

## NSBPOA General Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2022

Start time: 9: 35 AM

### Pledge of Allegiance

*Gene Stith*

### Quorum Present

### Roll Call

**Present:** Bob Leonard, Gene Stith, James Weber, Kevin Cleary, Gina Stacknick, Mike Gorton, Sandy Hooker

Absent Excused: MaryAnne Metzka, Anthony DiGuglielmo, Laurie Morrow

### Approval of Minutes from 6/19/22 General Membership meeting:

**Motion #1:** by, Bob Leonard, seconded by Gina Stacknick, "Motion to accept the minutes from the General Membership Meeting on 6/19/22".

**Motion PASSES**

### President Report

*Bob Leonard*

- Nothing to report right now. We will discuss some concerns that people have called me with but will do so later on in the committee reports.

### Vice President

*MaryAnne Metzka*

- No report

### Treasurer Report

*Michael Gorton, Jr.*

### *Account Balances as of July 30, 2022:*

*Checking 8110: 109,820.40*

*Savings 8919: 20,007.25*

*Savings 9669: 87,534.01*

*Total BANK ACCOUNTS: 217,361.66*

- The gross profit is off by a little less than \$25,000. We still have bookings for the clubhouse and then they become scattered in the fall. Then, come November, the Early Bird special will come as long as the board approves it.
- We did have expenses in the Clubhouse this year with the bar area and the floor. The floor hasn't been calculated yet.
- We did hire more staff for the beach, and clubhouse employees are now on the books which they should be.
- In regard to beach supplies, we had to get some sheds, buoys, and an additional lifeguard chair.
- We also had to purchase a new truck, which was a big expense.
- We did go over budget on the roads, but it was desperately needed. Sometimes they are the last thing we think of, but we do own all of Soundview and Point Breeze. We do need to repair them even though it's a cost. We haven't put money into them in the last three or four years. We were overdue. Hopefully, we will spend less money over time by maintaining the roads, otherwise it becomes a liability.

### **Secretary Report**

#### ***MaryAnne Metzack & Gina Stacknick***

- MaryAnne and myself are splitting responsibilities of the secretary for right now.

There is an issue at Yucca Road and Soundview Drive. The neighbors did reach out to us, and we have been communicating with Jane Bonner in regard to this issue.

### **Beach Report**

#### ***Gina Stacknick***

- A reminder is given for water safety and for dog hours.
- Bob speaks about the member who he spoke to about the dangers of kayaking at night time. She has already had the coast guard rescue her two times. Gina has sent her a letter in regard to our concern for her safety. Gina also explains that when a person is kayaking after dusk, there are guidelines to follow involving a specific type of light on the kayak, and letting a person on shore know your route and be in earshot of them.
- Member Des Butler suggests sending the letter and copying the Coast Guard on it.
- Member John Hearn suggests also copying the fire department.
- Member Connie Iervolino # 83: Can she be fined for not having the night time lights? Member Des Butler asks Member Steve Rosario if we are liable if we don't notify the US Coast Guard?
- Steve says no, but the USCG is the enforcing office.
- Member Mary traflet #40: Can we remind lifeguards to tell members that paddleboards and kayaks are not permitted in the swim area?
- Member Diane Frattine: Is there a shower at Broadway? I had asked last year. Bob has the plumbing for the outdoor shower and will be installing it. Diane also raised an issue last year in

regard to applying for a permit for doing a westbound stair access to Broadway/Queen. Just looking ahead, It's a beautiful beach and I see a lot of people down there but they don't come to the meetings. At high tide, there is no access to the west. I know it's more of a longer term idea.

- Bob says it's a possibility, but we would have to see.

## **Membership Report**

### ***Sandy Hooker***

- 729 memberships. We had 739 last year at this time.
- We had 444 early bird memberships. Last year we had 429 early birds.
- We have 33 Senior memberships. Last year we had 49.
- I noticed that people don't say that they are first time members, so sometimes, that number may be skewed.
- If you have any ideas to make the process of sending out packets easier please let me know.
  
- Member Joanne Kedrovic: I forgot to ask during the beach report, but can we add the rope back in the water for the swim area. It's helpful for seniors.
- Gina says that in the past, kids and adults would get clotheslined by the ropes. Also, they did get destroyed and had to be replaced each year, and were costly to replace. The buoys have lasted quite a few years already.
- Mike Gorton adds that it did become a safety and maintenance issue. The barnacles that attach are sharp, and people did get cut and rope burns.
- Member Des Butler # 264: He thinks the buoys were an improvement, and the ropes were a pain. Perhaps we can get more buoys instead to better outline the swim area? The ropes do provide a danger.
- Mike adds that when we did switch over and checked with the DEC, they said that they prefer no ropes. They have lost some vehicles with those ropes when patrolling in the sand.

## **Activities Report**

### ***Michael Gorton, Jr.***

- We had about 60 people at Karaoke night. It was a really fun night. I still have to speak with Deanna to see how much we fundraised. We may do another for this year, if not, will do two for next year
- We had a couple of beach concerts already. They were free, and really nice.
- In August, we will host Field Day and have more concerts.
- The Art Show is coming up also. Ralph Iervolino speaks about the upcoming show. It will promote local artists. Twenty-five percent of all proceeds will go to NSBPOA.
- Mike says he got discounted wine and cheese from Macari and a cheesemonger.

