

2018 Fall Silver Beach Membership Meeting Minutes

FINAL

Saturday, September 8, 2018

- **President's Opening Remarks**

- Pete Detmering opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for those lost in 9/11.
- Pete then went on to state that the ACE project is expected to start in late September and finish in December. The equipment has recently been removed from the water due to advancing hurricanes, but will be back to work as soon as the water calms down.
- Pete then asked each EC Member to introduce themselves.
- Pete also expressed his appreciation to Ken Tackas and Andrea Greco who took on the Treasurer and Finance Committee positions without a glitch.

- **Secretary's Report**

- Janet Doremus asked for comments on the Minutes from the Spring Meeting; there were no comments; she then asked for a motion to approve the minutes; the minutes were approved.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Ken Tackas reported that:
 - 2018 income was good; we had \$46k in badge sales; 51% weeklys; 17% dailys
 - the majority of 2018 expenses have been paid
 - the total cash on hand is \$337,094

- **Finance Committee Report**

- Andrea Greco reported on the Proposed Budget for 2019. She stated that:
 - our dues will remain at \$450
 - the majority of projected income on par with 2018, except:
 - New Membership Fees are forecast at \$2800 (4 new members) vs \$8,400 (7 new members) in 2018
 - the majority of projected expenses are on par with 2018 except:
 - Insurance increased by \$1,400 to cover increases in Liability Insurance and the Bond for our Treasurer
 - Salaries increased by \$6,000 which is about an 8% increase
 - Professional Fees increased by \$1,700 (\$200 Accountant fees and \$1500 addition of Legal Fees)
 - Beach Preservation will remain at \$16,000 until we can determine what our expense will be post beach replenishment
 - Capital Expense is projected at \$42,000 (mule, mobie mats and bike racks)
 - the total Cash Flow to Reserves is projected to be \$1,015.

- **Ocean Beach Report**

- Jeff Bailey reported that the lifeguards will come on duty for the weekend of June 15-16th, and then open daily June 22nd – Labor Day.

- Jeff stated that we have budgeted:
 - \$15k for a mule is to get a more powerful, multipurpose piece of equipment which will be able to pull the jet ski over the dune; the current mule has been insufficient since its acquisition. He expects to be able to trade in the current mule and get a credit toward the new one.
 - budgeted \$2.5k for 2 new lifeguard stands for 2019; the current stands are at least 15 years old and in dire straits.
 - \$25k for mobie mats is only a guesstimate, as we do not know what Toms River will provide; this is to supplement what they put down, especially on the north end where the distance to the dune from the road is lengthy
 - \$2k for new galvanized bike racks at Silver Beach Rd, Colony Rd, N Surf Rd and S Surf Rd
 - Jeff also reported that since the budget was produced, we have again had flash mobs on the weekend at the beach. One of these incidents resulted in a lifeguard stand being dragged down to the water. As a result, he will be hiring a second guard. This may increase the Security expense by \$5k; however, this will probably be absorbed by the Beach Preservation which we do not anticipate needing.
 - Kevin Seiler suggested that we employ a cell phone jammer to discourage kids from congregating/communicating; subsequent to the meeting it was determined that these devices are illegal by Federal law.
 - Jeff also mentioned that he encouraged ocean front home owners to install lights pointing to the water. He stated that his brother has one, and when the lights go on, the kids scatter.
 - Janet Doremus mentioned that TRPD announced at a recent Neighborhood Watch meeting that they have formed a Community Affairs Bureau, which is charged with interfacing with the communities for their needs. They will employ 2 4x4s on the beach to keep problems at bay.
 - Anne Pfeil asked if benches would be part of the improvements to the beach; currently, beaches to the north have benches at the crest of the dune; it is hoped this will be done here as well.
 - After the ACE project is complete, we will be looking for volunteers to form a Beach Beautification Committee for both the ocean and bay beaches.
- **Bay Beach Report**
 - Fred Manuel was not present, but relayed the status of the Bay Beach. Several dune grasses have died as a result of the excessive heat this summer; they will be replaced in September.
 - **Insurance Committee Report**
 - Tom Cleeland report that insurance costs have remained stable; we have added a Bond policy to cover our Treasurer.
 - **Membership Committee Report**
 - Janet Doremus reported that we had 7 new members this year; we anticipate 4 new members in 2019.
 - **Entertainment Committee Report**
 - Pete stated that Family Day went very well. Pete offered his thanks to Scott Jeffery and Patsy Robinson for stepping up to the plate this year.
 - Pete also reiterated that we are in desperate need of an Entertainment Trustee to manage Family Day and any other activities that are appropriate if Family Day is to continue.

