

GPCIA ANNUAL MEETING  
January 14, 2016  
Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club - 6:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:44 PM.

Denise Garbacz asked the attendees if there were any objections to proceeding as a quorum. There were 23 people present, but only 15 voting members and 2 absentee ballots, at the time. The by-laws indicate that a quorum is achieved when 20 members are in attendance.

Vote: 17 for proceeding with the meeting.

Motion: Ken Kiley made a motion to proceed on a contingent basis; Martha Hanneman seconded.

Discussion: Brick Rule discussed what a contingent basis would mean. Discussions could proceed, but no votes would be taken. Another meeting would need to be held at a later date.

Prior to this meeting, members were notified of the Annual meeting by written newsletter (hand delivered to all homes), a notice was posted on the NextDoor website, also the Grassy Point website, emails were sent directly to all members, whose emails were provided. The proposed changes to the by-laws were also made available, on November 14, 2015, 60 days prior to the annual meeting date, in order to give all members ample time for review.

Vote: 6 for contingent, 8 against; the motion failed.

At 7:25 a quorum was achieved with 20 voting members present and two absentee ballots, for a total of 22 votes.

Accomplishments in 2015

Denise Garbacz reviewed many of last years accomplishments.

Neighborhood Garage Sale – Again scheduled for February 27, 2016.

Wine Tasting Party – Will again be scheduled in 2016.

Light Up the Canal Party – Thanks to Evelyn and Bill for hosting for 16 years!!!

Homeless Food Drive – 275# of food to Homeless Coalition – good job everyone.

Two derelict boats removed from neighborhood canals.

Vacant lot cleanup and mowing – the vacant lots were mowed and look much better.

Code Enforcement presentation was made at the Beach Complex.

Seawall Guideline publications were sent out.

Croop cul-de-sac was improved – the \$200 incentive is available for other streets.

Two neighborhood newsletters were distributed.

Light Up the Canal Christmas Light Contest was held.

Social Survey Results

Denise Garbacz

Those completing survey desire a block party. An association sponsored block party will be scheduled for this year. 60% want 4 social events, 40% want 6 events. Five or six events will be planned for the coming year.

Liability insurance, which was acquired last year, allows us to hold events at county parks, as well as at member's homes. The insurance policy was renewed for 2016.

#### Treasurers Report

Melissa Phillips

Treasurers Reports were distributed to the attendees. Melissa reviewed the income and expenditures for the year 2015. A petty cash fund was established for stamps and other minor expenses. The cul-de-sac money is available again this year for improvements (\$200). The Treasurers report (attached), will be submitted for audit.

Fran McKalip was recognized and thanked for her many contributions throughout the years. We will miss you Fran, our very best wishes to you.

Motion: Jamie Sculley made a motion to vote on the by-law revision tonight, rather than tabling for a later date; Cindy Arban seconded.

Vote: 15 votes for voting on the by law revision tonight, the motion carried.

#### Proposed By-Law Changes

#### Revision Review and Q&A

Brick Rule

Marv Kowalewski and Brick Rule worked on the by-law revision throughout the year, in conjunction with the board. They attempted to address a few issues, and clarify others that were confusing.

- a) The by-laws required updating to conform with new IRS regulations regarding discrimination. Article 2, Section 1, "GPCIA will not discriminate on the basis of race, color or religion" was added.
- b) A legal description that defines our location was required to be added. Article I, Section 3.
- c) A Community Membership (Non-dues paying), Article II Section 2. B, was created.

Community members do **not** have voting privileges. Community members will be invited to neighborhood events and included in communications. They may be asked to pay a nominal fee to attend community events. It is hoped that Community memberships will strengthen our neighborhood, and encourage Community Members to become paying members of the association.

**Note:** The new Community Membership section will be voted on separately, members can elect to keep it, or revert to the existing Social Membership section, Article II, Section 1. B, resulting in no change to Social Memberships.

- d) Clarify who votes at board meetings, officers or directors or both, Article IV, Section 5. C. This point is currently not definitive and has been debated at great length for years, with no clear resolution to date.
- e) Operational details were not defined in the by-laws, rather left to each year's board to give boards some flexibility and latitude to operate as they see fit.
- f) Add Roberts Rules of order, Simplified, as the governing meeting rules, Article IV, Section 5. B. Currently no governing rules are identified.
- g) Article IV, Section 5. C, general members do not vote at board meetings, only the Executive Committee and Board Officers votes at board meetings.

h) The quorum paragraph was lifted directly from the previous by-laws, 20 voting members constitutes a quorum, Article 6, Section 6.

i) The amendment reduces the number of board of directors from 5 to 3, Article IV, Section 1. If the amendment is not passed, nominations from the floor will be needed to fill the two resulting open positions, as required by current by-laws.

Motion: Richard Porcelli made a motion that the by-law vote be tabled until a later date; Ken Kiley seconded.

Vote: 3 for the vote to be tabled until a later date, 17 against; the motion failed.

Motion: Fred Blythe made a motion to vote on the amended by-laws; Terry Dunn seconded.

Discussion:

Richard Porcelli, questioned Community Memberships, what encourages people to pay the dues?

Ed Barry: Only paying members are voting members, the intent is to reduce the divisiveness, and involve as many neighborhood residents as possible.

