

## Minutes for September 29, 2018 Meeting

1. Keith Shoff-President, Fred Verga-Vice President, Troy Purnell-Property Manager, Barry King-Secretary, Valerie Sharp-Recording Secretary and 37 homeowners were present. Keith went over the code of conduct and asked everyone to turn their phones off. Keith started with the pledge of allegiance. He asked if there were any new homeowners. Edward Rakoskie-Lot#415 said he wasn't new, he has had his place here 13 years and decided to come to a meeting. We wondered if it would be in the Joe McGee fashion. We are here to see if you guys will run it like Joe did. Keith and the board laughed and welcomed him. Keith said Joe will be solely missed, not just by the homeowners but by the board. He was not only a friend but a mentor to all of us.
2. **Property Manager's Report**-Troy reported the grounds crew are keeping up with the grass cutting. We have done a lot of erosion control. They are not done but are planning on trying to finish up. When spring comes, there will be others we are looking into. He said that the equipment is doing okay, we haven't had any big issues this year. We got a new truck a while back and that has been a big help. If anyone has any issues with properties, go to the office and let Valerie know, and we can get right on it.
3. **Treasurer's Report**-Troy said on the income side-we are ahead \$11,294.00 due to the transfer of \$14,000.00 from reserves for the electrical tighten ups. That will happen every 4 to 6 years. Amenities-under \$19,252.00. Maintenance-over \$8,630.00, erosion control under \$8,400.00, building Maint.-under \$5,019. Expense-under \$2,948.00. Utility-over \$1010.00 mainly due to WIFI support over by \$5,290.00. Electric and trash are under \$4,931.00.
4. **Old Business**: Work order-hasn't changed because the erosion control is still being worked on.
  - A. **Barley Straw**-Troy said it was purchased and will be put into the ponds in February
  - B. **Camera's**- we lost 2 corn hole boards to theft, so it was decided to add camera's to the blind spots. We now have 19 cameras. Keith asked if anyone knows of anything going on HOA property that might warrant a camera, you can get in touch with a board member or leave word with front office for us. Fred asked if Volkan has a maintenance agreement with us. Troy said no. Keith asked if maybe with all of these cameras, we should look into this. Troy said that we can. Fred also asked if Volkan could check the night vision for an adjustment on the new cameras.
5. **New business**- Keith said we will look over the proposed 2019 budget. He said the board has to do this 1 month prior to the vote by law. It has to be posted on the website, so anyone with questions, may contact Troy. Troy said the 2019 Budget does not propose an increase in the dues. We should have less in the ground maintenance category because of the erosion control that has been done. We might need a mower deck or 2. We still have \$20,000.00 in special projects. We are planning on re-plastering the Clubhouse pool in 2020. The budget will be voted on at the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Keith had all board members introduce themselves. Keith said you all know we are down one board member, since the death of Joe. The board is working diligently to look over our options on replacing that member. The board can actually appoint someone onto the board. There is a process and we are still in that process of analyzing.
  - C. **Fountain at the Clubhouse** -troy said we have received 2 bids for replacing the motor and using all the old parts. The board would like a quote on replacing with a brand new fountain and the warranty for that.
  - D. **Workers Party**-October 27, 2018- Vince Luca gave Barry the information on the menu, which included Cajun pasta with seafood, baked ziti, beef spare ribs, prime rib. Keith said in the executive session that they would decide on the menu.
6. **Footprints Report**-Keith said he added another entry for the agenda and it Keith recalled a report from Fred Verga who had spoken to Carl Thompson about all the people who have contributed to the community and have passed. Fred called it "foot prints" and it was about homeowners that have done a lot of good things for this community and they are gone. Keith said that he thought it would be appropriate because he does it in the Lion's club and Joe was big in the Lion's Club. In the Lion's Club, they call it the "Sunshine Report". So if anyone has anything to share about homeowners, such as births, deaths, anniversaries that you would like to share, this

