

## Priscilla Beach Association

### Opening Meeting Saturday June 30, 2014

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**Present:** Association Officers and member head count of 33 (quorum)

**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, Judy Roy

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by the President. A quorum was in attendance.

1. **Treasurer's Report:**

Dues collection and membership are is down from last year. There is the probability of the Association incurring a loss for this fiscal year. In an effort to improve dues payments, internet billing was considered. No action was taken on this item.

2. **President's Report:**

- a. **Building and Grounds** - Building repairs/maintenance work has been approved by the Board; work has not yet begun.
- b. **Social Activities** - Two new events were announced: Paint Night, and Priscilla Beach Association at the Priscilla Beach Theatre courtesy of Bob Malone.

3. **Secretary's report:**

The secretary apologized; the minutes from the Closing Meeting 2013 normally read into the record at this time were not available due to computer issues. The secretary advised the membership they could review the minutes which are now posted on the website. No paper copies of the minutes were available at this meeting.

4. **Buoy Committee:**

- a. **Buoys:**  
John Calhoun requested volunteers meet out at the shed after meeting to assist with moving the buoys onto the tennis court to review for any necessary repairs. John indicated that Jack Calhoun could move the buoys with his truck on Wednesday for placement in the water. John stated that the buoys were usually put away in pretty good shape and didn't anticipate any significant problems. Maura Welch suggested getting the "young crowd" to help out. The buoys are set up in the water based on joining 2 L sections together. Blue striped buoys are placed on the south end; red stripped buoys on the north end.
- b. **Boardwalks:**  
Help is also needed with the boardwalks. These items are heavy and require a younger work force to move. It was announced that "... People 70 years old and older are exempt" from moving the boardwalks.

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Suggestions from the floor regarding boardwalk placement included shoveling the rocks first since there is no surface on which to place the boardwalks. It was noted that there is no place to put the rocks once they are shoveled away. There was an opportunity to move small rocks to someone else's sea wall but not at the Association expense. However, the Town said no. Members noted that last Saturday an individual got sick on the beach. EMTs had to traverse the rocks to get reach the victim, offering a safety concern that the Town might recognize. The President noted that the Association's window for beach cleanup closed as of Memorial Day and we cannot remove anything from the beach.

c. Trash:

Beach trash accumulation, pickup and lack of recycling were discussed at length. Currently Waste Management provides trash pick-up; it is not known if Waste Management offers recycling services. It was noted that someone needs to volunteer and organize the recycling effort. Beach clean-up was scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM with a rain date of July 5<sup>th</sup>. Bring trash bags and wear gloves.

d. Beach Clean-Up:

Beach clean-up is schedule for July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Rain date is July 5<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers should wear gloves and bring trash bags.

e. Rafts:

The raft at south end of beach is broken; it will no longer hold a ladder. Paula Galland's brother has taken care of this in the past, but is no longer interested in doing it. Members were asked for volunteers who can repair the raft and be responsible for it going forward. Unless repairs were made, it was highly likely the raft would be disposed of at the transfer station. The President noted that the Association does not own the docks and is not involved in their placement. The rafts are privately owned.

5. July 3<sup>rd</sup> Bonfire:

Two permits were requested and approved. As of today, they have not been received. trucks are needed to pick up wood for fire. Call for pick up. The town has restrictions on what is burnable; if the wood is not picked up, it means it did not meet town requirements.

6. New Business:

a. Neighborhood Issues:

- i. Noise Abatement - A request from the floor addressed minimizing noise(occurring up to 2 AM) in the neighborhood by putting up a notice on the website. The issue is a particular problem on Cochituate Road. An email blast to membership was also suggested. It was noted that the town has a noise ordinance; and that noise occurs at a private home which are probably renters or new owners. Bob Malone offered to investigate the town noise ordinance.

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ii. Inappropriate behaviors – Another member noted that individuals are sleeping in cars parked on the sides of the road, and going the bathroom in public. When advised that calling 911 was the appropriate solution, members expressed concerned of retribution.

b. Budget Review:

- i. The Association projected \$27,000 in revenue and \$29,000 in expenses resulting in a deficit of \$2,000. The projected expenses include \$7,500 in clubhouse repairs that was approved last budget year, but never spent.
- ii. Last year there was a projected deficit of \$4,000 but yielded \$5,000 net.

c. Question from floor:

A member questioned if the Tag Sale was to be repeated this year. Volunteer are needed to organize the sale and run it.

**7. Appointment of Committees:**

- a. Joanne was appointed to look into recycling beach trash.
- b. Bob Malone volunteered to look into noise abatement.

**8. Nomination and Elections of Officers:**

There was no activity on this agenda item.

The motion to adjourn was received from the floor, and seconded. There were no opposing votes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Virginia Curcio*

Virginia Curcio, Secretary

eSignature

7/6/2014

cc: Board of Directors