

April 7, 2024  
Board of Governors meeting  
Call to Order: 10:04 am.

**BOG Members in Attendance:**

Jeanne Boggs  
Keri Jockers  
Kathy Bennetto  
Rich Bowden  
David Pettinicchi  
Jennifer Cerrito  
Rich Marino  
Joe Santaniello

**SMA member in attendance:**

Dori Marino

Treasurer's report: Kathy - Reviewed current budget.

Discussed money we made from events: People liked the pizza truck, but timing was off - maybe later in the day (closer to dinner), not as close to bbq, maybe a taco truck.

Jeanne getting a quote on what it will be to fix the stairs / docks at the beach

Joe / Rich - Clubhouse

- Plumbing is on, working
- Rich said he was here looking at the roof with the roofer and Rosario - reviewed everything with him. Also, he might have a guy who can take care of the front steps. Lattice work along the front of the clubhouse needs work. Roof - just under \$15,000 Saybrook Copper Works .
- Dave P wants to shop around for insurance, so he needs a copy of our current policy.
- Joe - website is up and running. Online rental form is working well. He's gotten feedback to make the form more user friendly. Currently 4 rentals, one paid for.
- We discussed using automated payments for rentals and possibly taxes. It might be worth the service fees we'd have to pay because it might get more people to rent.
- Joe will link the website to the Facebook page. Jen will update FB with the new website.
- Website address: saybrookmanorassociation.com
- Lots of good feedback from members on the new site.

Jeanne - do we need the cameras on from Dec. 1 to March 1? The electricity bill is only \$49, so it's probably worth it.

Discussion of getting Internet service at the clubhouse - Frontier is \$25 / month - 12 months for residential pricing. Unanimously voted for Frontier, get electronic lock for the door.

Cosco / Sams / BJ's - for now, we'll just use one of the board members' memberships because an association membership is too expensive.

The paperwork from before 2015 is missing - asked Jeff B for it, and he said it was all archived digitally, but Dave P said he can't find anything before 2015.

Dave P visited 11 beaches with the OSCRC - to see the issues that other beaches are having. Chalker has a big problem - all the run off from Kohl's goes under the road and comes out at Chalker beach. They get lots of flooding and people have to move out of their houses when that happens. Fenwood is getting some federal \$.

Recommendations for us were to put sea grasses up - we should get Oyster river dredged. We would retain more of the beach if we did that. OSCRC has a couple of grants pending. They're trying to put in one big grant for all of the beaches involved. There are retroactive grants. Joe Russo - of OSCRC - wants to speak at general membership meetings - he could speak at September meeting so that he could make the members aware of the issues. Rich suggested putting some information on the website and FB.

Rich M said he thought that if there is a commercial business, the federal government has to keep it dredged - Dave P will look into it.

4 Shore - another website regarding beach issues - town oriented (OS, Westbrook, etc) - not association oriented.

#### **Jen - events:**

May 18: Clubhouse clean up, rain date May 19

June 30 - Crafts and Crap Fair - people pay \$25 for a table and can sell items there from 10-2. Send checks to 70 Hartford Ave. Get vendors and advertise to bring people in for the event. We already have some tables reserved. Minimum of 10 tables to make it worth it.

July 4 - Thursday - parade / hot dogs

July 6 - BINGO

July 20 or 27 BBQ / cornhole tourney (and one will be BINGO)

August 10 - 4:00-6:00 - cocktails and conversation - bring an **hors d'oeuvres**

#### **Events to think about - put out to membership to find out interest:**

- Painting and wine night at clubhouse: Need 15 people minimum - \$45
- Movie night

SWAG: Discussion of whether we should go with Abdul or stick with Shirt Shark - Keri will speak to Abdul again about putting in an order so that we have items to sell right away, and need to get prices from him. Also ask him to come to July 4 bbq to sell shirts, potentially June 30 at craft fair. Also, Keri will ask him about koozies, cups, hats.

Kathy will find out trash pick up days and let Keri know (for spring letter)

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.