is the time to do that. Anything good for the community. I will start it out by saying everyone knows that Joe passed away in July after 23 successful years after directing operations here. What you may not know the Saturday of the annual meeting, right after it all 5 board members came back here to the community and spent the afternoon riding, and walking thru the community and were looking at different things throughout the community. It was the first time that all 5 of us did that for several years. Most of our communication is thru e-mails or by phone. Everyone was together and it was a great afternoon, and we all come back here and sat down and had a beer and had some fun. That is what I will remember about Joe. He was very dedicated to this community and making sure things were right. I believe that all of the board members would agree, that if he did not think it was right, he wasn't shy about telling us. I loved him like a brother. Just this week we had a homeowner pass away, Gary Gusoff who was up on Bayridge Drive, which is the only one that I have. Does anyone else have anything? Fred said that this foot prints thing is not a complaint department, it is about nice things, and things that have changed over the years. It started out when my wife and I were riding around in the golf cart and we stopped and talked to Carl & Linda Thompson, and we were reminiscing about all the people who have passed and what they did in the community. Fred said he has been in the community for 15 years and Carl was one of the originals and he said Mike & Kay Whaley were also there. There were a lot of fond memories and good times and everyone has left foot prints in this place. We can't get the people back but we can remember the foot prints they left behind, and that's how this got started. There was a thing about Joe, he was trying to decide whether to run again or not. I was neutral about it because it had to be his decision. As you all know he was nominated again. A homeowner got up and said her mother used to own in here and when she passed, it was sold. Years later we are second generation to decide to buy in here, and we are very happy we did. Keith thanked her for sharing. Troy said I got to say something about Joe. This is the first meeting without Joe, even though he and I butted heads, he was one of my best friends. He and I would talk and it went into an argument, his wife Sandy would tell us we were not allowed to talk to one another for 30 days, until we could talk civil to each other. Joe's foot prints are all over this community, he definitely was a great guy and he will be solely missed by me and I'm sure by everyone else. Barry said that as far as correspondence is concerned. We made a donation to the Hurlock Lion's Club scholarship fund, in Joe's name. The board members discussed what to do in memory of Joe. Barry asked that Keith explain how these donations work. Keith talked to Sandy at the funeral about what she wanted and what Joe would have wanted. Sandy told Keith that there wasn't any question, donate to the Lions club scholarship fund. Keith said that the Lions Clubs are the largest humanitarian service organization in the world, they have served over 2 billion people all over the globe. Each club is independent to serve their community, and they answer to Lions Club International. Each club has a charitable fund that they support and the Hurlock one is the scholarship fund. I don't know how familiar you are with Hurlock but it is an impoverished area, there is not a lot of money in the area for kid's scholarships. That is the reason Sandy had asked for the check to be made out to the scholarship fund. Keith added that Sandy and Joe continue to give. Joe was in a casket at the funeral, he was to be cremated after. They bought the casket and donated back to their community after the funeral, for someone who could not afford a casket. Just another way they gave back. Keith said that in ending this, we wanted you all to know that this donation was made from the entire community, not just from the board. Barry read the thank you note sent from the Hurlock Lions club. **Barry also read a letter from Will and Phyllis Pharrell about their feelings about Joe McGee.**

July 25, 2018

Dear Board of Directors,

We wanted to tell you how very saddened we are about Joe McGee. Even though we are still relatively newcomers (we are into our fifth year), it was not hard for us to see immediately the unique connection you had with each other.

There is absolutely no question and no doubt that Joe was more than special. We had many interactions with him and were blessed, and consider it our great treasure, to have been able to call him friend. Joe's love and devotion to Assateague Pointe was easily obvious. Our community was very fortunate to have the never-ending passion that he constantly displayed. Joe always listened to concerns, solved, or attempted to solve, problems as quickly as possible, was sensitive to feelings and never stopped trying to keep the scales balanced for both sides. All the while, which seemed so natural for him, being a gentle and kind man with a smile on his face. So many times, Joe was the "voice of 'calm' reasoning".

Along with Joe, you all have built a great and beautiful place – not only with physical buildings and surroundings, but more importantly, a community filled with long-lasting friendships that, as far as we can tell, are all pretty much family. No easy feat especially considering the incredible amount of different personalities that we have around here. The family circle seems to continue to grow as more get on board and stand ready to pitch in when needed. You have created a place we take pride in and enjoy very much.

As you all do, we deeply miss Joe. We will miss his presence, his laughter, his caring, his smile, his advice, his wisdom, hearing his voice, listening to his stories, seeing him at our meetings and out and about in Assateague Pointe, along with so many other things about him. Surely this has left us feeling empty.

So, although we are sad, we did want you to know that we recognize how very difficult this must be for you all. To go back so far, producing history, making so many precious memories. . . amazing! We know you will get your inspiration from Joe and look forward to watching Assateague Pointe continue to grow. He will stay with you, give you strength, comfort you and help guide you.

Again, we are very sorry and want to extend our heartfelt sympathy. Please take care, be well and know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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guys!  
Phyl +  
Will  
family*



**Along with you, our hearts are broken.**

**Say not in grief he is no more,  
but live in thankfulness that he was.**  
~Hebrew proverb

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minute special ribbons to wear for the viewing and funeral Joe McGee's death. He thanked everyone for help with the decorations and Valerie for the bows. He hoped he didn't miss anyone.

7. **Storage committee**-Dale Verga said she had made her final inspections and 2 items have to be checked, 2 slips have debris behind them. A letter to be written to clean up the slip areas. Dale was understanding that only 2 items can go into a slip. She has a slip with 4 kayaks. Barry is working on an updated easier storage form, once it is approved by the board and lawyer, it can be posted on the website for 2019. All applications are to be in on time and paid for by the time allotted. No Exceptions, if your application and money are not in, you will lose your slip immediately. There is a list for people who need a slip, so we will not be as lenient as it has been in the past.

