

2017 Fall Silver Beach Member's Meeting Minutes

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Saturday, September 9, 2017

- **President's Opening Remarks**
 - Pete Detmering opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence in memory of 9/11 and Members who have recently passed.
 - Pete then went on to state that the beach security that was in place this season seems to have kept things under control. TRPD was very responsive and did not let things get out of hand. Several people were appreciative of the direct phone number that was provided to contact TRPD.
- **Secretary's Report**
 - Janet Doremus asked if there were any comments, corrections of additions to the minutes from the Spring Meeting. Since there were no comments, she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Kevin Seiler made the motion, Tod Brinkerhoff seconded and the motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report**
 - Dave Eickhorst reported on the financial state of the Association. He mentioned that we are in a better cash position as a result of additional new members Initiation Fees, Gabby's diligence in selling badges, and the reclassification of Initiation Fees, which were capitalized to avoid tax.
 - The proposed 2018 budget and explanation was distributed prior to the meeting. There were no questions. Therefore, Pete asked for a motion to approve the 2018 budget; Dan McGrath made the motion; Tod Brinkerhoff seconded and the motion passed.
- **Ocean Beach Report**
 - In Jeff Bailey's absence, Pete reported that Jeff had the mule repaired at his own expense and offered a big Thank You to Jeff.
 - Pete also mentioned that the ACE project is scheduled to begin in our area in February; once that is complete, we will take a look at what we will be permitted to do with respect to lighting, dune walkovers, etc.

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- Pete reported that in light of the coming project, we will not be installing winter fencing this year. However, Toms River will close up the walkways in the October timeframe.
- John Sands reported that the original CAFRA permit renewal had to be revised because Toms River had to signoff as an easement holder. The revised permit has been submitted to the DEP and we are awaiting approval. Toms River holds a CAFRA permit to handle the maintenance of beaches after the ACE project is complete, which should reduce our on-going expenses considerably.
- Pete also mentioned that the personal watercraft was used in to save a windsurfer in Ocean Beach.
- Stanley Tomensky and Linda Bosland both thanked the guards and Gabby for transporting them on the beach on the mule; this was the first time Stanley was on the beach in many years and Linda's mother also appreciated being able to sit on the beach.
- Pete also reminded everyone to ask their friends and family to be courteous and use the bike racks provided at the top of the beach, rather than leave them strewn all over, especially in front of driveways. Not only is it a hazard to people walking and pulling out of driveways, there is a potential that the bikes will be damaged if the driver does not see them. Similarly, strollers, beach baskets and flip flops should not be left in the walkway. We will keep an eye on the situation next year, and if more racks are needed, they will be installed.
- **Bay Beach Report**
 - Fred Manuel reported that everything is status quo at the bay beach. We still have a large area west of the shed to deal with; however, we are not planning anything for that area until the ocean beach work has been completed.
- **Insurance Committee Report**
 - Tom Cleeland reported that we had one workers comp claim this year. However, he also reported that our premiums have declined in the past 10 years, from \$30k in 2008 to \$16k in 2007. This is a result of the Association no longer being rated for the large lawsuit that we incurred many years back.
 - Tom will be looking into the requirements to register and insure the mule for street use for next season. At a minimum, it will need blinkers and seatbelts, if it doesn't have them now.
- **Membership Committee Report**

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- Janet Doremus reported that we had 19 new members join the Association this year. This is an unusually high number; we anticipate 5-8 in the coming year. Many of these properties changed hands as a result of Sandy damage.
- **Entertainment Committee Report**
 - Pete mentioned that Bill Naughton has stepped down as Entertainment Trustee and that we are seeking a replacement. If anyone is interested, please contact us ASAP.
 - Pete also mentioned that the cost for the DJ, which was a last-minute acquisition, was about 2/3 of the prior rate. The new DJ was well received.
- **Tennis Committee Report**
 - In Patsy Robinson's absence, Pete Detmering reported that the Tennis Court is holding up well.
- **Federation of Beaches Meeting Report/Toms River Meeting Report**
 - Nothing to report
- **Elections**
 - Since there were no opposing candidates, Pete Detmering asked to ratification of the Slate of Candidates presented at the Spring Meeting
 - Treasurer - Dave Eickhorst
 - Secretary - Janet Doremus
 - Trustee - Tom Cleeland
 - Trustee - Gabby Dudas
 - Trustee – Fred Manuel
 - Dan McGrath made the motion; Tod Brinkerhoff seconded and the slate was approved.
- **Old Business**
 - None
- **New Business**
 - **Discussion of Proposed By-Law change for Transfer of Ownership**
 - Janet Doremus explained the discussion that the EC had with respect to the language for this aspect of the By-Laws;

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essentially, the EC recommends that the new owners of a property that was transferred within the family be excluded from paying the initiation fee. assuming the prior owner's membership was in good standing. The EC will draft the specific language and circulate it prior to the Spring Meeting. A vote by the Membership will be taken at the Spring Meeting to either approve or disapprove this change.

- Ken Odoksta suggested that 10x10 pop-up tents not be allowed on the beach; Janet Doremus suggested that drones also be prohibited, much like kites as they are a danger to people both on the beach and in the ocean. This will be considered when the 2018 Rules and Regs are updated.
- Pete also raised the issue of no smoking, or a designated smoking area. Pete stated that before changes for smoking was implemented, we would ask for a vote from the entire Membership.
- Marie Sokolowsky mentioned that occasionally youngster were drinking by the bay beach at night. Pete suggested she call TRPD to have them disbursed.
- Barbara Sullivan mentioned that on Labor Day, when the water was rough, there were a lot of people by the bay. One group brought two dogs; when Barbara approached them regarding no dogs on the beach, the responded since the bay beach is no longer open for swimming, that rule didn't apply. For the record, just to restate the rule...No dogs on either beach. There is a sign at the bay stating this; unfortunately, one of the signs was vandalized earlier in the season; it will be replaced for next season.
- Next year's Membership Meetings will start at 10am in the Dover Brick First Aid Squad.
- Close of Meeting