

## **Sound Beach Property Owners Association 11/5/09 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was brought to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:34.

### **In Attendance**

Bob Bedrosian  
Brian Calo  
Tom Casey  
Keith Culley  
Dot Farrell  
Mark Forman  
Lucille Fountain  
Marty Fullam  
Mimi Hodges  
Edie Hotis  
Jerry Milmoe

Linda Morea  
Nancy Paul  
Jimmy Perrecca  
Andy Petrilak  
Paul Piccioti  
David Rawlings  
Hardy Schmidt  
Willie Smith  
Henry Sein  
Monica Walsh  
Tom Whiten

### **Excused**

Eileen Cantwell  
Bruce Walsh  
Rose Solazzo  
Margaret VonAcken

### **Absent**

Willie Jones  
Hanna Robinson

James Seidler, Eagle Scout candidate, presented his Eagle Scout project for approval. He plans to build a handicapped ramp at the back of the building to be 18 ft. long, extending the platform. He is accepting donations toward this project. It was remarked that perhaps we could also create two-handicapped parking spots adjacent to the ramp.

October's minutes were read and approved.

### **President's Report:**

The president explained his sending of letters, first supporting a candidate for the Brookhaven Town Council, then a follow up letter stating that the support was his personal view, not an endorsement by the Association.

The Chair then read a statement, a copy of which is included with these minutes, requesting the president resign his position, or be removed from his position, because of his actions and the implications surrounding his letter of political support.

Last month's board meeting clearly re-stated that the Association is a non-political organization and that candidates for election are to be treated equally.

This issue was discussed by the board, during which time the president excused himself to allow freer discussion. It is unacceptable to endorse a political candidate while identifying oneself as a board member or officer of the SBPOA. We are a not for profit and as such will not jeopardize our tax-exempt status through such actions. The Chair of the SBPOA board sent a letter certifying our political neutrality and an apology to the incumbent councilwoman. This letter is included with these minutes.

Before any board decision had been made, the president rejoined the discussion and resigned his position as association president. The vice president, will assume the duties of the president until the election of a new president. The former president will remain on the board as his former contributions and anticipated future contributions to association are key to the continued wellbeing of this organization.

**Treasurers' report:**

Beach Account	3919.31
Checking Account	5627.58
Savings Account	23968.64
Total	33515.53

We are 638.99 less than last year at this time due to poor clubhouse rentals in the fall. There were 2746.47 in disbursements, not including 10,000 insurance renewal.

Report Accepted

**Public Relations Report:**

Memorial bricks ordered and on their way. A time capsule brick, to mark the spot of the time capsule is in the works to celebrate, in 2029, the 100 year anniversary of the Sound Beach Property Owners Association. The capsule was started at the 75 year anniversary celebration. Plantings were made at the Veterans Memorial. Services will be held in front of the memorial on Veterans Day at 10:00 AM.

**Clubhouse report:**

We continue to have a drought on rentals. How can we consider promoting the clubhouse? It is already in the Church Bulletin. It was suggest that we list it in Pennysaver.

**Beach Report:**

No report, the beach is closed.

**Kayak Report:**

There are more deer footprints on the beach than human. No vandalism to report. We should do something about the beach chairs, though.

**Property and Maintenance:**

Everything is good at the clubhouse.

East Beach stairs are intact. Would like to purchase a shed for the clubhouse to store lawn mowers, extra chairs, etc. The Board authorized Andy Petrilak to purchase a shed as long as the price was within reason. Question was raised as to where we would put shed to allow for the proposed rear deck. Request was made to also purchase a new refrigerator. This was also authorized. A new TV has been purchased for the bar area.

Andy did a great job on the finials for the curtain rods.

A recommendation was made to name the handicapped ramp after Marge Battillo. The Eagle Scout project was approved.

