



# Harbor Lights Beacon

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**NEW FENCE IN STORAGE YARD**



**NEW TENNIS/PICKLE  
BALL COURT**



**George and Chris**



**George, Bev and Chris**

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Real Estate currently we have no listings. If you are thinking to sell, we have potential buyers. To date we have sold 6 homes.

Reminder if you are leaving for an extended period, please notify the office.

Reminder that the new directories and hurricane packets are now ready and can be picked up at the office.

Just a reminder that pool hours right now are dawn to dusk. We are getting quotes now to allow night swimming from electricians to allow adequate lighting.

The dredge project is still on schedule for the summer, we are nearing the end of the permitting stage. One permit left to obtain.

The fence on 41 that surrounds the storage yard has been completed.

We have approved new signage at the entrance coming into our community. Project will be completed this summer.

Ladies pool restroom project is under way. John has started the painting and electrical. Next step will be the tile. Will be completed by Labor Day.

We are looking at possibly replacing the clubhouse flooring. Getting ideas and quotes this summer.

**Tom Wisdom-Harbor Lights Mgmt.**

## BRIDGE

### April 20

Carolyn Welton	1700
Ruth Ambo	1440

### May 7

Terri DeYoung	3110
Linda Bolender	2840

### May 11

Terri DeYoung	2970
Jane Dellina	2720

### May 18

Jane Dellina	3080
Ruth Ambo	3070

### May 25

Ruth Ambo	2720
Terri DeYoung	2600

### June 8

Jane Dellina	1760
Ruth Ambo	1500

### June 15

Ruth Ambo	4100
Linda Bolender	1960

### July 6

Linda Bolender	3160
Terri DeYoung	2550

## EUCHRE

### April 21

1 <sup>st</sup>	Barbara Koning	50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Diane Moffatt	45
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carolyn Welton	41
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Welton	38
5 <sup>th</sup>	Verba Prough	35

### April 28

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vee Cassada	38
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barbara Koning	37
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Diane Moffatt	36
4 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Reindl	34

### May 26

## ALL WINNERS

Carolyn Welton  
Diane Moffatt  
Bob Welton  
Shirley Reindl

We declared all of us winners, there were no euchres this night!

### June 2

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Welton	44
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Caroline Huffman	38
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shirley Reindl	32
	Carolyn Welton	32

### July 7

1 <sup>st</sup>	Caroline Huffman	47
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carolyn Welton	32
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Welton	31

## **CONDO PROJECT UPDATE**

The condos in all 4 buildings are sold out. Completion, closings, and occupancy has taken place in buildings A and B. Completion of building C is scheduled for the end of July / first of August. Delivery of the units in building C should take place by fall. Building D is scheduled for completion in November. The project should be built out, completed, and occupied by first quarter of 2023.

Thirty additional parking spaces are being planned for under the bridge. These 30 spots will be used for restaurant (guests and staff) plus condo guest parking.

No decision yet on how the property immediately to our east and adjacent to the north side of Harbor Drive might be developed and utilized.

## **Fourth of July Cookluck**

Our July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday was celebrated with American flags placed by Dottie Meier along the Parks front entrance and in flower pots by the Clubhouse. This was a nice gesture made possible by Lynda Southerland and the Beautification Committee.

The big picnic supper was held in the Clubhouse. The tables were decorated with centerpieces of shining red, silver and blue stars centered with an American flag. After I said a blessing, the picnic supper began. The picnic ended with a beautiful decorated red, white and blue cake for dessert.

The party was sparked by Jane Dellina, (the only Recreation Association member here in the summer). She was able to get a committee together to plan and carry out the big affair. This committee included Jane Dellina, Debby and Larry Sanborn, Barbara Myers, Shirley Reindl, Caroline Huffman and Carol Blauvelt.

The crowd was entertained before, during, and after the picnic by the Gruesome Twosome, our own Chris Smith and George DeJong (former member of the Herman Hermits). During the performance we were honored to a musical rendition of L-O-V-E sung by Bev and Chris Smith.

