

Priscilla Beach Association

Opening Meeting Saturday June 30, 2012

Present: Association Officers and head count of 39+ members

Officers: President John Reardon
Vice President: Jeff Arcuri
Treasurer: Paul Champagne
Assistant Treasurer: John Reardon
Secretary: Virginia Curcio

Additional Board Members: Tim Bennett, Bob Malone, Patty Schneider, Kevin Coyne

Prior to the start of the meeting, the President requested a moment of silence to honor fallen heros.

The Meeting was called to order by President John Reardon at 10:05 AM, and immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Introductory Remarks:** President Reardon offered a welcome to all present, acknowledged that a quorum of members was present and asked that all officers introduce themselves to the members. All officers and board members were present.
2. **New Business**
 - a. **Secretary's report:** the secretary offered a condensed verbal reading of the minutes from the September 2011 Closing Meeting and indicated that copies of the minutes were available on the PBA website: <http://www.priscillabch.org/>, Additional hard copies of the minutes could be obtained by contacting the secretary at her home address. Following the reading, a motion was made to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and the minutes were accepted.
 - b. **Treasurer's report:**
 - i. An interim report of the Association's financial status thru June 29 was available and handed out as members entered the clubhouse. Also included was a draft of a proposed budget.
 - ii. There were 210 paid members out of a total membership of 330. This included hand delivered second dues notice when there was a question of correct addresses on the original mailings. Noting that some club members may pay late, the Treasurer indicated that additions will probably bring the Association annual dues even to last year. Currently, dues payments are \$684 behind which it was noted is fairly consistent with last years payments. This suggested that the efforts of the Dues Committee have not proved fruitful.
 - iii. Gifts for roofs totaled almost \$6K, about ½ the money we spent on the roof.
 - iv. President Reardon raised the question of 223 dues paying members when compared to deposited funds, which was resolved.
 - c. **Report of Committees**
 - i. **Dues Committee:** Following their efforts last year to generate additional dues payments from non-paying members, the Committee had no other reports. The Committee did indicate that they will continue their efforts to increase dues payments.

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ii. Beach Committee:

Paul Champagne offered thanks to Charlie and John for all their work on the drainage issue. It was generally agreed that the Town appeared to have done a "good job, and that the Association should give credit to the town who went after grant funding to defer the \$300-350K repair expense." It was also noted that the town "did what they said what they were going to do." In the affected area there are now two (2) street drains which were previously blocked out to eliminate the safety hazards. The overall project appears to have eliminated the issues with beach erosion caused by the improper drainage. A general round of applause followed as the membership acknowledged Charlie Natale's efforts on ensuring the project. A brief discussion followed on the status of the project which still needs work on the outflow. But the existing drainage is working and is effective. Formal paving will be completed next spring.

iii. Buoy Committee:

1. Jack Calhoun indicated his wish to retire as Committee Chair. George Ward agreed to be chairman.
2. Jack reported that there was a lot of help this year and offered his thanks to many individuals who assisted with working on the buoys. Half of the buoys are ready to go into the water. Strong backs and a truck were needed to place the buoys. Placement was deferred to the afternoon of July 4th in an effort to avoid damage to the buoys and lines during the July 3rd evening celebration. Jack also noted that the buoys are effective since "...no one has drowned on the tennis courts since the buoys were set out."
3. As an aside, Jack offered that there is great sailing on U-Tube; America's cup is running.

iv. Social Committee and Calendar

1. Patti Schnider reported on the Calendar of Events planned for this summer.
2. Julianne Doyle-Pistorino questioned the \$1 charge for the ice cream social. It was explained that the overall charge of \$1.00 was for both the Sand Castle Contest and Ice Cream Social which followed that evening. Later admissions to just the Ice Cream Social would also pay \$1.00. The fee was to cover the costs of the supplies. John Reardon reviewed the budget expense as further explanation. At the close of the discussion, Julianne volunteered to help with the Ice Cream Social.
3. Patti reported that more volunteers were needed to help out with the various social events, indicating that the amount of money the association spends on social events is limited by the number of volunteers willing to help out.

