

**BERKELEY SHORES HOMEOWNERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 30, 2012**

Call to Order by President Fred Bekiarian at 7:15 PM.

Members of Executive Board in Attendance:

Vic Lido, Marion McGrath,, Robert Nunn, Lucille Pavolic, Past President William Grochowicz

Members Not in Attendance:

Ken Gerb, Robert Mandraccia, Geoffrey Martis, Jack Stranford GaryTepper,
Nancy Wieme.

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

Reading of Minutes:

Motion to suspend reading of the October 14, 2011 Minutes by Fred Bekiarian. The motion seconded by bob Nunn. All members in favor. The minutes are posted on BSHCA website.

Welcome - Fred Bekiarian:

Additional street captains are still needed. We hope to have our street captains encourage neighbors, who are not members, to consider joining. Personal contact will be the most effective course of action to increase our membership. Our entire waterfront community benefits as our organization grows, speaking with one voice for matters of concern to us. A new membership drive is planned for the May-June time frame.

The Littoral Society is asking our community residents for volunteers to tie bags containing special material off their docks as part of an oyster reef restoration project. Signup sheets are available to all members interested in helping.

Social Activities - Marian McGrath:

Our "Dutch Treat Socials" are held on the third Friday of every month and have been very successful. We meet at different restaurants with about 25 to 30 people attending. Please join us for our next get together on April 20. All are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you. Information regarding the time and place will be posted on our website and on the Veeder Lane Island Information Board.

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Our annual Boat Parade, Blessing of the Fleet and Ocean County's only Veterans Day Memorial Service will be held on May 27. Following the parade and service we will meet at Amherst Beach for our picnic.

On June 9 and 10 our Berkeley Shore Armada of pleasure crafts will enjoy our ocean voyage to the Belmar Seafood Festival. Last year we had 13 boats join in and look forward to everyone joining. Information will be posted on our website.

On July 27, 28 and 29 we will hold our Annual Boat Excursion to Trump Marina in Atlantic City. Consider joining us for this great trip. Everyone had a great time and we hope more members will participate. Additional information will be posted on our website.

My BSHCA Fishing Blog is on the website. Contact me with any questions or suggestions.

Due to increase gasoline prices for our boats, consider sharing boating and fishing with your BSHCA members. Those interested can plan to share expenses and continue to enjoy water sports. Give us your opinion regarding this thought by contacting the Social Committee through the web site www.berkeleyshores.org

Vic Lido - Membership:

We will have a new membership drive in April. Each year our treasury balance is between \$9,000 to \$11,000. We are still in the 2011/2012 membership season and behind about \$700. Our dues are very reasonable and offer much to our members. As our membership increases Berkeley Shores becomes a more desirable community in which to live. Those of you who have forgotten to renew, please consider catching up prior to our 2012/2013 membership season beginning this summer.

Bob Nunn - Code Enforcement:

Our partnering with town code enforcement is ongoing. If members consider a situation significant, regarding property maintenance, bring to attention of the Board and we will notify Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Anderson.

Fred Bekiarian for Garry Tepper - Treasury:

At present the treasury balance is \$17,374.

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Fred Bekiarian for Ken Gerb - Center Island Landscape Plan:

Ken will be making a presentation to the Board for the total cost of the island project being developed which will reflect a nautical theme. Mayor Amato has offered to provide assistance from the Public Works Department and Recreation Department if needed.

Ken is scheduled to take over as our new Public Relations Director. We are looking for additional publicity for our association and Ken has the experience and knowledge to accomplish that goal. Our organization represents Berkeley Shores. We constantly seek out new ideas to present a positive image to our community.

Fred Bekiarian for Nancy Wieme:

Nancy always does an outstanding job with our website. We post important information for our members via our online email service Constant Contact. We look to our members for feedback.

Happy Hookers - Joan Blavatt:

A request for a monetary donation or yarn for a new project currently in progress. There is an organization in Michigan named Warmth for Warriors who knit hats to comfort our fighting forces as they serve us in Afghanistan. The hats are worn under the soldiers helmets for warmth and comfort. Our ladies are knitting these hats to be sent to Afghanistan. Anyone wishing to donate to this cause in the form of yarn, dark colors only, or a check made out to BSHCA with a memo note of W for W. Mail to BSHCA, PO Box 134, Bayville, NJ 08721. Yarn can be delivered to Cathy Peach, 10 Starboard Court, Bayville, NJ 08721.

A donation will not be made from our treasury as Happy Hookers receive \$700 to be used for their local charitable projects.

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 7-11 - Barbara Nerehood:

We are located in Berkeley Township serving boaters on Toms River and Barneget Bay. We work with the Coast Guard Station Barneget Light, providing operational support, vessel safety inspections and boating safety classes for the public. Boating classes are held throughout the year. Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Berkeley Township Recreation Center. Free vessel safety check for compliance with all federal, state and local requirements can be arranged at member's convenience. Additional Information and schedules are available on our website, wow.uscgaux.info and on the Berkeley Shores web site.

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Motion to adjourn meeting by Fred Bekiarian, Seconded Robert Nunn.

Adjournment: 9.00 PM

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