

ASSOCIATION OF GREAT NECK, INC.  
ANNUAL MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2009

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Great Neck was held on Clark Beach, called to order at 9:10 a.m. by outgoing President Sandy Colby. Board of Directors present were: Joe Quinn, Bill Callahan, Matthew Borden, Barbara Russell, Pam Ryan, Dick Fates, Mary Coles, Joan O'Flynn, and Jean Emerson.

Secretary's Report

It was moved and seconded to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on June 21, 2008. UNANIMOUS.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Fates read his Treasurer's Report at liquid assets of \$90,934.12 (General Fund, \$21,446.95; Fidelity Account, \$42,624.62; and Institution for Savings CD, \$26,862.55). Land/property, \$45,178 added, made a Total Asset Value of \$136,112.12. Funds amounting to \$49,374.73 are being held at the Institution for Savings for maintenance of the playground, newly constructed at Little Neck Road in honor of Noako O'Flynn. He detailed the value of contributions made to the playground fund, of firms which donated food for the volunteer workers who put the playground structures together in virtually three days, and of Wolf Hill, Corliss Bros., and Tidal Carpentry who donated materials/labor. He reported that \$34,000 has been spent in maintaining the road to Clark Beach, the Triangle, taxes, keeping phragmites at bay, printing, and mailing costs. Many members give at the Golden Swan level of membership and beyond. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. UNANIMOUS.

The Triangle was cleaned up by a small crew of volunteers and has a restored sign, and seasonal touches have been overseen by Deb Twining who planted pansies. Materials have been provided by Steve Calef of Corliss. The summer maintenance system needs six additional people, and Dick called for volunteers.

AGN Annual Scholarships

Pam Ryan called up Heidi Johnson and Matthew Roberts. She presented a \$2,000 check to each. Heidi will be attending the University of Miami to study marine biology, and Matt will be attending Bentley College.

Al Howes Recognition

Sandy Colby announced that two Board members had resigned since the last annual meeting. Joe Quinn made a presentation of a \$100 gift certificate to Al Howes for his years of service taking photos and doing layouts for the AGN newsletter. Al said he had been in Ipswich 34 years and that the newsletter is available online, eventually to be sent online to all who request it.

Paul Ingram Recognition

Paul Ingram was honored as well for his approximately ten years as a Board member running the road race and founding the boat cruise. He was not present.

### Presentation and Vote on Officer Slate

Joe Quinn, representing the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers as voted by the Board of Directors:

Joe Quinn – President  
Bill Callahan – Vice President  
Dick Fates – Treasurer  
Jean Emerson – Secretary

It was moved and seconded to approve the slate of officers as presented. UNANIMOUS.

### Renewing Board of Directors

Joe Quinn named the other Board members and recommended that they go forward: Matt Borden, Sandy Colby, Mary Coles, Bill Fabri, Joan O’Flynn, Barbara Russell, and Pam Ryan. It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation. UNANIMOUS.

### AGN Activities

Membership – Joe Quinn reported as Chair that as of June 17, there are 252 members who have brought the total to \$18,440. Pram and kayak registration has brought in \$2,625 in revenue. He mentioned that those prams/kayaks without proper stickers will have notices attached and removed to the parking lot if proper stickers have not been obtained and attached.

Wine Tasting – Sandy Colby (speaking for Bill Fabri) reported that the possibility exists that wine and beer tasting will take place in August if it is possible to join the Little Neck Community; otherwise, it will probably be in October. Information will be available later.

Boat Cruise – On July 11 the cruise will begin with boarding at 6:30 p.m. from Plum Island’s northern end and cruise up the Merrimac River. Food and music will be provided at \$25 a ticket.

Labor Day Cookout – Pam Ryan spoke about the annual cookout which takes place on the Saturday before Labor Day as a good family day.

Art by the Sea – Barb Russell announced that from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Yacht Club on September 19, artisans on the Neck will exhibit and sell, keeping 75% of their sales and donating 25% to IBYC and AGN (split) for scholarships.

Thanksgiving Road Race – Bill Callahan announced that the road race to benefit the scholarship fund will take place on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Despite arctic weather, last year’s race attracted nearly 50 people and generated \$1,300.

### AGN Initiatives

Sandy Colby reviewed the Clark Pond Bird Observation Platform progress. A path has been cut, plans are forthcoming, but the project probably won’t be done until September/October.

Phragmites and Pepperweed are a huge problem. The Parker River Wildlife professional, Sarah Janson, has been contacted and will spray in July following the submission and acceptance of the application to the Cons. Com to eradicate them. A third-party contractor will spray in the fall and burn the phragmites on site. Sandy’s personal goal is to eradicate the phragmites around the pond. At \$500-

\$700/acre, the Board of Directors has authorized a \$5,000 amount for eradication. Gary Hamilton suggested contacting CZM for help. Irene Van Schyndel has suggested a Lantern Lighting Festival on August 7 from 9-10 p.m. and Sandy asked for volunteers to help.

#### New Business

Joe Quinn remarked about the Board's decision to revamp the outdated by-laws for the Association. For example, because AGN's annual meeting is on the same day as IBYC's, it has been suggested by Matt Borden that, because there are already many people present when the pram/kayak racks are installed, that might be a good date to have the annual meeting (in May). After a draft is completed, the membership has to approve the changes.

Ray Angelo, new webmaster, was introduced.

#### Adjournment

Dick Fates moved, seconded by Sandy Colby, to adjourn at 9:42 a.m. UNANIMOUS.