It was a fun-filled evening. Thanks to all who provided this great event for us.

**Carolyn and Bob Welton**

## **STILL MISSING**

If by chance you borrowed a History binder (notebook) with early pictures of Venice and forgot to return it, please do so. These binders are to be enjoyed in the Clubhouse. Thanks

**Carolyn Welton, Historian**

## **Officiates At Special Olympics**

Cynthia Gibson, daughter of Carolyn and Bob Welton in Unit 11, officiated at the USA Special Olympics held in Orlando, Florida from June 5 to June 12. She was a Water Marshall for the Stand-up Paddle Board preliminary events. She has been working with Paddle Board Special Olympics participants in the Collier County area for four years as a coach.

On May 21, 2022, the Torch Run Team from Soldier Field in Chicago arrived at Centennial Park in Venice carrying the flame then they continued with the flame to Exploria Stadium in Orlando, Florida.

Cynthia officiated at various Stand-Up Paddle Board events for Special Olympics in the State of Florida.

## **ON THE COVER**

### **PICKLEBALL PLAYERS HAD A BALL AND RAISED A RACKET WHILE THEY COURTED!**

Our court was leveled, resurfaced, and repainted in June. A fiberglass material was used as the underlay giving us greater strength, durability, and longevity for our court. The company that did our work was also the company that was selected to do the Venice City tennis courts last summer.

The color scheme is attractive and really makes the court visually “pop” The court play area is a deep blue surrounded by the outside boundary area in green.

The tennis court lines are painted white while the pickle ball courts (two) are trimmed out in a light blue. The overall look is very attractive. The color scheme is designed to eliminate confusion over the pickle ball and tennis boundary lines.

The court serves as a visual “centerpiece” for the park alongside our shuffleboard courts that were resurfaced and repainted last summer.

We’re confident all our pickle ball and tennis players will really enjoy the new court no matter how they slice it.

### **WHAT’S THAT AROUND THE HARBOR LIGHTS STORAGE YARD?**

We have a new look around the outside of the Harbor Lights storage yard and along our eastern border adjacent to Business 41. In July new fencing was installed replacing decades old wooden fencing that had split, deteriorated, and splintered in several areas. The new fence is a white vinyl material requiring little or no maintenance over the long term. It matches the entryway fencing already in place. It looks clean, crisp, and sharp and has brightened up the perimeter of the storage yard.

## **AUGUST**

### **Birthdays**

- 1 Bill Spence #49  
Nancy Gersh #101  
3 Don Lopata #58  
11 Debbie Sanborn #32  
16 Linda Carter #149  
20 Steve Rogers #126  
28 Barb Helt #27  
29 Ken Carter #149  
30 Joyce Skorka #3  
Caroline Huffman #72



## **Early SEPTEMBER**

### **Birthdays**

- 2 Richard Carling #148  
6 Clyde Butcher #37  
Cindy Drefke #84  
10 Verba Prough #134

## **AUGUST**

### **Anniversaries**

- 10 Dennis and Ruth Ambo #44  
24 Jim and Joyce Skorka #3  
28 Bob and Barb Lawrence #9

**HARBOR LIGHTS COOPERATIVE, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Smith.
  
- II. **ROLL CALL OF THE BOD:** Smith, Southerland, and Ward were present. Moffatt, Sullivan, Drefke, and Welton present by phone. Henson and Timmons absent. Wisdom present for Management. Many Shareholders were present in person, along with some shareholders by phone.
  
- III. **CONFIRMATION OF POSTING AND QUORUM:** The meeting was duly posted and a quorum present.
  
