Minutes
SAIA Board Meeting of 7/21

Mike Balazs called the meeting to order shortly after 7:30. Also present: Randy Adler, Amy Cook, Cyndy Feldman, Cara Johnson, Judy Maisel, Ryan McGill, Dan Parry, and Tom Woodward.

Because Lauren could not be present, Mike asked Tom to take minutes.

Lauren had previously sent a draft of the last meeting's minutes. But because she was absent, acceptance of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

Tom had sent the Treasurer's report via e-mail earlier. The Board accepted the report without objection.

Boat Ramp Issue

Following up on a series of e-mail communications from the week prior, Mike reported that he had a telephone conversation with Mr. Maguire of Maguire Marine. Mike recounted that Maguire had said that he had problems working within the guidelines of the SAIA requirements for contractor use of the ramp. In particular, Maguire said that it was difficult to predict in advance when a job would be complete, that weather and other circumstance could push the job past the end date and put him in violation of the agreement. Mike suggested to the Board the possibility of issuing a permit for the year rather than by job. He also reported that he had gotten some calls from neighborhood clients of Maguire who spoke in his favor, and in view of this support was disinclined to ban Maguire from use of the ramp.

Randy offered his opinion that a diferent approach to permitting didn't really address the problems we had with Maguire Marine, who appeared to be using the ramp for a job that he had not gotten a permit for at all. He also said that such an open-ended permit would invite abuse of the sort that the whole system was created to stop. He felt we need job-by-job control with spelled-out limits. Moreover, Maguire was in clear violation of the rules we had set out and was aware that he was.

Jay echoed this position, stating that Maguire had explicitly voiced contempt for our rules, had clearly moved on to another job for which he had never applied for a use permit, and that circumstantial evidence points strongly to the conclusion that his firm had cut the chain on the ramp lock back in February when we first confronted him. Tom added that the need for an extension could easily be dealt with by simply asking for one when the job ran out overtime; that we had no intent to charge the fee over again for a new permit in such a case. Dan added his impressions from a brief interact with Maguire that he had. In all, those who had interacted with Maguire in both February and the previous week all agreed that: 1) Maguire knows the rules, 2) he had broken them in more ways than one, and 3) that while he can be quite agreeable in some interactions, in others he can be defiant. We already once backed off of banning him to give him another chance after he promised to abide by rules that he has since violated again. In conclusion, they argued, be are unable to wok with him. We have little choice bu to ban him .

Tom moved that 1) Maguire Marine is to be banned from using the ramp, regardless of what the job is that he is doing or who he is doing it for; that 2) Mike will communicate this to Maguire by phone in the next couple of days; that 3) the Board will communicate this prohibition further by registered letter, spelling out clearly the potential consequences of violation; and 4) that the Board, with Jay taking the

lead, will set about determining how we will police this prohibition. Randy seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously.

Clubhouse Renovations

Again, extensive e-mail conversation on this subject preceded the meeting. Tom suggested that without Liz present, it would not be appropriate to discuss the substance of the issue, but that the Board should be sure of what it has agreed to so far and what was worth sharing with membership at the general meeting.

No one objected to the characterization that Liz's proposed renovations – while favorably received by most of the Board – cannot be authorized until cost estimates are obtained. Liz was already given the okay to pursue these. The general membership should be informed of what is being considered, and encouraged to walk around and inspect the facility to form their own opinions. It was also suggested that members be contacted via e-mail and have their views solicited. No general membership action is required until new expenditure proposals are ready to be incorporated into the budget. It was further noted that whatever renovations are undertaken, that they may be staged to ease the impact on any single year's budget.

Tom offered the view that Sandra Cook's email provided the best guidance on how to approach the discussion, basically framing it in terms of a cost/benefit assessment. Based on what renters are looking for. Questions to be addressed include: if we have experience of potential renters choosing not to rent because they think the facility appears dated in style; how much more we might charge if the appearance were more in keeping with contemporary notions of what's attractive; and what is the maximum of rental use we should accept in light of the wear and tear such use incurs.

Mike observed that the issue goes beyond renter preferences. He pointed out that homes in Shore Acres are regularly selling for more than a million dollars and that residents logically have more demanding expectations of what community facilities should look like, Amy shared that she has now held two showers at her home, deliberately choosing not to rent the clubhouse because she felt that it's overall appearance fell short of what she was comfortable projecting to her guests.

Other Business

Cyndy observed that some of the communications she needs concerning online membership applications payments are getting delayed, presumably trapped in a spam filter before being forwarded to her.

She also let the Board know that we were charged extra by gotůgo for excessive trash in the port-a-john at the beach. Judy suggested that this might have been the result of a group that seems to regularly party at the beach on weekends. Cyndy observed however that the charge has only appeared that one single time.

Randy reminded everyone of the information that he sent to all the Board that gives them access to the camera at the beach. We should let him know if we are unable to connect.

Tom let the Board know as a head's up that he would use the general meeting to let the membership know about the opportunity to purchase the property adjacent to SAIA grounds at the corner of Magothy and Landon. While several things must happen for this proposal to be ripe for consideration,

he wanted to get it out in front of the members for them to start thinking about so that they may have a better notion of why they might support or oppose it if he is able to advance it to approval stage.

The meeting was adjourned.