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**Board@vomca.org –
Email**

**Address: 600 Patriot Ln.
Millersville, Md. 21108**

Meeting : Old Mill H. S.



From the President

Happy Valentine's Day, Olde Mill! As you read this, I am finishing up my first month as your new President. VOMCA has done a lot in that short time. We are having our first fundraiser at Ledo's Pizza on Thursday, Jan. 31 between 11 a.m. and 10pm, gotten VOMCA t-shirts, and passed not one but two budgets. We put together a list of upcoming events for our neighbors and their children to enjoy. We've talked about the need to get serious about our pool issues and ways to accomplish that. I'd say we are off to a good start!

There is still one thing we need to do. We need to grow. We need new members to step up and join us. We need YOU! We need your thoughts; we need your ideas; and we need your energy. Consider joining VOMCA. The cost is only \$20.00, and you get to vote on the direction your community is taking. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at OMHS at 7 pm. Come out and meet your neighbors. We are working on getting speakers to come out and talk to us about the issues that concern us in our community. Our meetings are friendly, and we serve refreshments!

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your community leaders. My email address is

mdwhere4u@aol.com, and my phone number is 443-852-2098. Our Vice President, Randal Stites, can be reached at rstites@polingerco.com, and his phone number is 1-202-441-1232. Hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Chris Szverra,

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

**VOMCA Meeting, Wednesday, February 6, @
7PM Old Mill High School in Rm. A272**

First Of Many Fund Raisers
TO BENEFIT VOMCA
LEDO's PIZZA

To All the residents of the Olde Mill Community, we will be having our first VOMCA fundraiser of the year. The money that we are raising will be used in many different ways. Your community association wants to sponsor more community activities using our field. This increased our budget for 2019. We are also starting to look at funds for the improvement of the Olde Mill Swim Club. In order to do these things we will need to bring in additional revenue.

This **first one** is an easy one. You just need to be hungry, gather your family and friends, and then go to our local **Ledo's Pizza** on **Veterans Hwy** on **January 31st** between the hours of **11 am and 10 pm**. Tell them you are with VOMCA, put your receipt in the basket, and enjoy. You get great food and VOMCA gets 20%. Everybody is happy!!



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We will be scheduling more of these throughout the year. We hope that we can count on your support.

Chris Szverra
VOMCA President

PS: Wait till you hear about the Krispy Kreme Donuts!



Fun in the Snow
On Barlowe Field!
Many of us Remember
Our own children sled Riding
And “saucering” down
The “hills” on Barlowe Field



John Tilden
&
His Wife
Chris, Celebrated his
50th B-
Day this
Month
John



Thank You,
John, For all
Your Time
and Talent
Serving
Olde Mill
Since 2000

has Served
Olde Mill as
A Past
President,

First President
Of FOOM,
And Current Web-
Master of VOMCA





First Big Snow Fall
Of 2018-2019 Winter Season
Some celebrated by sledding and saucering.
Others, got out the shovel and started
Digging out from the 9-10 inches of white stuff!

January Meeting Minutes

January 2nd, 2019

We were locked out to start the new year! The meeting was called to order around 7:12 pm in the lobby of the Old Mill School Complex. (We later moved into Rm A272.)

In attendance were Chris Szverra, President; Randal Stites, Vice President; Chris Hilton, Treasurer; Reese Szverra, Secretary; Paul Shaffer, Board Member; Sarah Hakulin, Board Member; Marc Mason, community member; John Mason, community member; Lianne Rostad, VOMCA member; Wendy Anservits, VOMCA member; Marshall Anservits, VOMCA member; Megan Greenwell, VOMCA member; Lisa England, VOMCA member; Ken England, VOMCA member; and Mary Stites, VOMCA member.

Chris Szverra introduced herself as the new president for the coming year. She explained that we are looking for a new meeting place because the school has not been dependable. We have the room in the building now from 7 to 9 pm to give more time for discussion and to get to know our neighbors who come to meetings.

