

## **Big Sandy Annual Meeting Minutes July 12, 2008**

Attendance: Jayne Fraser, Claudette Dailey, Bickie & Bill Webster, Linda & Paul Mishkin, Sandy & Bruce Maeder, Maria Civita, Bonnie Souther, Deborah Bushway, Sandy & Susan Prince, Lauren Gilbert, Debbie & Al Villanucci, Brenda Dumas, Paul & Clare Paget.

Proxy Votes: Joe Jackman, Eric Miller

Meeting commenced at 10:10 AM in the beach parking lot. Debbie Villanucci, Secretary of Big Sandy Association declared that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Debbie also distributed to members copies of the 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes, Motorbike Regulations, Common Courtesies and the results of the online survey.

### President Report

Paul Paget welcomed all who attended and mentioned the newest member to Big Sandy Association, Mike & Kate Peterson & Wayne & Judy Lucier who have purchased the former Mattiello residence.

First order of business was unanimous acceptance of the 2007 minutes.

Paul indicated that he was stepping down as President after four years and completing the goal of transitioning the management of Big Sandy Association, establishing more involvement, distributing the workload, and empowering more people in the overall management of the association and its operations.

Paul also indicated that at a meeting prior to this annual meeting, the directors had reviewed the financial reports and found that the books were in order. He indicated that subject to the acceptance of the treasurer's report by the members; the directors recommend that the dues for 2008/09 remain at \$225.00

### Treasurer's Report: Maria Civita

Maria provided copies of the July 1, 2007 to July 3, 2008 profit & loss statement summary. She indicated that the books were available for review by any member. She indicated that there were no outstanding dues this year that everyone had paid. Members unanimously accepted the financial report and also dues for 2008/09 at \$225.00. Paul commended Maria for the excellent work collecting all dues on time.

### Secretary Report: Debbie Villanucci

2007 meeting minutes (attached).

Debbie reviewed the documents that were distributed and mentioned above. She emphasized the importance of members providing her with proper email and address info so that she can keep all updated. She discussed her plans to get a new sign at the top of the road, purchasing additional road signs and replacing the beach sign. An idea was raised to look into seasonal (temporary) speed bumps for the road.

The current directory of property owners was handed out for members to correct and make any changes.

The web page for Big Sandy will be renewed for another year.

Road Management: Bruce Maeder and George Osgood (not present)

Bruce reviewed all of the completed road work including: grading; a new culvert installed near the Dehners property to alleviate the water run off; brush trimming at the "T".

A road work day was planned for Saturday August 8th from 7:00am - 11:00am - all members are invited to participate.

Bruce also reported that the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District committed \$1000. to Big Sandy Association for the large culvert that was installed in 2005 over the brook. The check will be issued to the Big Sandy Association this year. George Osgood was very instrumental in helping the association qualify for this grant.

Finally Bruce raised the fact that the road will need investment in additional asphalt the next year or two that may require more funds than the annual budget allows. He indicated that the managers will be looking at options in the next few months and report to the members when ready, however at this time there is no reason to recommend an assessment until the numbers and options are known.

Snow Plowing Manager: Eric Miller

Paul Paget spoke on behalf of Eric and reported that this winter season had the most accumulation of snow in the last 15 years at 125", It was difficult to keep the road open but the plow company worked to widen the road. The availability of sand was a problem due to the record snowfall, the town public works had precedence over smaller contractors. Eric is getting proposals for this coming winter season and expects due to energy costs that the fee will increase.

Dock Manager: Al Villanucci

Al reported that the docks received another coat of staining this year by the dock users and that there are 2 slips still available for purchase.

Voting of Officers:

Voting: Nominations as follows:  
Paul Mishkin-President & Director  
Paul Paget-Director  
Bruce Maeder-Director  
Maria Civita-Treasurer  
Debbie Villanucci-Secretary

Paul Mishkin spoke about his interest in the president position at Big Sandy.

A unanimous voice vote approved all **of the nominations above** for a 1 year term and all accepted.

Paul Paget has asked other members to consider volunteering to run for positions to get more members involved in the association to keep maintain a strong balance.

Open Discussion:

The experimental online survey was reviewed by Paul Paget and a discussion ensued regarding the most significant concerns, questions and comments. Members liked the anonymous online survey and want to see this become a regular annual practice.

The survey showed strong support by the members for the condition and work on the road and communications in general.

The issues of focus were:

1) Dogs – Members commented that the number of dogs had increased and attention needed to be given to ensuring that dogs are not on the loose and that owners pick up after them. The directors agreed to update the common courtesies to emphasize the control of dogs at Big Sandy.

2) Speeding – Always a concern and clearly a concern based on the survey. More signage needed, and attention by members. In particular member are responsible to tell there renters and contractors to respect the speed limit of 15 MPH.

3) Dirt Bikes- the rules will stay the same for another year.

The members unanimously reconfirmed the common courtesies (with additional emphasis on dog control), and motorbike rules for the upcoming year.

Special Recognition

George Osgood was given special recognition and a certificate by the Directors on behalf of the Big Sandy Association. George has gone above and beyond in improving the road which is in the best condition ever in the history of the association.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am and was followed by a social hour of coffee & donuts by the attending members.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING:

SATURDAY JULY 11TH @ 9:30 AM