

THE MOORINGS AT LEWES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

MONDAY, March 10, 2025

Welcome: President Ed Steiner

Call to Order: President Ed Steiner

Moment of Silence

Opening Comments:

Special Report: Jay Brocco

- An Audit of the TMALRA finances shows that Treasurer Tom Reed has developed an excellent Excel spread sheet that is easy to follow.
- Only minor discrepancies were found.
- Suggestions were made to rewrite the Treasurer's Manual, and to attach a copy of any approved budget to the minutes of that Board meeting.

President Ed Steiner

- Writing comments on the Holleran Survey covering Dining Services is important since ratings can be subjective.
- Residents will be reminded of the survey at the All Resident meeting

Secretary's Report: Jane Bretnall

- After the minutes for today's meeting are done, the Agenda for the All Resident Meeting will be established. Board members were reminded to let it be known if they were going to have a report.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Reed

- The February Treasurer's Report has been uploaded to the TMALRA website.
- Expenses were \$6 for the Wellness Committee for copies, \$370 for printing the newsletter and \$15 for a program honorarium.
- There was a \$1,730 deposit for fleece jacket pre-sale.
- At the end of the month, our operating balance was about \$28,600 and we carried forward about \$305 for the Employee Appreciation Fund.

Revenue Generation Discussion:

- Historically asking residents for contributions to TMALRA's operating funds has generated more than the \$5,000 income specified in the 2025 Budget.
- Contributing gives new residents a sense of belonging.
- Although some residents ask where the funds go, most are aware that they provide a variety of activities and supplement the cost of others.

Motion to ask residents for a contribution of at least \$15 per person a year was made and unanimously approved.

Old Business

Review of Area Representative responsibilities

- Diane Bair presented a proposed Area Representative Mission Statement.
- One minor change was made.

Motion to accept the amended Mission Statement was made and unanimously approved.

Table Caddies

- The idea of constructing wooden caddies has been abandoned.
- Sources for preconstructed caddies are being researched.

The Moorings Market

- 31 Residents answered the survey, and 80 additional items were suggested.
- Dining Services is reviewing what they can order and what prices need to be charged.
- Dining Services is to report back to the Dining Committee in April.

New Business

Support for the Cadbury Chorus: Carol Bishop

- The last pianist will not be returning.
- Last year the pianist was paid \$50 per hour. \$25 from the TMALRA funds and \$25 paid by The Moorings.
- The current going rate for a pianist is \$100 an hour. The Mooring has already agreed to pay half.
- The Cadbury Chorus is an important activity whose concerts are greatly enjoyed.

Motion to increase the amount TMALRA contributes to pay a pianist to \$50 per hour was made and unanimously approved.

Report on the new Resident Life Committee: Mary Lou Poffenberger

- The purpose is to enrich the lives of residents through a variety of programs.
- The committee is comprised of the Area Representative and other residents.
- Unless otherwise needed, the committee will meet twice a year.

Additional Information: Peg Partlow

- 44 Fleece Jackets were sold. The order number reduces the price by \$2, so those who ordered will be getting a refund.
- 31 Residents have signed up for the Barnes Foundation trip.
- The Lewes Yacht Club has been reserved for a Holiday Dinner on December 18th.

Jane Bretnall, Secretary

TMALRA AREA REPRESENTATIVES MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of area representatives for the East and West Wings and the Cottages is to welcome new residents and introduce them to TMALRA and its scope of activities and to look after the general interests of residents in their area. In so doing, the following steps are suggested:

- *Welcome each new resident in your respective area as soon as possible after they move in with your personal information and photo Residents Directory
- *Make a personal visit and deliver the Welcome letter and TMALRA Handbook
- *Explain the most recent calendar to them
- *For computer users, mention the TMALRA website and provide them with the user name and password for accessing resident information (user name=tmalra ; password=lewesde.)
- *Encourage residents in your area to actively participate on TMALRA committees of their choice and to take full advantage of TMALRA'S activities.
- *Invite and, if convenient, accompany them to the first TMALRA All-Resident, Afternoon Exchange, and/or Forum meeting and introduce them.
- *Be available to answer their questions and hear any concerns.

The mission of the area representative for the Health Center is to be a liaison between Health Center residents and the TMALRA Board of Directors. The following specific steps are recommended:

- *Report to TMALRA Board of Directors at each meeting the number of Residents in Assisted Living (AL), Safe Harbor (SH), and Skilled Nursing (SN)
- *Report the names of all Independent Living (IL) residents who have moved to AL, SH, and, if possible, SN, and provide a written report of these to the TMALRA secretary
- *Report to the TMALRA Board of Directors any concerns of AL residents that cannot be resolved within AL. and report back their resolution to the appropriate residents