Chris Szverra gave the treasurer's report. The VOMCA checking acct has \$1904.33. The savings acct has \$1588.73. Paul Shaffer gave the OMSC treasurer's report. Their savings acct has \$35,107.91; checking has \$24,795.78. The VOMCA report shows 25 members currently [with 2 more joining at the meeting (27)].

Randal gave the FOOM Snack Shack repair update. There was no update...however, he told what the plans were for the Shack. These include clean up and paint; lights replaced; refrigerator; fix hot water problem; organize storage and kitchen areas; restroom touch up. Also, he told us that permits are not needed to sell anything closed and that the Shack would be able to be used for any event on the field, pool, or park areas.

We went through the packet that Chris Szverra gave us. There was a flyer for Ledo's pizza night on Jan. 31st from 11 am to 10 pm. We are encouraged to pass the flyer on and talk it up because our organization will get 20% of the profits if people say they are with VOMCA.

There was a calendar of events in the packet, including the Egg Hunt, Family Fun Day, Tree Lighting, and Fall Fest. These are all events held by FOOM last year, but should be VOMCA events. They are items on the budget as well.

We are going to have a membership drive. Ideas about advertising will be discussed at a future meeting.

No other old business...

Continued.....

New Business – January Minutes continued....

The FOOM/VOMCA Connection was discussed.

Before anything else was said, it was made clear that FOOM is a separate organization with their own budget responsible for the park/field building and maintenance. We are sister organizations, however. They are fixing the Snack Shack and gifting those repairs - including the time, money, and services - to VOMCA.

Pool Budget – prepared by Chris S., Paul (Treasurer of OMSC), Randal, and Sarah

The differences in the budget between 2018 and 2019 are because actual figures from 2018 were used to predict the 2019 expenses and income.

There were questions about what management fees include, which were answered nicely by Marc Mason, who works with the company who handles the management of OMSC. While we don't have a copy of the management contract yet, one is on its way. The management company, as far as we know, handles the lifeguards and managers, maintenance of chemicals, life-guard insurance, (having a diving board costs extra,) provide chlorine and pH chemicals. The supervising team for the pool is also provided by the company. An additional chemical is used by Kevin Kendall due to the age of the pool. This chemical is NOT provided by the management company, so it is provided for in the budget under "Operating Other (chemicals...)". The hospitality amount is budgeted to pay lifeguards for events after regular business hours, but only for community or school events. Private events lifeguards are paid for by the patron. The change in the amusement tax is due to it being based on a percentage of sales (10%). Therefore, since the number of parties decreased last year, so did the amount budgeted to cover this tax.

Barlowe Field maintenance and lawn mowing – This proposal is due to be signed before Feb. 1st, 2019. The Board will be looking around to see if we can get the service cheaper and if it can include the pool area which is being covered by volunteers right now.

Dues for pool – It was proposed that the dues go up again this year, but most people thought that it should remain the same. After a long discussion we voted that they would remain the same for this year to focus on membership, with the discussion to raise the dues to be discussed again next year.

Reese motioned to approve the budget. Meghan seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the budget.

VOMCA budget – It was generally agreed upon that the tax prep item seemed high. However, we have no idea if it's high for the service we get or not. This, like all the things we pay money for, will be investigated as we move forward. We want to make sure that we are getting the best

January Minutes Continued....New Business Continued.

service for our money and that we are not overpaying for anything.

Discussed the discretionary (President's) fund. Why did it go up? There were specific incidents that prompted this change, and based on those figures, it was decided that the fund should be \$200 (up from \$100 last year). The bi-laws support the change as long as it's voted on.

Reese motioned to approve the budget. Marshall seconded. The vote was unanimous to pass the budget.

(It was mentioned that the community members want to make sure that no pool money is going to VOMCA to pay for anything when there are so many repairs that need to be made to the pool. We all agree that this is very important, so we discussed how the use of the President's fund needed to be voted on before the money could be used for anything at all. The president cannot use the money without Board approval with a formal vote. The point of the fund is to have money available for unexpected expenses without affecting the budget. It is also for VOMCA expenses only.

Randal motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meghan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted by Reese Stanley, Secretary

*Included on the next page are the Budgets approved by VOMCA at the January meeting. Ed.



