

ASSOCIATION OF GREAT NECK, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 19, 2010

President Joe Quinn called the Annual Meeting of the Association of Great Neck to order at 10:18 a.m. on Clark Beach with the following Board of Directors present: Bill Callahan, V. Pres.; Dick Fates, Treasurer; Jean Emerson, Secretary; Pam Ryan, Barbara Russell, Mary Coles, and Sandy Colby.

Secretary's Report

Sandy Colby moved and the motion was seconded to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on June 20, 2009. UNANIMOUS.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Fates briefly read AGN's balance sheet (handed out) at \$15,000 in checking, \$44,000 in investments, and \$27,000 in CD, totaling \$87,000, \$3,600 less than last year at the same time. Land/property at \$40,000 has gone down, making a Total Asset Value of \$127,000. Playground funds which AGN is still currently holding are at \$39,000 annual. Revenue in dues and pram fees are at \$22,000, investment income at \$8,000, netted income at various events is at \$9,100, totaling \$38,000. Big expenses have been phragmites removal and maintaining the Beach road and Bowdoin Circle. Financial reserves are necessary to care for the beach, etc., and those who become Golden Swan members are very generous. Doris Wilson moved, seconded by Barbara Russell, to accept the Treasurer's Report. UNANIMOUS.

Mrs. Krathwohl questioned the phragmites removal, and Sandy Colby explained that the invasive species had been marching across the pond until last September when the herbicide was applied to the mature plants before frost and will be sprayed again next September. Sedge grass (native species) is now filling back in again. Joe Quinn explained the Parker River Wildlife Refuge had recommended this procedure and the Conservation Commission had given its approval as well.

Scholarship Presentation

Pam Ryan presented a \$2,000 scholarship to Greg Krathwohl, recently graduated Ipswich High student. He thanked the group stating that he will be attending Middlebury College in VT. His essay, as a part of the application process on growing up on the Neck, will be made available on the AGN website.

Presentation of AGN Board of Directors and Officers for the 2010-11 Year

Joe Quinn reported that the Board of Directors for 2010-11 remains the same with the exception of Sandy Colby: Matt Borden, Mary Coles, Bill Fabri, Joan O'Flynn, Barbara Russell, Pam Ryan.

Mr. Colby moved to accept the slate of officers and the Board of Directors as presented:

Joe Quinn – President

Bill Callahan – Vice President
Dick Fates – Treasurer
Jean Emerson – Secretary
The motion was seconded. UNANIMOUS.

Presentation to the Outgoing Board Member

The new Bylaws call for the President to stay in place for a maximum two-year term and the following year be on the Board of Directors. Because Sandy Colby is leaving the Board, Joe presented him with a \$150 gift certificate to Ithaki. Having moved here ten years ago, Sandy called it an honor to have served and it feels wonderful to meet everybody.

Presentation and Vote on Constitution/Bylaws

Bill Callahan presented the proposed new AGN Constitution and revised Bylaws. Bill advised that there was a compelling need to adopt a constitution and revise the bylaws due to the changes that have occurred on Great Neck since the original Bylaws were drafted (the current Bylaws were written in the 1970's in order to merge a number of neighborhood associations which existed on Great Neck).

The Constitution is the framework which defines the purpose of the organization and the processes used to guide the operation of the organization. Changes to the Constitution will require a 2/3 vote of members. Bylaws are the procedures which are used to run the day-to-day operation of AGN and can be changed by a simple majority vote of members.

Bill reviewed the development of the AGN Constitution and revised Bylaws by using the following procedures:

1. The proposed drafts were reviewed by Atty. Nylén on multiple occasions.
2. Notification of the proposed changes was sent to members via the annual membership mailing.
3. The AGN Constitution and revised Bylaws was referred to in the quarterly AGN Newsletter and postings on the AGN website.
4. Hard-copy versions of the proposal were made available to the six members who requested them.
5. A Constitutional Convention was held on April 12, 2010, to explain the Proposed Constitution and Bylaw changes. This meeting was attended by 4 Board members and 1 Association member.
6. All recommendations made by members were reviewed and, where appropriate, included in the new documents.

Bill asked if there were any questions and when there were none, he moved that the proposed Constitution and Bylaws for the Association of Great Neck be adopted to replace the existing Bylaws, to begin at the close of this Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and a unanimous vote in favor of the new Constitution and revised Bylaws was taken.

Update of 2009-10 Events

Membership – Bill C. reported that 275 members belong to AGN as of 6/18/10, almost 30% of whom are Golden Swan. Because first-class mail was used, the forwarded mail brought in more memberships. A second mailing will try to bring in those members who haven't renewed yet.

Turkey Tuneup – Bill C. thanked Scott Coles for stepping up when Bill had hip surgery. The event raised almost \$1,500 directly attributed to the sponsors. In 2010, the event will take place on November 20, and the thought is to add a walk/run for kids. Little Neck may be involved next time as well.

Earth Day – Barbara Russell reported another successful cleanup on April 24 in memory of Jack Marlowe who began it, when 43 people cleaned up Little Neck Road, the playground and the beach. ValMac cleaned up debris at Clark Beach this year.

Boat Cruise – Barbara reported that the boat cruise will take place on July 17 out of Gloucester with a band and light supper. July 1 is the cutoff date for purchase of \$25 tickets.

Art by the Sea – On September 19, from 12 – 4 p.m., the Yacht Club will host the fifth annual Art by the Sea as a cooperative venture between AGN and IBYC. Artists and crafters will be selling their creations of which 25% is split between AGN and IBYC.

Triangle – Commenting that the Triangle never looked better, Dick Fates gave names of AGN members who maintain it. Steve Calef, across the road, provides mulch and a water source. Signups are at present unfilled for August 7 and 21 (one-week periods) and he asked for volunteers.

Labor Day Cookout – Pam Ryan reported on an insufficient number of reservations in 2009 to hold the Labor Day cookout. While it is labor intensive, if enough interested people will come, another great cookout can be held in 2010.

Wine Tasting – Joe Quinn (speaking for Bill Fabri) reported on ideas about combining with Little Neck and offering a wine and beer testing social event. More news later.

Recap of Beach Improvements – Joe reported on this spring's huge beach cleanup (230 yds. of debris taken away by ValMac) and the good working relationship with the Conservation Committee over the years. The channel on the north end of the beach has been cleared for free flow.

Questions/Answers

Mention was made of the tent erected on AGN property and Joe explained the matter which will be discussed at length at the July Board meeting. A question was raised re private parties on Clark Beach. Joe clarified that AGN sponsored events

(cookout, cruise, road race, wine tasting) are covered by an insurance policy; a private party is not. In the same vein, bonfire and drinking parties which took place in the spring were mentioned by a neighbor of the Bowdoin Circle area and Joe reported that the Police Department has been made aware, they say they will patrol, and parties appear to have ended. Police details cost \$94/hour.

The bird-watching station on Clark Road was questioned. The two lots are owned by the Town, pilings have been treated and will be sunk with a platform atop when the Town gets to it.

The property which the Air Force leases is owned by the Proprietors of Great Neck and will be vacated in 2011. The Proprietors have been working with the Town, the Open Space Committee, and private interests to come up with the best use of the land which has a real estate appraisal of \$1.6 million. There are nine potential house lots. The Town's Open Space voted sum is down to \$1.2 million and the preference is for athletic fields. AGN is staying abreast of developments.

Request for New Board Member Applications

Joe appealed to the audience for applications for a new Board member.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. UNANIMOUS.