Caroline Porcelli, mentioned that people could attend one event with out paying. It was determined that it is not currently in the by-laws, but is an operational decision.

Ed Barry: We live in Grassy Point, we are all one community.

Cindy Arban: If people are welcomed, they may become members.

Martha Hanneman: Currently non-property owners can apply for a Social Membership with sponsorship, a homeowner has to invite them. Martha believes that renters don't have a vested interest in our community, issues do come up. There are places in our community that have been rented by drug dealers, they can become a part of our community. They do not have a vested interest.

Richard Porcelli: Several houses are rented, many renters are very nice and are looking to buy in our community, and they should be sponsored.

Cheryl Rule: Community members do not vote so they do not take away from voting members rights. It provides an opportunity for open communications with all residents.

Denise Garbacz: If people are included in events like the lighting contest, it improved memberships. They do not vote, but can participate in community events. This encourages people to join. It is important to know that you can reach out to your neighbors.

Melissa Phillips: Having a sponsor is good idea, Martha's point is valid, if you want to maintain the integrity of the community, you should have a sponsor to be a social member. Renters versus non-voting members, \$20 is not a lot of money, so that is not the issue. It is fair to mention something in about that.

This was quite a lively discussion issue.

Vote: 16 vote for the revised by-laws; the motion carried, the new by-laws are approved.

Motion: Bob Guilmette made a motion to remove the Community Membership section, Article II, Section 2. B, from amended by laws, and retain the existing Article II, Section 1. B, Social Membership section; Fran McKalip seconded.

Vote: 10 to withdraw the Community memberships, the motions failed; the by-laws are accepted as written.

Motion: Fred Blythe made a motion that voting memberships should be individual, not household. Article 2, Section 2. A. Proposing a change from one vote per household to, one vote per person with a maximum of two per household; Bob Guilmette seconded.

Discussion: Martha Hanneman, mentioned dual vote households could possibly overtake single households having only one vote.

Vote: 6 for the motion to count individuals rather than households; the motion failed.

Motion: Ken Kiley made a motion to add “for social events” to Article III, Section 2. Sources of Funding: “charging entry fees (for social events) and holding fund-raising events”; Diane Eck seconded.

Vote: 17 to add "for social events" verbiage; the motion carried.

Motion: Caroline Porcelli made a motion to strike the sentence "A Community or Voting Member may also be removed by a majority vote of the membership." at the end of Article II, Section 2. C; Ken Kiley seconded.

Discussion: It is prejudicial and discriminating and could cause trouble.

Vote: 15 to strike the sentence “A Community or Voting Member may also be removed by a majority vote of the membership.” from Article II, Section 2. C.; the motion carried.

Motion: Caroline Porcelli made a motion, to strike Article II, Section 2. D. Resignation, in its entirety; Ken Kiley seconded.

Vote: 12 to strike Article II, Section 2. D. Resignation, in its entirety; the motion carried.

Motion: Ken Kiley made a motion to consider making the board of directors three-year terms, and replace only one director per year, to maintain continuity on the board; Richard Porcelli seconded.

Discussion: Brick Rule: An executive committee would figure out how to stagger the terms.  
Denise Garbacz: It is a good idea, practically speaking it is difficult.  
Marv Kowalewski: Consider that we can't get people to volunteer, practically speaking, it is a struggle to get people to serve for one year.

Vote: 2 to adopt three-year board of director terms; the motion failed.

Ken Kiley will volunteer to work with the newly elected officers to refine the duties and general powers of the board of directors.

Presentation of Slate of Officers:

President	Cheryl Rule	Directors	Cheryl Whalley
Vice President	Denise Garbacz		Martha Hanneman
Secretary	Jamie Sculley		Susan Dunn
Treasurer	Melissa Phillips		

Nominations from the floor: No nominations were made from the floor.

Motion: Tom Brown made a motion to vote on the slate of officers as presented; Cheryl Whalley seconded.

Vote: 15 vote for the slate of officers as presented; the motion carried.

Caroline Porcelli asked what tax category we were currently registered as. Our tax category will be an issue for the 2016 board to determine.

Incoming President Remarks                      Cheryl Rule

Thanked the last year's board of directors, Denise has gone above and beyond. It is important to be a part of the community and how important your neighbors are. We have seen an increased membership, we hope to continue that, and also increase communications. Board meetings will be open, and act on any issues that come up during the year. Thank you all for keeping our community a wonderful place to live.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:04, unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.  
 Jamie Sculley  
 GPCIA Secretary

Annual Treasurers Report attached.

Attendees:

Cindy Arban  
 Ed Barry  
 Pat and Tom Brown  
 Jane Buebel  
 Beverly Currence  
 Susan and Terry Dunn  
 Pam Evans  
 Diane Eck  
 Jeff and Pat Fregd  
 Denise Garbacz  
 Bob Guilmette  
 Martha and Dave Hanneman  
 Marv Kowalewski and Jane Dietsch  
 Ken and Anne Kiley  
 Fran McKalip  
 Melissa Phillips Fred Blythe  
 Richard and Caroline Porcelli  
 Cheryl and Brick Rule  
 Jamie Sculley  
 Cheryl Whalley

2 Absentee ballots