

**BERKELEY SHORES HOMEOWNERS' CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 8, 2011**

**Call to Order: By President William Grochowicz at 7:15 PM.**

**Members of Executive Board in attendance:**

Fred Bekiarian, Howard Hoffman, Vic Lido, Robert Mandraccia, Marion McGrath, Robert Nunn, Lucille Pavolic, Jack Stranford, Nancy Wieme.

**Member not in attendance:**

Geoffrey Martis.

**Salute to Flag and Moment of Silence for our Service Men and Women.**

**Welcome Members - William Grochowicz:**

**Reading of Minutes:**

Motion to suspend reading of the minutes by Marian McGrath. Motion seconded.  
All in favor.

**Treasury - Fred Bekiarian:**

Balance in treasury \$16,953. Bank reconciliation up-to-date. Vic Lido conducts our audit.

**BSHCA 2011 Nominations - Fred Bekiarian:**

At this time we have enough people to fill our open positions. We are moving people around based on their wishes. We still have two months before our June election. If anyone is interested in joining the board, we would like to you to contact us.

**Bill Grochowicz:** My tenure is up on Saturday, June 11th and I will not be going forward with another two years. That date is our annual breakfast meeting. Please keep date open.

**Membership - William Grochowicz:**

Jack Stranford is membership director. Our books for 2010-2011 have closed and we have 670 members. We'ved been averaging between 670 and 700 members each year. Our revenue is approximately \$10,600 per year.

**Scholarship - William Grochowicz:**

BSHCA sponsors two \$500 scholarships each year for potential seniors attending either two year, four year or vocational college. Jim Benn is our committee chairperson, with Bob Nunn as liaison. Our Board is not involved in the process. The applications go to Central Regional High School or to Jim Benn. The committee, using a point system, decides who the recipients are and forwards their recommendations to the Executive Board. We will accept applications up to the end of April. This information is available in our Newsletter.

**Boat Parade - William Grochowicz:**

Last year we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of BSHCA. This year our boat parade will be on Sunday, May 29th at 12:00 PM at Amherst Beach with rain date Monday, May 30th. Our website will have information.

We ask everyone to bring a flower (carnation) for the wreath-laying memorial service commemorating all who sacrificed their lives for us.

**Coast Guard Class - William Grochowicz:**

Boat safety class is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th. This date is in conflict with our Allen Road Beach Project. I suggest that members help with our planting project at Allen Road Beach on that date. BSHCA will provide information regarding additional dates for boat classes in our Newsletter. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering boat inspection for certification. BSHCA will have a block of time set aside specifically for our organization regarding inspection dates by the Auxiliary.

**Garage Sale - Robert Mandracchia:**

Saturday, June 18, 2011 is the date for our third annual sale. We currently have two homes registered. Last year we had 80 households participating and hope to meet that number. Applications are available here or online.

**Living Shore Line Project Allen Road Beach - William McGrath:**

We are attempting to restore Allen Road Beach to its former shoreline.

To accomplish this we'll need volunteers to plant the salt marsh seedlings and bio-logs on the beach. We need 50 to 60 volunteers. This "Living Shoreline" project will benefit Amherst Beach Inlet, our waterfront community..

- Rows of bio-logs will block erosion and stop nitrogen runoff.
- Bio-logs will last about four or five years before decomposition.

**William Grochowicz:** The town has taken care of all the necessary permits.

If this project is successful, our community will be able to get additional grants. Bill McGrath devoted much time and effort for this project and we thank him for his technical expertise.

**Amherst Beach Improvement - William Grochowicz:**

The town will be dumping additional sand on the beach. An informational sign will be posted at the beach.

**Township Tax Issue - William Grochowicz:**

April 1, 2011 was the deadline for our tax appeal. The results regarding evaluation will become available from the town.

A meeting will be held at Central Regional High School on April 19, 2011. A suggestion was made by the Taxpayers Association to hold township meetings every week instead of every two weeks.

**Fred Bekerian: The difference between Taxpayers Association and BSHCA:**

BSHCA acts as an advocate for this shore community; the Taxpayers Association is an adversarial organization. Their mission is to challenge the municipal government. We have a different agenda than they have.

I appreciate what their organization does and that helps us. We have to address the issues which maintain our values in this waterfront community. That issue is the main lagoon. There is very little we can do about the taxes. Change needs to take place in Trenton. The best the town can do is assure people that their tax assessments are correct. The tax structure does not sit well with me. I know I'm paying three times the amount of tax that homeowners in other areas of the town pay in taxes. Not a fair situation.

**Guest Speakers:**

Dr. Parlapanides, Central Regional Superintendent of Schools and Kevin O'Shea, Business Administrator, Central Regional School. These gentlemen presented a slide presentation regarding the Central Regional School Budget.  
(Information attached)

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**Lucille Pavolic, Secretary**