- Pete also mentioned that we are looking for a volunteer to take on the responsibilities of a Web Master. If we cannot find a volunteer, we will be looking to hire one.

- **Tennis Committee Report**

- Patsy Robinson reported on the proposal to add pickleball lines to the existing tennis court that was raised at the Spring Meeting.
 - Patsy stated that the Tennis Association is willing to try this approach, with dark lines for pickleball and leaving the net at the current height, which is 3" higher than normal pickleball nets.
 - Prior to the meeting, she did a survey among tennis members to see how they felt about the proposal. Of the 44 tennis members, 10 were in favor, 3 opposed and 2 abstained.
 - She then polled the Members present to see who was in favor; 10 Members raised their hand.
 - If the sport becomes popular and there is contention for the court, we may have to consider building a second court for pickleball.
 - A standard pickleball court is 20'x44'; it is possible that 2 courts could be built side by side in the remaining space at the Bay Beach. However, with the larger mule that is being purchased, the shed at the bay beach may not be large enough and may have to either be expanded or replaced. Currently, the length of the mule/jet ski is longer than the shed can accommodate and they must be decoupled every evening before storing.
 - Theresa Sheridan stated that it cost her community in Florida \$48k to build 2 pickleball courts.
 - As with the Tennis Association, it is assumed the funding would come from the pickleball members.

- **Federation of Beaches Meeting Report/Toms River Meeting Report**

- Pete Detmering reported that there have been no meetings since May; however, Toms River has been keeping us apprised of the status of the beach replenishment project via email.

- **Elections**

- Janet Doremus read the Slate of Candidates
 - President - Pete Detmering
 - Vice President - John Sands
 - Treasurer - Ken Takacs - Treasurer
 - Trustee - Finance – Andrea Greco
 - Trustee - Ocean Beach – Jeff Bailey
 - Trustee - Tennis – Patsy Robinson
- Since there were no write in candidates, Janet asked for a motion/second to approve the candidates (Anne Pfeil; Dolores Woods) and the motion was approved.

- **Old Business**

- Proposed By-Law Change
 - Janet Doremus discussed the proposed change to the "Transfer of Ownership" section of the By-Laws which had been distributed with the Meeting Notice.
 - Kevin Seiler asked a question about the change, as he interpreted the change to mean that Family Members are considered Members.

- Janet explained that the opening sentence which defines a Member has not changed; a Member must be on the deed for the property.
 - Janet then asked for a motion/second to approve the proposed change (Mike Renzo-Posen, Colleen Riley) and the motion was approved.
 - The revised By-Laws are attached to these minutes and have been posted to our website.
- Pickle Ball Court
 - See Tennis Committee Report above
- **New Business**
 - Kevin Seiler mentioned that the new dune system may make it difficult for some of our older Members to navigate.
 - Several people mentioned that there are motorized wagons, similar to remote golf carts, available that may assist.
 - It was also mentioned that we have 2 beach wheelchairs for this purpose, which have been working thus far.
 - However, Kevin felt some Members may need motorized transportation.
 - Pete indicated this would be researched over the winter, after the beach replenishment is complete and we know what we are dealing with.
 - Jeff mentioned that the mule he is pursuing has seating for 4 people and could be used for this purpose during the day. However, if this is adopted, it may require staff, which has not been budgeted for to operate.
- **Close of Meeting**
 - Pete closed the meeting by thanking those in attendance for their time and contribution.