

SUSTAINABLE BLACKSBURG

Minutes—Board of Directors Meeting—9 APRIL 2013

(Board Reviewed 15-19 April and Approved on 20 April 2013)

Time & Place: 7:00 p.m. at the Blacksburg Recreation Center

Board Members Present: Bill Claus, Jerry Ford, Tim Colley, John Randolph, Kimberley Homer, Ann Raridon, Jackie Pontius, Bob Schubert

Board Members Absent: Rob Lowe

Guests: Kelly Mattingly, Dave Roper, Cathy Jacobs

Agenda Item # 1: APPROVE AGENDA – Kimberley Homer

The agenda was approved, followed by introduction of board members current and upcoming, as well guests.

Agenda Item # 2: TREASURERS REPORT

Jerry Ford reported that we began 2012 with \$3081.07, and ended the year with \$2691.07. He also indicated that we received \$351.00 in donations across the year. John Randolph questioned if board members should be required to donate to Sustainable Blacksburg, as is required by some other boards. Board concurred that the question was valid, but no further discussion was held.

Agenda Item # 3: NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

John Randolph reported that the SB board now has 4 open slots. The committee (Randolph & Kelly Mattingly) nominated Bill Claus, John Bush, Dave Roper and Cathy Jacobs to fill those slots. Pontius suggested Mason Cavell be considered for a board slot. Claus asked if anyone had contacted Cavell for his willingness to serve, and no one responded. Claus said that a ListServe note had been sent to all SB members informing them of open Board positions, and no one returned a note of interest in a position on the Board.

Agenda Item #4: ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Raridon suggested we affirm nominees. This was seconded by Ford and approved unanimously by the Board.

Agenda Item # 5: APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 2013

Homer suggested Claus continue as president for 2013. Claus accepted the position, but only until the end of 2013, and only if this year's Vice-President would be willing to begin assuming more of SB's administrative duties. Claus also suggested that the Board consider thinking of the Vice-President as the President Elect for the following year. Claus then appointed Kimberley Homer as VP, Dave Roper as Treasurer and Cathy Jacobs as Secretary. Each would be serve to the end of 2013. The Board unanimously approved these appointments.

Agenda Item # 6: TOWN PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Kelly Mattingly

Mattingly has received 20 applicants for Susan Garrison's position & hopes to have it filled by the 2nd week in June. A number of clerical duties have been removed from the new job description. Randolph mentioned that the *VT Sustainability Planner* position received 75 highly qualified applicants. Claus commented on the many contributions to SB made by Susan Garrison.

Agenda Item # 7: CONTRIBUTION TO Y-toss?

Claus has been contacted by coordinator of the YMCA's Y-toss? Program regarding the need for volunteers and financial sponsors. SB will send announcements regarding volunteering details. Claus proposed that SB become a financial Sponsor for 2013, and contribute \$250 to Ytoss? Randolph seconded this motion and the board approved unanimously.

Agenda Item # 8: INTRODUCTION TO NEW SB WEBSITE <http://www.SustainableBlacksburgVa.org>

- Claus commented on importance of including the "va" at the end of URL above!
- The home page is updated regularly to display community events of interest. Randolph mentioned importance of including events and pictures representing Blacksburg.
- SB listserv members will receive a reminder each time a new event is added.
- Claus asked board to send him comments/suggestions regarding this new website.
- At <http://sustainableblacksburgva.org/memories/>, SB members are encouraged to add personal memories of Susan Garrison.

Agenda Item # 9: OPEN DISCUSSION AMONG BOARD MEMBERS - goals for 2013

- Randolph mentioned that Virginia Tech remains involved with the Sunshot Initiative, a federal program which supports, encourages, and facilitates the use of solar energy systems. Learn more at <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/sunshot/index.html> and www.solaroutreach.org.
- Pontius suggested inclusion of a time for 'announcements' during board meetings. Claus pointed out that this 'open discussion' period is designed with that in mind.
- Raridon mentioned the SB program on gardening scheduled for Thursday 4/18/13, to be held at the Blacksburg Library. See <http://sustainableblacksburgva.org/> for details.
- Claus asked for suggestions on how often SB board should meet. Randolph suggested that we meet quarterly and Claus agreed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

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