

SMA Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Rich Bowden, Dorri Marino, Rich Marino, Rosario Savastra, Jean Boggs, Dave D'Anna, Kathy Bennetto, Dave Pettinicchi, Jen Cerrito

Review of previous meeting's minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Open clubhouse third weekend in May (see Item 8 in "New Business" for further discussion of this item). Dave D. will turn on water, etc. prior to then.
2. Some discussion of the new steps in front of the Clubhouse. Rosario will follow-up.

New Business:

1. OSCRC (Old Saybrook Coastal Resilience Coalition) - Dave P. did an update on OSCRC, which was officially established as a non-profit earlier this month. Ten beach associations are participating. Dave listed those, along with board members and officers, then gave a brief overview of the organization's goals.
2. Hammer Law – This basically limits building of structures between May and September, except for emergency situations. We do not have such stipulations in our by-laws and would have to formally add them if we go that route. We will ask around to see what other associations are doing on this, then discuss further.
3. Air B & B – We cannot tell owners what they can and cannot do with their property, but some renters are not following rules (see Item 5 below).
4. Security Cameras - Should we install cameras at the clubhouse to deter vandalism? Board voted unanimously to go forward with this. Rosario will check with appropriate companies on this.
5. Renters – Owners need to inform their renters of the rules and regulations. This will be included in the annual letter to owners. The board is not responsible for damages; individual owners are.
6. Wall Maintenance – Jean called Pinder to follow-up and will continue to try to get someone to do much-needed wall repair.
7. Beach Update (Rosario):
 - a) Need to rebuild two ladders at the docks
 - b) Checking to see if we need more sand
 - c) Chalker Beach pulls sand up and away, making a bit of a barrier. We will explore this
 - d) Call Jeff regarding beach cleanup
 - e) Clean up by the new white wall on Hartford Avenue beach, and replant
 - f) Explore options for winter beach fencing (portable) during winter months, to mitigate beach erosion.
 - g) SMA Rules signs – Discussed various styles etc. Signs will be ordered and installed.

8. Clubhouse (Dave D.):
 - a) Cleanup Day on May 20, with rain date of May 21. We will offer to sign off on volunteer hours for high school/college kids who volunteer to help.
 - b) We already have three bookings for the clubhouse, so need to coordinate our summer activities and block those dates (see Item 9 below).
9. Activities (Jen Cerrito): Three-page handout and poster board chart of potential activities. Group chose the following:
 - a) Meet and Greet - June 25, by the Wall Beach, 3-5 p.m.
 - b) Bicycle Decorating – July 3
 - c) Golf Cart decorating and parade, with hot dog roast – July 4
 - d) Bingo – July 8
 - e) Cornhole/Barbecue – July 15. We would like to merge these two activities into a single event. Rosario will check with Patrick on availability for BBQ.
 - f) Bingo – July 29
 - g) SMA 90th Birthday (two years late because of Covid) – August 12
 - h) No Pasta Night this year
 - i) Miscellaneous – Movie Night, Bagels on the Beach, Basketball Free Throw Contest, Morning Walk and Talk, Yoga on the Beach
10. SMA Swag – Check with Keri on dates, logistics etc.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 Noon.