- Comedy Night is September 30th.
- Des asks if there is a time limit policy? We say it's town code, we cannot have anything after 11PM.
- Since the clubhouse filled up quickly, we couldn't get weekends to do things that we wanted.
- We will be doing a 95th anniversary party next year, similar to our 90th, some time in July.

### **Clubhouse Report**

#### ***Kevin Cleary***

- We recently had the bar renovated. The work was done by Keith Martone. He did a great job with it. We have a leftover piece of slab that we will use to change out the counter in the kitchen.
- Bob did a great job with refinishing the floor.
- We lost two of our janitors. They weren't working out.
- We hired a new person. We are looking to hire another janitor to set up and clean before or after parties.

### **Security Report**

#### ***Mike Gorton***

- Security has been working hard. We have snow fencing up at Hallock Landing. We had put it up for July 4th, and will take it down after Labor day. It helps both us and the town.
- We talked briefly about the dog hours earlier. We will share some info on service dogs that we had to research that we will be sharing.
- John Hearn has been helping out tremendously. He has been volunteering time for security.
- Member Candy Asselta #189: How did that area between NSBPOA and Culross become a town beach?
- Mike says there were never stairs, We argued about the stairs and TOB says they are there for night time fishermen. They took away the storm drain signs, and had to allow access for fishermen. It got so bad with all the neighboring beaches and non-residents during covid, so now they have town security working there.
- The town still lets people go down and swim, but at least someone is there checking for identification.

### **ByLaws Committee Report**

- Progress, meeting soon and working through various policies

### **Beautification Committee Report**

#### ***Gene Stith***

- Thank you to Joe Neubauer for donating the flag which is outside. The board has ordered a flag pole light for outside the clubhouse.
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- I've been talking with some people to make improvements.
- Member Diane Frattine: I wanted to clarify something with the gazebo. It's going to go over. The ground is eroding. Bob says we are working with residents in that area to see if we can do something.
- Bob says as soon as someone builds something on NSBPOA property, we are liable for it.
- Member Steve Rosario #104: It can become a liability. It goes back to a time where things were very lax. The board is under a judiciary responsibility to maintain and follow laws, etc.
- Christine Rehfeldt: Chairs were thrown over the cliff. Bob said he forgot to follow up on that. He will go and look at that.

## **Nominating Committee**

### ***Connie Iervolino***

- Thank you to everyone on the committee. We have 5 openings:

*Three 3 year director positions*

*One 2 year director position.*

*One year secretary position.*

- We worked with the bylaw committee for that clarification. We also called and spoke with people to recruit.

Connie will introduce the slate:

- Incumbents are Sandy Hooker and Kevin Cleary
- Christina Alcee
- Sean Ognowki
- Thomas Fitzimmons
- Marlene Griffin

Are there any nominations now from the floor. I have to ask this three times.

**Motion #2**: by Member Steve Rosario, seconded by Maureen O'Keefe: "Motion to close nominations".

### **Motion Passes.**

- The electronic ballot will go out two weeks prior to the August 28th meeting. The email will go out with results after the meeting.
- The board had voted that the one year secretary position was going to replace the remainder of the term that Thomas left. This will not count towards term limits. We had run into this going back with Gina when she was secretary.

- Member Maureen O'Keefe: The secretary will have to be appointed now, correct? since we do not have anyone running for secretary.

## **Roads Committee**

### ***Nick Lomangino***

- Updates on the roads...
- Point breeze will be about \$3900.
- The next issue will be addressed by Nimbus and the storm drain.
- Steve is still working with attorneys on a highway usage law
- Member Christine Rehfeldt #41: Weill they do the road down by the gazebo. Yes, it's done.
- Member Des Butler: Asks Nick if we make any progress with the TOB taking over the roads.
- Nick says that's what Steve is working on. We are responsible for Soundview but we cannot fund it.
- Des says we can try to get the town to take over Soundview. The TOB was absolutely opposed for the same reason.
- Steve says where we are now is a complicated issue, but case law has been decided that a town can over a private road. We are going to see how strong of a case we have...michaeld sent over a lot of info for attorneys to review.
- Member Rich Kabelac: if they actually take over, repair is a different issue, and that could be difficult.
- Steve says yes, it can, it's up to us, ow much noise we make
- Des: i would make the point with the tob that the buses are going on our road,
- Candy says no big buses on soundview
- Bob says to Des that this is ongoing and we have been working on this for a long time

## **Financial Review Committee**

### ***Michael Gorton, Jr.***

- Progress, still working on the framework of this committee

## **Technology Committee**

- Progress

## **Old Business**

- No report

## **New Business**

- No report

## **Good and Welfare**

- No report

## **Next General Meeting**

*August 28th*

## **Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion #4:** by Maureen O'Keefe, seconded by Ralph Iervolino, "Motion to adjourn this meeting".

**Motion PASSES**

*End time 10:57 AM*