elizabeth needs to talk directly with Martha re: photos from Fair being put on website

ACTION: the Secretary will be the single responder to emails sent to the entire board via the website. She will send these emails to the appropriate board member to take action. We will all receive these queries and be cc'd on responses

Bylaws & Governance –(Bridger, Tom, and Kathy):

The Committee is going forward with making changes. In process . Catherine added to committee.

Treasurer's Report – Joyce

Distributed by email the treasurer's report

Kathy reminds us that the Fair committee must file ahead of time with the State if we are to have a raffle

Design review – Bridger

Deputy zoning hearing on 3 Inverness properties: 115 Kehoe (8/27) ; 485 Via De LaVista (8/27); 10 Drake's Summit Drive 8/27); Shallow Beach (approved 8/13)

LCP The County is now in process of resubmitting their plan. A primary focus is on agricultural permits for housing. Agreed that the IA will take no position without a great deal of discussion not only with board but with a large involvement of Inverness residents

Discussion of whether IA should get involved in supporting limits on Vacation Rentals. No decision or position reached. Catherine will send the Board her personal letter on this subject which she sent to the County.

Other Items:

No Fishing sign at Chicken Ranch beach – refer to County. Generally agreed we don't want more signage on the beach

Wrong-way use of alley behind post office – Marshall will repaint arrow on pavement

Planning of training session for Board members: A general review/description of the duties and responsibilities of the board members. Alex wants to hear the history of the IA organization. Carol Friedman is suggested and recommended as leader of this.

ACTIONS: Marshall will talk to Carol about doing this.

Bridger will ask County Planning to send a representative to discuss the board's role with the County Planning Dept.

JMM Committee (Tom)

Tom offered to give new board members a description of what JMM does and tour of the archives. Many board members expressed an interest in following up on this

IA Meeting adjourned by Bridger. Unanimous

Inverness Foundation:

Minutes of July meeting

Approved as submitted and corrected

Committee reports

Buildings/Grounds/Trails – Marshall

The committee hasn't yet met

*The Bridge at Plant Park was repaired.

*Burton reports that his hours have been cut.

*Need to deal with the contractor who does our work also being on the committee generally agreed this is a conflict of interest. He needs to choose: not to do the work or not be on the committee

* **ACTION** The committee needs to create an inventory of the IF properties and a list of necessary maintenance to paths and buildings.

* **ACTION** Letter of Appreciation: Inverness Garden Club

Letter: to IGC Leslie Peterson/ CPC / POB 203/ Francine will write and send

- **ACTION** Tree trimmings on tennis court property – Marshall will deal with this

- **Boathouse committee** (no one from board reported)

- Madeline Hope: submitted letter giving an update on work on Boathouse. Plan to submit application for permits in September

• **Treasurer** – Joyce

Bridger moves to adjourn meeting at 9:14 pm. Unanimous.