OMSC Budget 2019 Passed

INCOME

	Projected
Active Dues (160 @\$420.00)	\$67,200.00
Inactive Dues (50 @ \$85)	\$4,250.00
New Certificates (8 @ \$400.00)	\$3,200.00
Pool Rentals (3 @ \$65)	\$195.00
Guest Fees(\$6 per person) & Passes	\$6,700.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$81,545.00

EXPENSES

	Projected
Banking Charges	\$20.00
Admin (Banking, Accounting, Computing)	\$420.00
Advertising	\$125.00
Admin (Office Supplies)	\$100.00
Insurance (Nationwide)	\$3,300.00
Amusement Tax	\$700.00
First Aid Supplies	\$200.00
Barlow Field Maintenance (Lawn Mowing)	\$5,000.00
Building/Structure	\$1,300.00
Deck/Sidewalk	\$200.00
Fire Extinguisher (Maintenance)	\$200.00
Furniture	\$1,000.00
Lawn/Ground	\$200.00
Pool, Pump, Filtration, Sanitation	\$3,300.00
Supplies	\$1,000.00
Trash Removal	\$1,250.00
Propane	\$100.00
Membership Records/Mailings	\$200.00
Health Permit	\$450.00
Management Fees	\$49,000.00
Operating supplies	\$200.00
Operating Other (chemicals...)	\$100.00
Electric	\$3,800.00
Phone	\$600.00
Water	\$3,400.00
Hospitality (Lifeguard)	\$500.00
Transfer to VOMCA (Taxes)	\$2,500.00
Transfer to Savings	\$2,380.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$81,545.00

2019 VOMCA Budget Passed

INCOME Projected

Membership	\$1,300.00
Field Rental (Soccer)	700.00
Field Rental (Baseball)	700.00
Crier Advertising	200.00
Transfer from Pool	2,500.00
Various Fundraisers	1,620.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,020.00
Membership Supplies	\$ 50.00
Bank Fees	100.00
Insurance	570.00
Real Estate Tax	1,800.00
Personal Property Tax	300.00
Tax Preparation	2,300.00
NCEON Donation	100.00
Presidents Fund	200.00
Santa's Visit GBFD	200.00
Easter Egg Hunt	200.00
Family Fun Day	800.00
Fall Fest	200.00
Christmas Tree Lighting	200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,020.00



Calendar

JANUARY

- Weds 1/2 VOMCA meeting @ OMHS 7 pm
Tues 1/8 Board of Education meeting @ OMHS 6 pm
Thurs 1/17 FOOM meeting @ 8263 Mimico N 7 pm
Thurs 1/31 Ledo's Fundraiser for VOMCA 11 am to 10 pm

FEBRUARY

- Weds 2/6 VOMCA meeting @ OMHS 7 pm
Thurs 2/21 FOOM meeting @ 8263 Mimico N 7 pm

MARCH

- Sat 3/2 Community Build Day#1 @ Barlowe Field – Remove Trees 7 am
Weds 3/6 VOMCA meeting @ OMHS 7 pm
Sat 3/16 Barlowe Bolt 5K Run Fundraiser @ 490 Chalet Dr. 7 am
Thurs 3/21 FOOM meeting @ 8263 Mimico N 7 pm

APRIL

- Weds 4/3 VOMCA meeting @ OMHS 7 pm
Sat 4/13 VOMCA's Easter Egg Hunt @ 490 Chalet Dr. 1 pm
Thurs 4/18 FOOM meeting @ 8263 Mimico N 7 pm

MAY

- Weds 5/1 VOMCA meeting @ OMHS 7 pm
Sat 5/11 Community Volunteer Work Day #2 Plant new gardens & clean-up @ Barlowe Field 7am
Thurs 5/16 FOOM meeting @ 8263 Mimico N 7 pm
Sat 5/18 FOOM Flea Market Fundraiser @ 490 Chalet Dr. 8-11am

JUNE

- Weds 6/5 VOMCA meeting @ TBA 7 pm
Sat 6/8 VOMCA's Family Fun Day @ Barlowe Field 11 am-2 pm
Thurs 6/20 FOOM meeting @ 8263 Mimico N 7 pm

