

## 2022 Marion's Garden Homeowners Association Annual Meeting Minutes

The Marion's Garden Homeowners Association (MGHOA) Annual Meeting was held Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Board Members present were President Mike Weisgram, Vice President Marlin Roseland, Treasurer James Walti, and Board Members Gary Johnson, Reg Nelsen and Matt Mitchell. In his absence, condolences were offered for Secretary Todd Bowman in the loss of his Mother in early May.

Minutes of the 2021 MGHOA Annual Meeting were read by President Weisgram. Gary Johnson moved approval of the minutes as presented with a second by Ron Schreiner. Motion approved.

### Ardlussa President's Message

Al Arendt, President, Ardlussa Homeowners Association (AHA) presented a report on improvements to the Islay Avenue development. The Association completed several canal wall repairs in partnership with MGHOA. The two Associations work closely to maintain the integrity of the canal wall. President Arendt expressed gratitude for the assistance in these important projects. AHA continues to complete their portion of the repairs. AHA did utilize a special assessment to finance the work. Additional tree planting, sod, and sprinklers are included in the upgrades. Arendt noted that the property owners sidewalk replacement adjacent to the canal wall area share expense with AHA and any retaining wall work is the responsibility of the individual property owners.

Arendt offered an invitation to their annual meeting set for early June 2022 at Drifter's Bar and Grille in Fort Pierre.

### Presidents Message

President Weisgram welcomed everyone to the meeting. With nearly 100 households in the Marion's Garden complex, the Board continues to work for the betterment of our community on a daily basis.

After careful deliberation, the Board made the decision to increase MGHOA Annual dues to \$1000.00 for all canal side property owners and \$400.00 for interior and river side property owners. While the increase is minimal, it is keeping with the current trend in cost increases. There are no plans to ask for any special assessments at this time.

The Board continues to support and promote the annual Christmas Lighting contest, the annual Cleanup Day, as well as the Community Yard Sale. Support from the community is gratifying.

The Social Committee looks forward planning our next events. COVID delayed and cancelled events are hopefully in the past.

The townhouse construction on Port Charlotte Avenue is well underway. The first of two twin homes are in progress with an additional three units planned. When completed there will be four single story and six two story homes added to Marion's Garden.

We lost two of our residents, Dan Davis and Robert "Bob" Bak, over the past year. Weisgram noted the essential role that Bak played in the subdivision's 2011 flood mitigation project. Bak called on fellow contractors and equipment owners to help in building the subdivision saving levee.

Weisgram concluded his remarks with heartfelt gratitude for the support of the Board and the community over the past years. Following a nearly 15-year term of service on the Board, it was his intent to step down from the Board.

### Treasurer's Report

James Walti, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report in print form. MGHOA is in sound financial condition, closing out the year with a positive balance, \$10,121. 37 in the checking account. The current balances in the Canal Wall Fund and Long Term Dredge accounts sit at \$40,000.00 respectively. These accounts were established several years ago and it continues to be the Board's intent to utilize these funds only if needed.

Dues collection for 2022 is on track, with a small amount still to be collected. Second notices have been sent, and Walti is confident that the delinquent payments will be received.

Brad Bonhorst offered a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Robert Kean seconded.

Gary Porter asked for clarification on the dredging of the Canal mouth and related costs. Following removal of the dike placed in the Canal mouth during the 2011 flood event, many large rocks still remain in the area. Several ideas have been explored with no real solution settled on at this time.

With no further discussion topics, the Treasurer's Report was approved on a voice vote. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports

##### Canal Committee

Reg Nelsen discussed the ongoing Pondweed problem. The committee continues to work with the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks on the most effective chemical compounds to battle the noxious aquatic plants. The current "cocktail" consisting of Clipper, Aquatic 24D, and Chem Surf (Surfactant) has proven to be the most effective so far. The Association owns the equipment used to apply the chemical and plans the application when minimum surface water temperatures allow. The Committee will post signage concerning the spray dates when available. While the chemicals utilized are non-toxic to humans and family pets, the presence of Aquatic 24-D can be harmful for lawns and ornamental plants. Resident utilizing water from the canal should avoid irrigation usage for a period of 7 days following application.

Weisgram reported on canal wall repair projects. The Committee will walk the wall in mid-May to determine potential problem areas.

##### Social Committee

The early summer social is in the planning stage with an early June date planned. It is a work in progress and the date will be announced on the website ([www.mymghoa.com](http://www.mymghoa.com)) as well as on Facebook (Marion's Garden Marina Association).

##### Parks Committee

Matt Mitchell, Chairman, presented a report on the three park areas in the subdivision. Peterson Park, Railway (Playground) Park and Tower Park are all owned by the Association. Jason Hanson Lawn Service was awarded the contract to maintain the parks for the 2022 season. The contract includes mowing, fertilizing and noxious weed control. Enhancements to Railway Park include an additional concrete pad with picnic tables and canopy in the plan. The improvements are budgeted items.

##### Architectural Committee

Chairman Dave Bonde offered a review to 2021-22 projects in the subdivision. The Port Charlotte Townhouse project as well as several homeowner exterior improvements were noted. At this time there are only five undeveloped lots in the subdivision. Two of the five are currently in development stage without any plans presented to the Architectural Committee. All projects must be approved by the Committee as well as the City of Fort Pierre prior to commencing construction. All property owners were reminded that any plans for exterior and landscape improvements must be approved by the Committee. Interior improvements do not require approval.

##### Website

Marlin Roseland, Website and Facebook Chairman, reported that the two sites are to be our major point of contact for events and updates. We will no longer place notices in mailboxes. If residents have news of interest to the community, contact Roseland for inclusion on our information sites. Additionally, we are compiling an email list for MGHOA use only. We will not share your email contact with any outside parties and will not fill your inbox with unnecessary communications.

Contacts:

Email - [info@mymghoa.com](mailto:info@mymghoa.com)

Website - [www.mymghoa.com](http://www.mymghoa.com)

Facebook – Marion's Garden Homeowners Association

Board Nominations and Election

Weisgram called for nominations from the assembled membership regarding open Board seats for the ensuing term. Weisgram withdrew his name from nomination. Gary Johnson's term was also ending, with Johnson indicating he was willing to serve another term.

Johnson was nominated by Barb Bonhorst and seconded by Robert Kean. Approved by a voice vote.

Brad Bonhorst was nominated by Ron Schreiner to succeed Weisgram on the Board. Motion seconded by Gary Johnson. Motion approved.

With no further business before the Association, motion to adjourn was offered by Marlin Roseland, seconded by Reg Nelsen. On a voice vote, outgoing President Mike Weisgram gavelled the meeting to a close at 8:20pm, May 10, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of Todd Bowman

Secretary, MGHOA Board of Directors

by

Marlin Roseland

Vice President

Marion's Garden Homeowners Association

10:30am

May 18, 2022