**Old Business.**

The Halloween Party was very successful. \$187 profit given to give to the Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

December 3, 2009 SBPOA Board Meeting Minutes

Dave Rawlings, Vice Chair brought the meeting to order at 7:32. After Pledge of Allegiance, Bonnie Boeger was given permission to make a brief presentation to the board proposing a New Years Eve fundraising party called: *Deck the Hall*. Details of her proposal follow:

1. Funds raised from the event could be used towards either building a deck or upgrading the clubhouse exterior.
2. Her thought was that tickets would be sold for \$50 each (\$100/couple).
3. Food, noisemakers, decorations, beer and mixers would be provided. There would also be a free champagne toast. Liquor would be BYOB.
4. Entertainment to be a professional entertainer, Wade Preston (wadepreston.com)– who is Bonnie’s brother and is available. Wade is probably best known for his leading role in the Broadway musical *Movin’ Out*. The cost for his services would be \$1,500.
5. A choice of two caterers was mentioned - Richard’s Catering (\$25/head 100 guest minimum) and George’s Kitchen (\$10/head).
6. Depending on who catered and quantity of guests, we could make a profit in the range of \$500 to \$4,000. This could include paper goods, or not, once again depending on the caterer.
7. A commitment was requested from the Board to allow for payment of the caterer and the entertainer.

Bonnie excused herself after answering several questions and the meeting resumed.

November 5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting minutes were read and approved without changes or additions. Monica Walsh requested that copies of letters associated with Paul Picciotti’s resignation be placed on file with the minutes.

On behalf of Bob Bedrossian, Willie Jones noted that the state approved 15 thousand for antique street lighting on New York Avenue. This was part of the incentive funding.

**Environmental Report:** Willie Jones – Severe erosion occurred because of the recent storms. He took photos to show to our elected officials. He first started calling about the bulkhead/east beach in May of 2008. Someone suggested that this would be a great time to pull out the old pilings.

**Treasurers Report:**

Beach Account:	\$3,919.31
Checking Account:	\$5,181.94
Savings Account:	\$23,968.64
Total	\$33,069.89

We are in the red, largely because of a drop in revenue from clubhouse rentals. We need to improve 'curb appeal' of the clubhouse. What can we do to improve the façade to make it look less like a veterans hall? The Miller Place Surf Club was referenced as being a possible example of how a poor looking facility can be made to look much better. We would need to apply for appropriate building permits. Could we get the Kelly Bros. to donate landscaping, including a circular driveway in the front? We have to prioritize what needs to be done, starting with the outside. We need to hire an architect, to prepare plans suitable for obtaining building permits. David Rawlings, shared information about an architect friend (Brian Schuhardt) who is willing to prepare drawings for the Board's consideration. His fee is 50\$/hr but there was no information regarding what the final cost might be for his services. Jerry Milmoie stated that he knew of another architect who might provide plans for a fixed price. A motion was made and passed to approve a not-to-exceed architect's cost of \$300. Jerry indicated that he would communicate the Board's request to the architect.

### **Club House Report:**

Complete faucet in the kitchen sink and the entire sink in the bar was replaced. It was pointed out that the dumpster is an eyesore and contributes to a poor first impression of prospective renters. Can we ask Maggio to replace the dumpster? Can we 'hide' the dumpster with some inexpensive fencing? The Holiday decorations look great. Thanks to Jimmy.

### **Kayak Report:**

Google Docs service is working well in keeping an updated list of members, their contact information and kayak ownership. We will hold to the March deadline for payment to keep kayak rack position. A drum of sawdust was put into the bulkhead and it sealed it up after the storms.

### **Presidents Report**

Volunteers needed to distribute box of newsletters to local businesses. We have an outstanding position to fill with Monica taking on the position of President. Nancy Paul was duly nominated for VP. The motion was passed..

### **New Business:**

New Years Eve Party. Various forms of advertising were discussed, as was the feasibility of the event. A motion was passed to go ahead with the party if it could be assured there would be no net monetary loss. The instructions to be conveyed to Bonnie were as listed below:

- A minimum break-even headcount needed to be established.
- That minimum headcount needed to be reached no later than Saturday evening (Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>) in order to receive the Board's approval to commit money.

If this doesn't work, perhaps with more lead time, we could consider a St. Pat's Day party following the Parade, with the same premise.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Attendance:

David Rawlings

Jerry Milmoe

Marty Fullam

Keith Culley

Lucille Fountain

Edith Hotis

William Jones

Mimi Hodges

Linda Morea

Hannah Robinson

Nancy Paul

Monica Walsh

Excused: Andy Petrilak, Bruce Walsh, Eileen Cantwell.

(I cannot read someones signature, so I am missing one name in attendance).