

LRCA Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 8, 2008, 7:30 PM

Board Attendees: Derrick Chamlee, Maryann Fox, Linda Smith, Nancy Hahn, Ivan Dietrich, Paula Weiss, Connie Griffin  
Regrets: Anne Richardson, Nancy Gordon, Jon Parker

Location: Nancy Hahn's house, 8915 Braeburn Road

**LRCA Board Business:**

**Review of November Annual Meeting Minutes:** Treasurer Linda Smith reminded us that contrary to the minutes, she had indeed presented a monthly treasurer's report at the last meeting. The Secretary apologized profusely and promised to amend the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda said the balance on December 8 was \$8796.03, down from \$10,971.03 on November 10. She said these kinds of drops made her nervous, but it was understood that the hayrides were the major expense for the month, costing \$2055.00, and this accounted for the vast majority of the decrease. The Board accepted the treasurer's report as submitted.

**Hayride Report:** Maryann Fox reported on the hayride event and answered questions about the numbers of neighbors who participated. It was concluded the event was reasonably well attended, with all three wagons going out full at 4:30, and two each at 5:30, and at 6:30, and that participants had enjoyed themselves. The marshmallow toasting was popular! Total numbers of riders was estimated to be about 175. It was decided to promptly call the company that provided the wagons/horses and reserve a spot for next December. There was some discussion over whether to move the hayride date to another, perhaps less cold date such as Halloween, but eventually we decided to stick with the first week in December.

**Neighborhood Watch report:** Nothing from Jon.

**Community Affairs Report:** Ivan reported that Braddock district supervisor Sharon Bulova had held her Taste of Braddock affair. There was discussion of the race for head of the Board of Supervisors, in which Bulova is running against Pat Herrity. There was some brief discussion of endorsing a candidate, but the consensus was that on principle the LRCA Board should not take sides in a partisan race, regardless of the merits of the candidates, not to mention the desirability of refraining from antagonizing a significant chunk of the membership. Ivan encouraged all to attend Braddock District Council meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, but noted our newspaper publication schedule was not coordinated with these meetings.

**LRCA Link:** Derrick will call Anne to ask her for the next deadline. He said he would put a few photographs of the hayride on the site. It was noted that the LRCA Link's next

appearance should coincide with the membership drive, which will begin early next year. Later in the meeting Derrick said it would be necessary to make corrections to the neighborhood map on the website.

**Membership Report:** Frank was gone for the holidays. Some block captains have already handed in forms from last year as well as dues, which while admirable, complicates the new effort to streamline the receipt and processing of membership forms and dues. It was decided that Frank would need to meet with the block captains when he returned and explain the new process to them. Derrick said he would send Frank an e-mail in Arizona to keep him posted and ask about the membership drive status. Nancy pointed out Frank could while still in Arizona set up a meeting of the block captains that could take place when he returned.

We decided to send out the supplement with names that had been left out of the membership directory. The names originally had gotten cut off because the new Link banner head had bumped them in the formatting and proofreading did not take place that might have alerted us to the error.

**Cavalier Cruise Night:** Connie said she had e-mailed the mother in charge of the event, but had not yet heard back. The issue is whether LRCA can help sponsor this alcohol-free all night event for Woodson High School students.

**LRCA Annual Meeting:** Connie reserved the Canterbury Woods ES cafeteria for our annual meeting which will be on a Friday night in early May.

**Mastenbrook Grant Update:** Nothing new to report. Derrick said he hoped to turn to it over the holidays.

**Dumpster Day and Yard Sale:** It was reiterated that Dumpster Day would be held in the spring. There was some discussion about combining Dumpster Day with the Yard Sale, although it seems a shame to encourage people to do spring cleaning and then immediately restock their closets with other people's secondhand stuff (secretarial observation).

**ILDA-LRCA Sign Update:** No response yet from ILDA about our proposed contribution of \$700 to share in the use of the marquee at the pool.

Adjournment

Next meeting on January 12, 2009, at the Weiss residence, 4748 Springbrook Drive, 703-764-2128.