JULY

- Weds 7/3 VOMCA meeting (tentative) @ TBA 7 pm
Thurs 7/18 FOOM meeting @ 8263 Mimico N 7 pm
Sat 7/20 Community Volunteer Work Day #3 @ Barlowe Field 7 am

AUGUST

- Weds 8/7 VOMCA meeting @ TBA 7 pm
Thurs 8/15 FOOM meeting @ 8263 Mimico N 7 pm

SEPTEMBER

- Weds 9/4 VOMCA meeting @ OMHS 7 pm
Thurs 9/19 FOOM meeting @ 8263 Mimico N 7 pm
Sat 9/28 Community Volunteer Work Day #3 @ Barlowe Field 7 am

OCTOBER

- Weds 10/2 VOMCA meeting @ OMHS 7 pm
Thurs 10/17 FOOM meeting @ 8263 Mimico N 7 pm
Sat 10/19 VOMCA's Fall Fest @ Barlowe Field 10 am – 3 pm

NOVEMBER

- Weds 11/6 VOMCA meeting @ OMHS 7 pm
Sat 11/16 FOOM Quarter Auction Fundraiser – American Legion Post 276 - 6 pm
Thurs 11/21 FOOM meeting @ 8263 Mimico N 7 pm

DECEMBER

- Weds 12/4 VOMCA meeting @ OMHS 7 pm
Sat 12/7 VOMCA's Tree Lighting @ Barlowe Field 5 pm
Thurs 12/19 FOOM meeting @ Ledo's Pizza 6 pm
Sat 12/21 Santa's Fire Truck Visits – 2 pm

All dates subject to change due to weather or circumstances



Not For Profit – Charitable Organization -

What if your beloved furry family member became critically ill or injured and you couldn't afford to get them the care they so desperately need to **live**. You "think" your only option is economic euthanasia.

Think again!



Companion Bridge is here to help you and your companion animal! We provide a supportive community to help pet parents raise funds so their furry family member can get medical treatment. We work directly with your vet to determine the funds needed to save your pet's life.



Please help your community by making a tax deductible donation to Companion Bridge. Every penny makes a difference in the life of your neighbor and their pet when they are facing a difficult time.



CompanionBridge



@CompanionBridge



<https://companionbridge.org/>

DON'T FORGET

To bring your pets in to your house to shelter them from The cold. Also, make sure they have food and water!

The Barlowe Bolt is being held again in Olde Mill on March 16. Watch the Crier and Facebook for further information.

Hey Everyone! It's time to get ready for the Barlowe Bolt!!!

It's that time of year again! The 7th Annual Barlowe Bolt is coming on Saturday, March 16th, 2019 for runners and walkers to help benefit FOOM in keeping our playground and field beautiful! The walk will be held rain or shine beginning at 7am at 490 Chalet Dr. in Millersville – that's the pool parking lot. The course is marked out and will be guided by a rider. Early Registration is \$30 until February 21st; after that, it's \$40, so get in early to be guaranteed a Bolt t-shirt! You can like our pages on Facebook to follow the action: Facebook.com/BarloweBolt or Facebook.com/VillageOfOldeMill. Also, there will be medals given out to top runner, light refreshments will be served, and pictures will be taken after the race to be put on our Facebook page and in the VOMCA Crier. You can register at www.Active.com.

So gather your walking/jogging buddies and head to the pool this March 16th to support this wonderful cause!



P O Box 151

Millersville, MD 21108

To: All supporters of "Friends of Olde Mill"

Friends of Olde Mill (FOOM) is always busy planning Fund Raising Events to benefit our playground at Barlowe Field located in the Village of Olde Mill, Millersville, MD. We will be holding events throughout the year and appreciate all of the support we receive from local businesses and individuals. This letter is to acknowledge your donation and the tax deduction you may receive as a result of your generosity.

If you have a product or gift card that you would be willing to donate to our organization or if you are willing to buy advertising space in our flyers, banners, and event booklets, we would really appreciate it. All proceeds raised from the fundraisers we are holding will go directly to our playground fund for our community children.

