



## **BALD HEAD ASSOCIATION 2016 ANNUAL MEETING**

Saturday, January 30, 2016 – 9am

Bald Head Association – 111 Lighthouse Wynd

**Board Members Present:** Judy Porter, President  
Joe Hawkins Secretary/Treasurer  
Cam McIntyre, Board member  
Doug Jenest, Board member

**Staff Members Present:** Carrie Moffett, Executive Director  
Karen Mosteller, Architectural Review Coordinator  
Diane Mesaris, Administrative Assistant  
Jane Baldrige, Communications/Architectural Review Associate  
Carol Gurda, Bookkeeper

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Judy Porter welcomed the members, thanked everyone for coming and introduced the Board members and staff who were present. She recognized the role volunteers play in the Association's work and asked individuals interested in volunteering with the Association, especially the Finance Committee and NR&B Committee to fill out available applications. She also noted that volunteer forms were available on the table under the screen and that Marilyn Ridgeway was selling raffle tickets for the 2016 Old Baldy Quilt in the kitchen.

**PROOF OF QUORUM:** Joe Hawkins announced that 100 members or proxies would constitute a quorum (Per Article III, Section IV of the Bylaws: "Section 4. Quorum. At the annual meetings and all special meetings, the presence of one hundred (100) members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast votes, shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration or these Bylaws.") and that 224 proxies had been received by the deadline, representing 305 properties, which more than satisfied the requirement and constituted 21% of membership. That number does not include any ballots turned in at the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Judy Porter asked for procedural voting for the approval of the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes which had been posted on the website for review.

Motion by: Trig Horton  
Seconded by: Joe Hawkins  
Motion carried  
unanimously

**RECOGNITION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** President Judy Porter recognized the Nominating Committee for its successful efforts: John Alexander, David Jessen, John May, Marvin Neuwirth and Joe Hawkins, Chair.

**INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES:** Joe Hawkins introduced the following nominees for the two open seats on the BHA Board of Directors and read their priority comments from their questionnaires.

**John Fisher:** Long range development planning and integration, merger collaboration with other island entities and governing agencies for a single voice for island development

**Judy Porter:** Work with the Long Range Planning Committee for establishing a direction and vision of the association and redefining of the committees to better serve the BHA mission.

President Judy Porter offered a procedural reminder on the election process: Proxies of members who previously mailed their proxies have already been counted. Members wishing to vote at the meeting must fill out a ballot form. Proxies cannot be accepted at the meeting. Ballot forms were distributed and collected by the Teller Committee during the ‘Call for Election.’

**CALL FOR ELECTION:** Judy Porter then called for the Teller Committee, consisting of Diane

Mesaris, Ann Cathcart and Carrie Moffett, to collect any remaining ballots.

**CLOSE OF ELECTION:** When all of the ballots were collected, Judy Porter closed the election.

**BHA ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** On behalf of the Board, Judy thanked the Committee members for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Judy Porter then provided an overview of what the Association accomplished in 2015.

- Judy Porter reported that BHA today consists of 1466 properties with 880 of those built upon. The staff of the BHA help property owners navigate the ins and outs of property ownership on Bald Head Island. They communicate news, what is happening and other pertinent information in a timely manner. Provide the key service to all participating members; maintain archives of plans and paint colors on over 30 years and 84 drawers of house plans; and attend island entity meetings to keep property owners abreast of island goings on and advocate for the off-island property owner.
- Judy Porter reported accomplishments of 2015 including: creation of a new boat park, relocation and improved Dog Park, hosting of the first ever Red Cross Blood Drive, hosted the Offshore Energy Forum, hosted the BOEM Public Wind Energy Forum, supported multiple island events including the Wounded Warrior Weekend, BHI Chamber of Commerce Bluefish Bonanza, Old Baldy Christmas Tree Auction, the BHI Conservancy Picnic and the Village Chapel Easter Services. BHA also hosted two successful Island Service Provider events,