- IV. **READING OF MINUTES:**
  - A. Boards of Directors Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2022 were not read as they were inserted in the Beacon and all members have a copy. **Motion by Southerland, second by Ward to approve the April 14, 2022 minutes. Unanimous approval.**
  
  - B. Special Boards of Directors Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2022 were not read as they were inserted in the Beacon and all members have a copy. **Motion by Southerland, second by Ward to approve the April 14, 2022 minutes. Unanimous approval.**
  
  - C. Boards of Directors Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2022 were read by Ward. Smith explained the purpose of scheduling this additional meeting in May was to review our By-Laws. The motivation to review our By-Laws came about when we decided to look into changing our By-Laws to include background checks on new/legacy owners. Smith suggested this vote take place during our Annual Meeting when we get the majority of our shareholders in attendance or by proxy. Smith stated this would be a good time to review our By-Laws to see if there are other areas that need updating, since the last time the By-Laws were revised was in 2006. Smith stated that at our November and December 2022 meeting, a document would be giving to shareholders outlining the changes the Board felt needed to be made, giving shareholders time to review the Board changes

prior to shareholders voting on them at the annual meeting in January 2023. Motion by Southerland, second by Moffatt to approve the April 19, 2022 minutes. Unanimous approval.

**V. MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- A. **Resurfacing Tennis Court Update:** Sullivan reported the company resurfacing our tennis court had to postpone the date they could start. Sullivan reported the new tentative start date would be the end of May. Sullivan stated that if he was not here to oversee the job that Smith, Welton or Wisdom would be here to oversee the job.
- B. **Dredge Update:** Smith reported the Canal Dredging Project is still on schedule for this summer. All forms and fees have been submitted. We are currently waiting on the FEDP permit to be issued.
- C. **Fence on 41 Discussion Repair vs Replace:** Smith explained that a 6 foot white vinyl fence around our storage area was approved at our last Board Meeting. Smith wanted to acknowledge Welton's concerns. Smith explained that there are provisions in our By-Laws that state if making substantial change to anything in our common area, that needs a 2/3 vote from shareholders. Our By-Laws also state in section 19.2 that alterations for improvement can be made by a Board vote. Smith did contact our attorney to review our By-Laws. The attorney said he could defend either direction. Welton remembers in 2006 when the change was made to the By-Laws, there was talk about substantial change being things like color or material. That substantial change should go to the shareholders for a vote. Sullivan stated that the money for the fence was already allocated when doing the budget, and that he didn't feel color or texture should need a 2/3 vote as this was a maintenance item already voted on. Smith asked for Shareholder comments. Mick Laudet stated that precedence was already set when we replaced all our other wooden fencing with white vinyl fencing. This fence should match the fencing that has already been changed. Motion by Moffatt, second by Sullivan to approve the white vinyl fence purchased order, based on section 19.2 of our By-Laws. Motion was approved with 6 Yes votes and 1 no vote.

**VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- A. Wisdom reported fixed assets as of May 12, 2022 are \$4,985,055.75 and total checking, savings and cash is \$1,031,456.97. Income for the month was \$30,711.45. Expenses for the month were \$29,640.67. This is a net increase for the month of \$1,070.78. Year to date is a surplus of \$59,289.12. Notable items are irrigation repairs and RV electrical that has not been replaced in the last 12 years. Motion by Southerland, second by Ward to accept the Treasurer's Report.Unanimous approval.

**VII. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- A. Southerland gave thanks to all people who have volunteered or donated plants. The fountain work is completed. Most of the flowering plants were moved along the Club House. Shareholdersexpressed they really liked them there. So additional plants were purchased for the fountain area. Southerland gave thanks to JoeMcRoberts and John for their help in the work around the fountain area. Dottie Meier and Laura House will be watering the plants over the summer months. Any volunteer help is welcomed. Contact Dottie or Laura over the summer months. For concerns over the hurricane season, Southerland statedthe sun dial will be secured and the large pots have been weighted down. Wisdom will put in the Beacon a reminder to shareholder to take in all items that could blow away during a hurricane. Southland will put the same reminder in shareholders' mail slots next season around April. Southerland stated that renovations to the lady's bath room by the pool will begin this summer. Gloria will be helping John in her spare time, where needed. Smith commented the men's bathroom renovation was 1/3 less money than it would have been if we contracted the renovations.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Entrance Sign – Review Quotes:Sullivan explained that Dockside Restaurant has declined sharing in the cost of the entrance sign. The sign can now be 48" wide and 60" high, verses 48" by 84". The first quote is for \$7,400. We are waiting on the other quotes, but they should all be under the approved \$9,600 amount.We have to follow the Venice City ordinances for what type of sign we can install. The city requires a crown top, pillars on the outside, and a stucco sign. Sullivan included sample pictures of the sign for the Board. The samples were passed around to attending

