**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**SACHEMS HEAD HOMEOWNERS’ ASSOCIATION**

June 27th, 2023, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

North Courthouse Library

325 Courthouse Rd, Richmond, VA 23236

* Homeowner registration opened at 6:15 p.m.
* **Meeting Call to Order** at 6:30 p.m.
* **Welcome, Agenda Review, Quorum Count** (53 needed; 22 achieved-via a combination of in person attendance and proxies)
* **Board Reports**
  + Lake and area construction
    - In addition to the new housing unit construction across from the high-power lines, a new water park is under development and may be adding sediment to the lake. The county has seen the quality issues and action is being taken to remedy the situation
  + Lake Fund – The housing developer paid Sachem’s Head and Paget’s HOA $24,000 each for lake maintenance. A new account was set up to track use of these funds
  + Grounds – Starting in January a new groundskeeping company was needed. It took until March to contract with one that committed to meet our needs. They have fallen short of the commitments and a new service is being sought. We hope to have them in place shortly.
  + Signs – The new Sachem’s Head Luck’s Lane entry sign is in place (installed the morning after the annual meeting) and drought tolerant, native plants have been purchased for installation around it.
  + Street and path signs – No Outlet and Speed Limit signs have been installed. This should help with people thinking they can cut through to Evergreen Parkway. In addition, more visible no trespassing/residents only signs have been posted – to comply with the wording that law enforcement needs in place should they need to intercede with trespassers.
  + An improved Insurance policy is in place
  + The 4 dog stations are maintained, and stocked with bags – please pick up after your dogs
  + The 3 trash cans were removed, as residents were dumping their personal bags of trash and raw meat wrappings in them.
  + A home on Water Willow was purchased recently and advertised on Airbnb. Our zoning does not allow for that type of short-term rental. The city is investigating will contact us with what actions they’re taking.
  + We’re priced lake path repairs – quotes are between $34-48,000.
  + Removal of dead trees and clean-up of wooded areas has been priced and could run up to $8,000. Planting on bare areas is planned for fall.
  + The budget and financials were presented. There are 3 accounts: The Luck’s Lane fund (money market), The Lake Fund, and the Checking account.

A quorum was not reached so the business meeting was adjourned, but the Open Forum proceeded to hear from the community and answer questions.

* There was a question about why there is still no natural gas service in the community. We will investigate.
* A leaf collection service was suggested – setting a date where residents put their leaves by the curb to be “vacuumed” and hauled away. We will get a quote.
* There was a suggestion that more people would have attended had it been on the common area by the lake. The rainy weather necessitated the move on June 27.
* The library meeting rooms are free, and chairs, tables and AV are provided. It is 3 miles away and rides can be offered. Meeting there saves chair rentals and other costs. And the library is climate controlled.
* There was a proposal to add a special meeting to get more attendance. We requested a written statement of its purpose.
* We were asked if we are a non-profit. Since our Verizon Lease helps cover our regular operating budget, we have income that can be taxable. Our CPA assures we are operating as we should and prepares our taxes.
* The board continues to encourage residents to volunteer
* There was a Thoughts and Ideas box at check in. These can also be emailed to the board.

The meeting time expired at 7:55 pm since the library closes at 8 pm

The next quarterly board meeting is currently scheduled for September 19th at 6 pm at the North Courthouse Library.