

MINUTES (**Unapproved**)

The Greensboro Association Annual Meeting Agenda August 6, 2020 4PM--6PM Via Zoom Video Conference

Greensboro Association Business Meeting (4PM-5PM)

Welcome (Vince Cubbage)

Vince opened the meeting and thanked the members for their support. About 40 members were live on the Zoom call.

Explanation of Zoom format, polling and voting procedures, materials available on website (Allison Stegner)

Allison shared the mechanics of how to use Zoom and access the documents and tested the voting mechanism in Zoom.

Approval of the Minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting (John Stone)

John Stone referred to the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes which were distributed and made available on the GA website and entertained a motion to approve.

Mike Metcalf made a Motion to approve, Stew Arnold Seconded. The vote took place using Zoom. 100% voted to approve.

Committee Reports

Note: The following are brief summaries of the discussion at the annual meeting. Please refer to written Committee Reports for 2020 located on the GA website:

<https://www.greensboroassociation.org/resources/reports/>

Nominating Committee Report and Proposed Slate (Linda Ely)

Linda introduced the committee and its role and introduced the slate of candidates for the class of 2023 and the officers. Linda invited a motion to approve.

Karen Gowen made a motion to approve the slate. Vince seconded. The vote for the class of 2023 and vote on the officer took place using Zoom and passed (100%)

PROPOSED BOARD FOR 2020-21 GREENSBORO ASSOCIATION

President: Vince Cabbage

Past President: John Stone

Vice Presidents: Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, Betsy Hunt, Allison Stegner Secretary: Cathy Irwin

Treasurer: Richard Lovett

PROPOSED TRUSTEE CLASS OF 2023

1. Karen Gowen
2. Rob Hurst
3. Rick Lovett
4. Havilah Mann
5. Mary Parker
6. John Schweizer
7. Mary White

Fund for Greensboro Committee (Becky Arnold)

Becky outlined the continued success of the FFG - including the Rhodes Boester matching gift challenge which was fully met on July 31 prompting the full \$10k matching commitment from an anonymous donor.

Becky indicated that the Grants Committee report would outline the distributions from the Relief Fund.

Becky summarized how the FFG was augmented during the year in addition to the Relief Fund. Balances are now >\$75k unrestricted, >\$81k Community Endowment. >\$139k for Lake >\$296k. - (See the FFG report for details). These balances are separate from the emergency relief fund "Community Relief Fund".

Becky also shared that the 1781 Legacy Society has 36 members and asked the group to please consider becoming a part of this group. Learn more on the GA website.

Treasurer's Report & Budget (Rick Lovett)

Rick introduced the report and the report was shared on screen. The report is on the website as well and was distributed to members. Total receipts were (approximately - see report for details) \$125k. \$66k for FFG and \$39k the Community Relief Fund. Operating expenses were approximately \$7,100 (less than 5% of receipts). Expenses include insurance, website, newsletter. Grants for year 31k including Relief Fund. NEt income was \$87k. The GA is a highly efficient all volunteer association with about 95% of funds allocated to the cause and mission of the association.

FFG investment performance was good especially considering COVID impacts. The timing of investments together with the allocations prevented the GA FFG from suffering a loss due to the pandemic.

Rick thanked the Finance Committee. Havilah, Linda, Becky, Andy Dales for their support.

Rick invited motion to ratify the report as presented. Bob Kasten made the motion and Karen Gowen Second. There was no discussion. The poll vote (ratification) took place: 100% approved.

GA Community Relief Fund Update (John Schweizer)

John Schweizer outlined the background for the [Community] Relief Fund. A task group empowered by the board was set up to fast track distribution decisions (Rick L, Becky A, John Schweizer). So far \$21k was distributed to 8 organizations (see John's report). The committee feels that the needs may only increase and are prepared to release additional funds this fall and winter. The focus is on food and health organizations.

Grants Committee (John Schweizer)

For the prior year \$12,500 and 13 grants were distributed. The mission is to support initiatives that benefit both full and part time residents. For this year (2021) we have 6 applicants - a reduced number due to the Covid crisis. Many organizations were closed. (see John's Grant Report for details). The board approved (approximately) \$10k and \$6.5k has been spent. A further review is planned for September. Note the Community Relief Fund distributed significant grant funding this year (see the Communiuty Relief Fund update).

Lake Protection Committee (Stew Arnold)

Stew provided a detailed update on the lake quality with a focus on Caspian Lake. Once again, good news - we remain free of invasive species. Stew described the role of the committee and its coordination with the Watershed Committee (GA will continue to focus mostly on Caspian Lake while the Watershed Committee of the Greater Greensboro efforts will be looking more broadly at area watersheds.

We have had a clean lake - a glacier lake. Stew shared a range of scientific graphics and reports that reveal lake clarity.

Readings have been steady however phosphorus has seen a rise over 20-30 years. Stew showed impacts of farm runoff. Stew also discussed the successful greeter program. There were a higher than normal volume of boats on the lake. Stew also summarized the geese control and loon nesting as well. Stew thanked the committee and volunteers and contributors including Lise Armstrong, Andy Dales, Robert Young (greeter), John Schweizer and others (see Stew's Report)

Christine Armstrong shared links in the chat for a variety of lakeshore protection practices Jed Feffer shared additional information about the Watershed and the Lakewise program. The Lakewise program will likely be able to proceed in 2021 with funding. The August program and speaker was announced. (See the Community Initiatives Report for details)

Community Initiatives Committee Report (Naomi Ranz-Schleifer)

Naomi provided a summary of the key initiatives and events in town including the Caspian Challenge run, the Sunday Lake concerts, the Bend Revitalization Project and the Town initiatives within the Greater Greensboro program including Wastewater, Watershed, Broadband (Connected Greensboro) and Trails. Please see the report for details on each of these programs.

Other Business (Vince Cabbage)

Vince invited attendees to raise any additional business. Jed Feffer emphasized the opportunity for Streamwise in addition to Lakewise program.

No additional business was introduced.

Close of Business Meeting & Minutes

Vince adjourned the meeting.

Part II (No Minutes)

Town Reports and Presentations (5PM-6PM)

The following topics were presented to the group following the business meeting.

- Greensboro Award Celebration – Ken and Janney Johnston (Tim Nisbet)
- Hardwick Police Department (Chief Cochran via written update)
- Greensboro Fire Department (Chief David Brochu, Jr.)
- Town / Planning Commission (David Miltenberger)
- GSERT (Greensboro and Standard Emergency Response Team) (Tim Nisbet) -

Close of Meeting (Vince Cabbage)

Note : The meeting was recorded using Zoom.