**WIFI**-Barry reported that the battle with Comcast is ongoing. Comcast's signal isn't reaching the Comcast modem, which is causing the outages. He has to manually reboot the system inside the clubhouse. He and Pat O'Connell are working on a remote access system, so they don't have to actually go to the clubhouse to reset. With the storms of late, it has knocked out 8 of the antennae's. We have the fastest speeds you can get, but its only as good as the signal going to the modem. There are more devices this year, which will slow the process down because they are not turning off the devices when not using them.

**Pools**-Barry said he had done a rough inventory on pool supplies, the clubhouse had 9 lounge chairs, and 2 chairs at the rec. center and 3 umbrellas that have to be replaced. There will be a new cover for the Rec. center pool and this will double the life of the plaster. There was a mis-communication between us and the Best Aquatic, the pools were supposed to be open until the end of this month. Next year we will open on Memorial Day and close the last weekend in September. We are looking into major renovations to the clubhouse pool with in the next few years. The project would be re-plastering, re-tiling, new skimmers, and new concrete. This is our oldest pool and the most used. There also will be work done on the crab room

**Beautification**-Missi Clark said she will start to prepare the beds for winter. The butterfly garden is up and growing. He went to a seminar class at Penn state about how to plant Milkweed plants. The monarch butterflies are going to town on the milkweed. I had counted 9 caterpillars, which means they are attracting the caterpillars. I haven't seen any chrysalis yet. I do have the application ready to submit for the certification for the National Monarch Butterfly Registration Program and the name she has come up with "**Flutter by Garden at Assateague Pointe**". The application fee is \$45.00. Keith said if you aren't familiar with what Missi is speaking about. From the beginning of this venture, the goal was to be an official Federal Monarch Program. There are strict guidelines and a detailed work sheet that have to be submitted, in order to register for the garden.

**ECC**-Cathy Ortel reported they have golf cart fines that they are going after. We did a write a letter to the people who were skinny dipping after hours at the clubhouse. We have a few appeals to do, and fines to be collected. We had sent out notices to homeowners to tell they could appeal their fines, and 1 of the 4 homeowners has deceased. Another homeowner has postponed hers to the next meeting.

**Entertainment**-Vince Luca said that we have had 11 events since our last meeting, and we have 2 more, the children's Christmas Party and the New Year's Eve party. We unfortunately had to cancel 2, because they were poorly attended. I can report that all of the other events were very well attended and the people enjoyed themselves. I want to thank all the chair people for these events, they did a great job, and we couldn't be this successful without them. We will need someone for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Lisa Ward has chaired this for several years and she said she will help whomever takes it over. Keith stated that the Whaley's had announce earlier in the year that they would not be doing the pool party next year. So we will also need someone to do the pool party, the Whaley's are stepping down. Keith thanked Mike & Kay for all the time and effort that goes into that party and it is appreciated. In the last couple years, it has grown into what it is today, so let's give them a big hand. We may need a Santa Claus for this year's Christmas Party. We do have a Santa suit that is stored at the office.

8. Open Discussion-Denise Ginsberg-Lot#139 asked if someone could fix the women's bathroom door handle, the screws are coming out. She also stated that the grounds crew should sharpen the blades on the mowers, and could a trash contained be put back onto the pier. PaulLoomis-Lot#204 said the smell coming from the waste water facility is so bad, he can't even go outside or open his windows, and can something be done about it. Troy

told him that the county is aware of the problem and is scheduled to work on it. Patti Hare-Lot#507 was concerned about the goose problem. She suggested a border collie. She has taken 1 injured goose to the ASPCA, and when she had called to report it, she was told that nature will take its course. The other problem she is concerned about are the feral cats and who is feeding them and can something be done about it. She asked if she can set traps up. The answer is yes. Patti also asked about why people are not tying up the paddleboats. Tracey Trott-Lot#251 said that there is a couple of the boats that need repair on the rudders, because they are not working. Troy said that when they are brought in, they are checked and the repairs could be done then. Dee Carey-Lot#378 had a complaint about people not putting the life jackets back where they belong and they were all over the place. Arlene Baldwin-Lot#299 was concerned about trapping the feral cats and having a problem with mice and rats. Brenda Hershberger-Lot#71 is upset about people letting their dogs go to the bathroom on people's lawns. We have a dog park and they should go there. Dee McNamarra-Lot#378 asked about if there were any concerns about what happened in White Horse Park and here. Troy said there were no issues here at Assateague Pointe.

9. Troy made a motion to adjourn and Fred 2<sup>nd</sup> it and all were in favor.
10. Next meeting-November 17, 2018