

RUMSEY ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2020

Rumsey Island Residents Association conducted a General Meeting on August 20, 2020 at the Portside North restaurant on Pulaski Highway.

Present were officers and board members Walt Smith, Ron Parker, Russ Brown, Joyce Brown and Dion Guthrie along with 14 general members. That made up a quorum for voting purposes.

Walt Smith, President, called the meeting to order and the following matters were discussed:

1. A boat raft-up will be held at Maxwell Point on Saturday, August 22, 2020 beginning at 1:00PM. The anchor boat will be flying a large US flag. Bring food and drink for the parties on your boat.
2. The annual RIRA Crab Feast will be held at Portside North, September 19, 2020 from 1:00 to 4:00PM. We will have various raffles. Our member Echo has made a quilt which we will raffle off. All tickets have been sold. We could only sell 75 tickets this year because of Covid restrictions. We had sold 130 tickets last year. One member, Shirley, indicated that she would like two tickets. Walt told her that if we get any cancellations he will notify her. Walt asked for volunteers to help set up before the event and clean up afterwards. Will also need volunteers to help with the raffles.
3. Anita, our treasurer, was not able to attend tonight's meeting, but she submitted a treasurer's report which Walt discussed. We have 105 households in membership. That is up significantly from last year. We have just over \$7,000 in the bank at this time. Usually, our crab feast generates a large portion of our income. However, with only being able to sell about 60% of the tickets we sold last year, we expect much less revenue.
4. It is uncertain if Rumsey Island will have a fall yard sale this year. Walt contacted Laura H., the resident who normally organizes the yard sales. She posted on Nextdoor that she would be willing to schedule a fall yard sale if there were people interested. Unfortunately, only one person replied back that they were interested. Walt will try to verify with Laura that she will or will not organize a yard sale this year.
5. Walt said that he contacted the owner of Baldwin's Seafood Restaurant concerning our annual Christmas Party. He was able to reserve the date of Thursday, December 10, 2020. Will have to address the menu, times and available seating with the owner. Last year we paid \$25 per person. RIRA paid \$15 of that and each member paid only \$10. That may need to be adjusted this year due to our budget.

6. Walt spoke about the need to complete the bridge painting project this fall. We have funds left from the donation made last year by the Joppatowne Carnival. Will need to coordinate volunteers for painting a cleanup.
7. Anita will organize a Christmas caroling event again this year. Ron has already lined up transportation and will help again this year.
8. Walt said that Harford County has been testing recreational waters for ecoli again this year. Results are posted on the Harford County Health Department's web page. They've been testing every two weeks. So far the test results have been very good – very low readings.
9. Ron brought up the subject of bad sea-grasses in the channel leading out from the boat launch at Mariner Park. He was wondering if there could be nutrients coming from the treatment plant behind Redner's Market. He said there is a noticeable smell after dark in that area every evening. Someone suggested that he contact Harford County Dept. of Public Works.

At this point, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully,

Jane Smith, RIRA Member