As part of our maintenance efforts we are also looking for skilled electricians, plumbers, landscapers and carpenters to assist our volunteer staff in some minor repairs and improvements such as lighting and perhaps a pavilion.

We started raising funds in January 2013 to replace broken playground equipment and have been continuing to raise money to maintain and make improvements since then. We have installed a Natural Playscape using natural elements to bring nature and playtime together for a more aesthetic, imaginative and creative atmosphere. We have installed a slide, bridge, tunnel, stepping stones, climbing wall, sand pit, pergola, balance beams and additional benches along with maintaining the mulch and weeding. For 2019 we will be adding gardens and sprucing up the park area.

FOOM is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Once you have made a donation of any kind we can share with you our tax ID# for your records. We are a volunteer organization and every dollar earned will go directly to designing, creating and maintaining this unique Natural Playscape for the children in our community.

Please visit our webpage at www.friendsofoldemill.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at RStites@polingerco.com or call/text 202-441-1232. We appreciate your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Randal Stites

President

Friends of Olde Mill

www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org



7th Annual

Barlowe Bolt

5K/1 Mile

Proceeds will help in the creation and maintenance of our unique Playscape at Barlowe Field.

Saturday, March 16th

490 Chalet Dr., Millersville, MD 21108

Register at www.Active.com

Or Same day starting at 6am

Race begins at 7am!

Early Registration is \$30 until February 21st
\$40 afterwards

*T-shirts aren't guaranteed after Early Registration

“Like” our Facebook Pages:

www.Facebook.com/BarloweBolt

www.Facebook.com/VillageOfOldeMill





Barlowe 5K Bolt 2019 Sponsorship Form

Thank you for deciding to partner with Friends Of Olde Mill (F.O.O.M.) and become one of our Barlowe 5K Bolt Sponsors. The 7th Annual Barlowe 5K Bolt will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019. Proceeds from this race and other fundraisers we are holding in 2019 will benefit our playground and the athletic fields at Barlowe Field.

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which means your donation is 100% tax deductible and when we receive your donation/sponsorship we will provide you with a tax letter with our tax ID number.

We have different levels of sponsorship depending on the **size advertisement you would like in the Race Programs** and if you'd like the prominence of your **logo on the Race T-shirts** and your **advertisement on our Community Facebook Page**, www.Facebook.com/TheVillageOfOldeMill. See the next page for Sponsorship level options.

Early bird special! Get your completed form, logo and check to FOOM, Inc, P.O. Box 151, Millersville, MD 21108 no later than **Friday, February 1st** and receive a **FREE Race T-shirt** in the size of your choosing!

All completed forms, logos and checks need to be received no later than Friday, March 1st.

Thank you again for your Community support! Together we can accomplish so much more. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Your Friend Of Olde Mill,

Randal Stites
F.O.O.M. President
RStites@polingerco.com
202-441-1232
www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org

Please complete the following and return it along with a PDF AND PNG copy of your logo and advertisement emailed to RStites@polingerco.com. If you prefer, your logo may be used instead of an advertisement for the Race Programs and Community Facebook Page acknowledgment.

Company name: _____

Address: _____

Contact person: _____

Telephone number: _____

Levels of Sponsorship in Race Programs *(please circle all that apply):*

Ad sizes are approximate

These levels include your logo on the Race T-shirts and your advertisement on our Community Facebook Page:

- \$500 Whole page inside front cover, or inside back cover (Depending on availability)
- \$400 Whole page (5" x 8")
- \$200 Half page (5" x 4")
- \$100 Quarter page (2.5" x 4")

These levels do NOT include your logo on the Race T-shirts nor your advertisement on our Community Facebook Page:

- \$35 Quarter page (2.5" x 4")
- \$10 Neighborhood "Shout Out" spot – 25 word limit. Example: "We BOLT with You! -FOOM"

Write your "Shout Out" here:

Vendor Space wanted on Race Day (\$100 minimum Sponsorship level)? YES NO

*If YES, please bring your own table.