Shareholders to see. Sullivan stated that by the end of the week we should be able to go forward with this project. Southerland suggested also printing '55+ private community' on the sign.

- B. Night Lighting for Pool:** Smith explained that it was brought to our attention that our sign was faded and needed to be replaced. Pool hours are required to be displayed on our sign. It currently states open until dusk. We do not have legal defense if someone gets hurt in the pool after dusk. In order to leave the pool open after dark, a certain lumination level must be achieved both in and around the pool. We investigated the cost to comply with the new Sarasota County pool ordinance. Bob's Electric Company was given the county regulations about the type of lumination that is required. Bob's Electric estimate came in at \$10,670.00. This is for the installation of two 26 foot direct burial fiberglass poles (20 foot above ground) with two LED 33,000 lumen American made fixtures on each pole. The new increased lighting needs to go through a certification process. There was discussion from shareholders and the Board about the current electrical outlets around the pool area and placement options for lights. Wisdom explains that only Bob's Electric Company bid was received. No other electrical company wants to do it. Wisdom will contact the county to see if we can utilize some of the outlets and placement options for lights that we already have around the pool to cut cost and work on getting more bids.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Speed Humps Each Street:** Smith reported that two sets of speed humps were ordered and just arrived. The placement of these speed humps has been determined. John, with the help of Joe McRoberts, will install these speed humps. It was identified that additional speed humps on Port and Starboard drive are needed and can be ordered.

- B. Legacy Background Checks:** Smith explained that in the case of legacy property ownership transfers, no background checks are performed. Many of these transfers occur thru trust agreements. Shareholders expressed an interest in performing background checks on these new owners. Our lawyer has given us language to use in our by-laws. It takes a 2/3 vote to change our By-Laws. Smith has suggested this vote take place during our Annual meeting when we get the majority of our shareholders in attendance or by proxy. Smith read the wording from our attorney addressing background check performed on new legacy owners. Sullivan suggested that we hold back

on signing the Lease Certificate until we do a background check of the new owners. We cannot stop the ownership of the property, but the owner(s) cannot live at the property until the Lease Certificate is signed. That will at least give us a contact point with the new owners, letting them know we need to do a background check before they can live in Harbor Lights. Motion by Sullivan, second by Smith to approve not signing a Lease Certificate until a background check is performed on the new owners. Unanimous approval.

- C. Driveways/Carports Used as Patio Space: Shareholders are required to use their driveways for parking their vehicle. Shareholder's first vehicle must be parked in their driveway. If they have a second vehicle, it can be parked in the designated parking spots that do not indicate "Reserved". Parking spots are at a premium. Notices have been sent to violators. A second letter can be sent out. Our By-Laws identify that we can put together a Fine Committee. Our By-Laws state the membership of this committee cannot be Board members, only shareholders. This committee can recommend the legal process of issuing a fine. Florida statute states that above a certain dollar amount you can proceed with legal action. That legal action could be, for example, to force a sale of a home. Southerland suggests that we actually put together this Fine Committee. Smith suggested we publish in the Beacon the formation of a Fine Committee that will address violators of our Rules and Regulations. Volunteers for this committee should notify Chris Smith or Tom Wisdom. There will be a limited number of members on this committee. A lot of discussion took place among Shareholders and the Board.
- D. Smith stated that the one year anniversary is coming up for John and Gloria. Smith stated that all feedback he received from Board Members for the one year performance evaluation has been very favorable.

XI. SHAREHOLDERS COMMENTS: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Danette Ward, Secretary