

**ANNUAL MEETING
ASSOCIATION OF GREAT NECK, INC
MAY 13, 2017, CLARK BEACH**

CALL TO ORDER

AGN President Cricket Wilbur called the 2017 annual meeting to order at 10:10 AM. There was a large turnout of AGN members who came early to help with installing the pram racks and boardwalk, and many people registered for their 2017 membership and pram sticker.

Cricket gave the opening remarks noting that this was AGN's 42nd year and 34th year since the Proprietors of Great Neck deeded Clark Beach and Clark Pond to AGN. She thanked the members for attending and their support throughout the year, for the many friendships that have developed and that the board needs the members to stay involved.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

In the absence of Secretary Berni Tragert, Treasurer Jeff Duback reviewed the minutes from the 2016 annual meeting. A motion to accept the 2016 minutes was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff gave the Financial report with totals through the end of April. Details include \$98,063 in liquid assets, \$42,844 in non-liquid assets, totaling \$140,907 for an increase of \$5,377 over 2016. Total revenue was \$33,743 and expenses were \$35,309. Expenses included security at the beach gate, landscaping, water testing and upkeep to the beach including new snowfencing. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/ELECTION OF AGN BOARD MEMBERS

Cricket presented the slate of Board members for 2017-2018 and introduced three new candidates for the board: Lianne Halloran, John Hubbard, and Alissa Powers.

President-Cricket Wilbur	Deborah Cassady	Katie Krathwohl
Vice President-Peter Lucas	Lianne Halloran	Alissa Powers
Treasurer-Jeff Duback	John Hubbard	Steve Reydel
Secretary- Berni Tragert		

A motion was made to accept the slate of board members and officers as presented, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

AGN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION

Katie Krathwohl, chair of the AGN Scholarship committee, presented this year's AGN scholarship winners.

- * \$1000 Nora Hughes (deferred admission to RIT with a gap year in Iceland) The award was received by her mother Jen Hughes.
- * \$1000 Malak Rayes, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA. Malak received the award, thanked everyone and intends to study Pre-Med.

- * \$1000 Joe Tragert, Mass Maritime. Joe was unable to attend as he was at orientation at Mass Maritime.
- * \$ 500 Alexa Emerson, Salem State University. The honorable mention award was received by her grandmother, Jean Emerson.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING BOARD MEMBER, ERNIE ROBERTS

Cricket thanked retiring board member Ernie Roberts for his three years of service on the AGN Board, for his tireless enthusiasm and ideas. Ernie was presented with a gift certificate to Corliss Nursery, and he will continue his stellar work as the designer and builder of unique sand bar mini-golf courses at Summerfest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGN Survey Update – Steve Reydel reported there were 120 responses this year to the annual survey, which is a 15% increase over last year. Respondents expressed interest in bringing back both a wine tasting event and a sunset cruise. We hope to offer a new event, a tour and tasting event at Privateer Rum, this fall. Look for more information in newsletters and on the website. Nearly a dozen residents volunteered to join a sub-committee. Also a number of respondents volunteered to assist with the triangle garden. We received feedback that when the beach road gate is closed, it can be challenging to walk around the gate to get down to the beach. We are looking to improve this pathway. Pet waste on the beach was another issue. Nearly half of the respondents noted seeing pet waste on the beach. We want to remind all pet owners to be courteous to all and follow the policy of picking up after your dog.

Clark Beach & Clark Pond – Open fires are not permitted on the beach and are a concern especially after the drought last summer. Cricket asked members to report any campfires they may see to the Ipswich Police or the AGN Board. Cricket explained to the membership the changes to the pram/kayak policy that was approved by the board. There was a very large increase in the number of prams and kayaks on the beach last year, which exceeded the capacity of the pram racks noted in the Clark Beach Management Plan, and are a threat to increased erosion on the beach. To address this issue, the Board amended the pram policy to no more than two pram stickers per family, and \$50 for first sticker and \$75 for second sticker. Prams/kayaks without current stickers will be removed from the beach. Discussion continued regarding the increased cost of stickers, and a suggestion that a limit be set for first stickers and if needed a lottery for second stickers. An idea was presented for using racks that could accommodate 4 kayaks to save space. Additional topics discussed were the new snow fence for erosion control and encourage the use of designated paths, pepper weed removal, beach cleanups on 6/10,7/8,8/12 and9/9, driving safety on the beach road, and the dogs on leashes at Clark Beach 8AM-8PM starting 5/15. A security guard will be in place at Clark Beach gate 8:30-3:30 on weekends this summer and including the holidays Memorial Day, July4, and Labor Day. Security will also monitor parking at Bowdoin Rd.

Events for the Coming Year: Summerfest and Raffle-8/26; Ipswich Dinnerbell – 8/28; Art by the Sea - 9/10; Privateer Rum Tour - 10/6; Road Race and Fitness Walk- 11/4

Proprietors of Great Neck Parcel – Jim Prato and Don Finocchio gave an update on the PGN Parcel Subcommittee informing the members that they are keeping in touch with developments

on the parcel. The Air Force has still not completed the toxic cleanup. A joint effort among the Town of Ipswich Open Space Committee, Greenbelt and AGN is ongoing to work with the Proprietors to help preserve as much of the land as possible for open space and public use.

Triangle Garden, Dinnerbell, & Family Activities – Katie asked members to sign up as volunteers for the Triangle Garden, Dinnerbell, Privateer Rum Tour, and the new Family Activities subcommittee, which will be headed by Katie and Alissa.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 11:35 AM with hopes of a safe and enjoyable summer. UNANIMOUS

-Peter Lucas, acting Secretary