- **Early Bird Special FREE T-shirt Size:**
- **Form, logo and ad must be submitted no later than Friday, February 1st**

We appreciate your community support for the 2019 Barlowe Bolt!



*Village of Olde Mill
Community Association
Annual Easter Egg Hunt*



Where? Barlowe Field, 490 Chalet Dr.

When? April 13, 2019 @ 1:00 PM

*Join us. Have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny.
Hunt for eggs. Win prizes. Music, bake sale, raffles and
much, much more.*

ATTENTION STUDENTS!!

Please Note: Student's needing community hours for school credit, contact board@vomca.org VOMCA and FOOM can sign for hours donated to improve our community.

Also, if anyone has any news, announcements, or classified advertising please contact Oldemill72@aol.com All of the above are free in the Crier!

**If YOU HAVE A
Business You would Like
To Advertise,
Please contact The Crier
Editor, Sarah Hakulin
by Email at:**

**oldemill72@aol.com
Phone: 410-987-1239**

Advertise in The Crier

\$45 Full Page

\$30 1/2 Page

\$25 1/3 Page

\$15 1/4 Page

Contact:

Word Documents &

JPG's Only

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oldemill72@aol.com

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Contact: Community Relations Dept.

Office of Environmental Services

Noise Program

Box 8766

BWI Airport, Md. 21240-0766

Phone 410-859-7925

Website

[http://www.maacommunityrelations.com/content/communityprograms/transp
ortgrants.php](http://www.maacommunityrelations.com/content/communityprograms/transp
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We welcome your ideas and
Concerns. Come to the next
Meeting and help make
Your community better.

VOMCA Volunteer Needed....

A Board Position is Open

Contact:

Board@vomca.org

Useful Phone Numbers

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Street Light Outages: 1-800-685-0123 BGE

Animal Control: 410-222-7582

Trash Pick Up: 410-222-6100 Complaints

Northern Roads: 410-222-6120 Roads, etc.

Eastern District Police: 410-222-6145

Non-emergency questions: 410-222-8610

Water & Wastewater Emergency

410-222-8400

County 311....For Information

Please use application in this
newsletter to renew your 2019
VOMCA membership.

We need your support. Sign up for the
Crier is also on your application.

Send your dues (\$20) to: VOMCA Membership,
490 Chalet Dr., Millersville, Md. 21108



VOMCA
Meeting will start at
7PM at
Old Mill High School
Room A272
February 6, 2019
See you there!

Send or mail articles, announcements, and events to crier@vomca.org

Submissions are due by the 21st of the month in order to be included in the upcoming issue.

**Village of Olde Mill
Community
Association**

**490 Chalet Dr.
Millersville, MD.**

We're on the Web and FB
www.vomca.org
[www.facebook.com/
VillageofOldeMill](http://www.facebook.com/VillageofOldeMill)

Have a question or suggestion for VOMCA?

Contact us at board@vomca.org

*Please include name, phone, and
your street address in the email.*

Email article submissions to crier@vomca.org

FOOM, Inc.

P.O. Box 151 Millersville, MD 21108

www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org

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Crier Editor: Sarah Hakulin

Pay 2019 VOMCA Membership Dues Today!

2019 VOMCA Membership Application

Please complete this form, printing the names of all members of your household who are 18 or more years old, and mail it together with your check, payable to VOMCA, to: **VOMCA Membership, 490 Chalet Dr. , Millersville, MD 21108.** You can also pay using PayPal by going to www.VOMCA.org (it is really easy!)

The membership fee for your household's annual dues is \$20.00.

Names of Adults in Household: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone: _____ (Unlisted? Yes No)

Email Address: _____ Would you like to volunteer in the community? _____

Suggestions for improvements in Olde Mill: _____

There will be a \$10 processing fee for any returned check. Your membership card(s) will be emailed to you.

Current Officers are:

President: Chris Szverra 443-852-2098
Vice President: Randal Stites 202-441-1232
Membership: Sandy Sacra
Treasurer: Chris Hilton
Secretary: Reese Szverra

Board Members are:

2019 Paul Shaffer
2020 Sarah Hakulin
2021 Coleen Flack
Vacant

Dues Are Due!