- Judy Porter reported that one of BHA’s main tasks is the responsibility of overseeing the architectural review process. She noted there had been 137 projects reviewed, the major job of successfully updating the Design Guidelines as well as the countless, paint and tree requests and daily ARC related questions from property owners. Judy also noted the beginning of the archival project to scan and send to the cloud the 30+ years of plans and letters.
- Judy recounted many other the activities and accomplishments including sponsoring yoga, Pilates, CPR/AED training and card making classes, as well as hosting Pot luck dinners, Tai chi classes, a fashion show, IT classes, Island Treasure event, book signings, weekly Mah Jong and a veterinary clinic.
- Judy highlighted the numerous forms of communication including 52 weekly eblasts along with additional special news updates, 12 issues of the full color *Island Report* (at a 75% savings to the membership), over 50 activity posters, creating a Facebook following of over 440 likes and upping the website traffic to over 9500 page views in a 30 day period.
- Judy pointed out that BHA held two successful Litter Sweeps along with the community garden major improvement.
- Judy then turned the podium over to Anne Boozell for a presentation on Long Range Planning. Anne Boozell read the BHA Mission statement “The mission of the Bald Head Association is to provide leadership on behalf of our members through community advocacy, communication with and for our members and activities that sustain the values and attributes that make Bald Head Island unique” and the proposed Vision statement “A community working together to cultivate a unique quality of life and to preserve the ageless appeal of BHI for generations to come.” Anne then introduced the Long Range Planning Committee: John May, Dick Johnston, Anne Gardner and David Wray. Joe Hawkins is the Board Liaison. Anne continued by highlighting seven areas of focus, the goal relative to the focus and action items for each goal:
  - #1 **Awareness/Advocacy** with the goal to be the “*Leader in property owner advocacy on island-wide issues.*”
  - #2 **Resource Management** and the goal is “*Provide stewardship for all BHA assets including the Association Center, shared common areas and lagoons.*”
  - #3 **One voice for all homeowners** with the goal “*Develop methodology to have all property owners speak with one voice.*”
  - #4 **Communication** with the goal to “*Provide leadership in communication to all property owners.*”
  - #5 **Teamwork** with the goal to “*Proactively work with other island entities on island-wide issues.*”

- #6 **Environmental Stewardship** with the goal to “*Provide leadership and guidance on environmental building practices.*”
- #7 **Long-term planning and strategy** with the goal to “*Develop a process to keep BHA strategic plan and goals up to date and focused on the long-term needs of the Association and its members.*”

Anne also encouraged members with interests in any of the facets of these goals and the action items to reach out to the Board, committee or staff to offer their talent and time.

**RECOGNITION OF OUT-GOING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Judy Porter gave recognition to the committee members whose 3-year term has expired:

*Architectural Review Committee:* Dixon McLeod and Mary Murrill Oakes

*Communication, Education and Recreation Committee:* Ricki Grantmyre

*Finance Committee:* Bart Astor, Mary Jo Walker, Sandra Hall and Dennis Robbins

*Long Range Planning Committee:* Dick Johnston and Anne Kane

*Natural Resources and Beautification Committee:* Kathy Ketels, Lee Wester, Dana Quanstrom and Bill Waddell

#### **SHORT COFFEE BREAK - MEETING RESUMED AT 9:43am**

**ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:** Various on-Island organizations were invited to speak on their challenges and successes during the previous year. Speakers were given 5 minutes each to present their respective reports with the exception of Joyce Fulton and Mayor Andy Sayre who were given a little more time. Speakers included:

- Joyce Fulton, Director of Communications for BHI Limited
- Chris Webb, Executive Director of Old Baldy Foundation
- Rex Cowdry, Board Member of Middle Island Property Owners’ Association
- Keith Bradley, Vice President of the Village Chapel
- Steve Henson, Vice President of the BHI Chamber of Commerce
- Suzanne Dorsey, Executive Director of the BHI Conservancy/Smith Island Land Trust
- Trisha Barnard, President of the Stage II Association
- Robert Norton, General Manager of the BHI Club
- Hon. Andy Sayre, Mayor of the Village of BHI

**QUESTIONS?** Questions from the audience centered on broadband, merger of BHA and Stage II and assessments for the Battery 4 parcel.

**ELECTION RESULTS:** Judy Porter announced the election of John Fisher and herself to the Board and stated that the Covenants and By Laws change recommended by the Board had passed as follows:

Covenants Change, Article 7.8(c) Specific Design Guidelines: 87% for  
Battery 4 acquisition: 60% for

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2016 BHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- New member John Fisher
- Joe Hawkins
- Eric Kozlow
- Cam McIntyre
- Doug Jenest
- Judy Porter

**RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING BOARD MEMBER:** On behalf of the Board and staff, Judy Porter presented a gift of appreciation to Kit Adcock for her years of service to the Board and to the Island in general.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59am.