3. Unfinished Business:

- a. **Beach Clean up:** Recent storms required beach cleaned up to remove seaweed which will be completed by Richmond. The clean up required 3 days, and there was a question on the expense raised from the Floor. The President noted that the Association has not, as yet, received a bill for the first 2 days. A rough estimate of approximately \$2,000.00 was given. The President also noted that the Association was fortunate to get approval from the Town to clean up the beach since typically no work is allowed on the beach after Memorial Day. Charlie Natale that the northeast storms bring in the seaweed, which is invading the NE coast and breaks down very quickly. This seaweed is much more bulkier than typically seen; it was also noted that the smell of the decomposing seaweed is obnoxious. Charlie noted that we can expect more of the same and it will continue to be problem.

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Charlie also indicated that the seaweed will actually degrade and bury itself; the positive side is that this gives more structure to the beach. It was also noted that the seaweed cannot be taken for incineration but has to be buried which makes it a nuisance.=.

- b. **Shed:** The Shed which suffered recent damages will be repaired. Three individuals have assessed the job. A decision is pending.
- c. **Roof:** Repairs to the roof have been completed by Falcone. It was agreed that Falcone did a good job. The President noted that the cost of the roof repair was the better part of \$11,500. Two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) was received in donations with and additional three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) in donations this year to help defray expenses.
- d. **Kids Dances:** Two dances are scheduled in July, first is this Friday night. Looking for good attendance. A dance was added on August 24th. Thanks were given to Kathy who helped organize the dances. It was suggested to add a Bingo Nigh on off weeks to try and keep the kids busy.
- e. **Rentals:** Jeff Arcuri indicated a successful rental program with the \$50 rental fee and a \$50 deposit which is refunded if the Clubhouse is left in order. Jeff noted that it was hard to police the activity and suggested raising the rental fee to \$75, with the \$50 refundable fee remaining stable for a total of \$125.00. Jeff indicated that the Association will physically clean up building; however renters are expected to remove their trash. A discussion followed on the fee addressing why return deposit, who will clean the building. A vote was taken and the members voted to increase the rental fee. Patti Schneider is the contact for rentals.
- f. **Social Life:** It was noted that there was an effort this year to increase the social activities of the club, with a focus on the adult social life. The Social Calendar will be posted on the website.
- g. **Website Committee:** The website is up and running with Bob Malone maintaining the website. There was general acknowledgement that Bob was doing a fantastic job. Bob also asked for any pictures to post to the website.

4. New Business:

- a. **Parking:** Once again the issue of parking was a topic of lively discussion with many suggestions offered from the floor to correct the problem and numerous disagreements on the most effective solution. .
 - i. It was noted that is a recurring theme at north end of the beach, and it presents a problem. It was also noted that the area in question is not a parking area but an extension of the town street. Various suggestions including petitioning the Town to designate the parking area: making it all handicapped parking, or 2 handicap spaces and 2 unloading zones. The motion seconded however the Floor declined to vote since there was no general resolution.
 - ii. Generally members complained that the streets were becoming a parking lot and that St. Catherine's Church had been purchased.
 - iii. Members expressed the issue of fairness, and not parking in the area all day.

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- iv. It was decided that the President John Reardon and Tim Bennet would address the issue with the Town and how to approach the problem since the Association as “a good history of working with the town.”
- v. During the lively discussion Tim Bennett noted that in order to speak from the floor, the speaker must be recognized by the chair.
- b. Beach Access:** The Marshalls are concerned about the plantings done last year, especially with the upcoming July 3rd celebrations. It was noted that the Marshall’s ownership is to the left of the stairway as you face the ocean. Members were asked to respect his wishes and stay away from left side and the associated plantings..
- c. PBA Paraphernalia:** President Reardon acknowledged MaryJane Donelan for her fund raising efforts. Last year’s effort included the sale of PBA calendars. It was noted that MaryJane was outside the Clubhouse today selling additional articles for the PBA that included children’s T-shirts, men’s golf shirts and totes. The President also noted that MaryJane put out her own money to start the project.
- d. Communications:** Paul Champagne requested that members you have not already done so provide their email. With residents leaving for the winter and not knowing which mailing address to use, email addresses will to improve communications. Currently about 50-75% of members have given the email addresses.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM as volunteers headed to the beach to set up for the races and afternoon activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Curcio
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Secretary
eSignature
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