

Minutes of the Lanes Cove Historic Association (LCHA)
April 2, 2022

Location: The meeting was held in the Big Shack in Lanes Cove.

Present at the Meeting: Officers and Directors Present: Craig Cervo, Ken Doughty, Paul Hadley, Barbara Jobe, Chris Nulty (Vice President), Ralph Pisaturo (President), Julie Sablone (Secretary), and Linda Story.

The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Pisaturo at 10:03 am.

There was no financial report given as Diane Pappas was not in attendance but it was believed that there were no new expenditures since the last meeting. Paul Hadley will confirm that with Diane.

The first item on the agenda concerned the Memorandum of Agreement which was written in 2014 between the City of Gloucester and the Lanes Cove Historical Association. (A copy of which is attached to these minutes.) This document was reviewed at that time by a lawyer but was never finalized. Ralph opened discussion by asking what the committee's thoughts were on how we should proceed concerning this memorandum. It was said there is really no negative side to this document but we should decide what boundaries should, if any, be included. Paul Hadley suggested we run this document by Sib Wright for his thoughts. Ralph said he would work on the appendix since as written it really was not pertinent to our Association. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting in May.

Chris Nulty then brought up the 400th Anniversary of Gloucester in 2023 and how the Cove could participate during the celebration. All agreed that it would be a good idea to take part in the events. Paul volunteered to get in touch with Bob Gillis who is on the 400th committee for any suggestions he might have. Ralph then appointed Chris and Paul to be our chairmen for the 400th year celebration.

Discussion then turned to the steps next to the big shack into the cove. The City, via Mike Hale, had agreed to fix these last year but nothing had been done. It was decided to ask Briarwood Landscaping to give us an estimate as they had fixed the steps on the small shack last year and did an excellent job. They did not charge us for that work but all agreed we should pay them to fix these steps as they lead into the cove and are used by many people.

Ralph then turned the discussion to the Pocket Museum. He said he will put Julie Sablone's write-up of the 'People of Lanes Cove' on a poster board to hang in the shack. He also said he is in possession of a highly polished, hand crafted ball that was made by Duke - the original occupant of the small shack. He is not sure if the ball is granite or marble but feels it should definitely be displayed in the Pocket Museum. All agreed.

The next item discussed were the cove gardens which are expertly maintained by VP Chris Nulty. A motion was made and seconded for Chris to spend up to \$300 for supplies for these gardens.

We then discussed doing a spring cleanup on Saturday, May 28th at 10:00 am with a rain date of Sunday, May, 29th. Chris volunteered to get yellow bags from DPW and Ralph will send an email out and put fliers announcing the clean-up in the liquor store, post office and the cove café. It was noted that DPW had removed both barrels from the Cove and Julie volunteered to call Mike Hale asking them to be returned.

The next meeting will be held on May 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Ralph then adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Sablone
Secretary