

Summer/Fall 2021



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## Message from the President

Hi everyone,

I hope each of you have had a safe and healthy summer. Neil and I, for the first time since building our beach house in 2012, had the pleasure of spending a large portion of our summer there. For the most part the weather was spectacular. However, we were graced with what I will call an undocumented nor'easter that left numerous large puddles on many of the roads. You know what I'm talking about... roads where a kayak is a better mode of transportation than a car? This is a frequent occurrence in an area where the altitude is at sea level. Regardless of the puddles, there are fewer simple pleasures in life than spending time at the beach. Who doesn't love the breathtaking sunrises and sunsets, the ever-changing foreshore depositing endless sea treasures, watching a turtle nest hatch, feeling the sand between your toes as you walk along the water's edge and looking up at the dunes to see the horses grazing? We truly are blessed to have and be part of these wonderful gifts of nature.

Our charge as owners of property in the 4x4 area is to preserve and protect the serenity of this unspoiled land. This includes working alongside the Carova Beach Volunteer Fire & Rescue (CBVFR), who is trying to build a second station in Swan Beach, the Corolla Wild Horse Fund (CWHF) advocating for the health and safety of the horses and the Network for Endangered Sea Turtles (NEST). That being said, in addition to Fruitville Beach Civic Association (FBCA) advocating for the entire strand of the 4x4 including Knotts Island (aka Fruitville Beach Township), there are property owners associations in Swan Beach (SBPOA) and North Swan Beach (NSBPOA). Please see information below for each of these entities listed above. If you live or have property in these areas, please show your support as you plan your finances and perhaps consider becoming a member of FBCA and/or the area in which you live.

Till soon,  
Eva

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**Carova Beach Volunteer Fire & Rescue**  
252-453-8690 (non-emergency)  
<https://www.cbvfandr.com/>

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**Corolla Wild Horse Fund**  
252-453-8002 (non-emergency)  
<https://www.corollawildhorses.com>  
*Note the Community Toolkit*

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**Network for Endangered Sea Turtles**  
252-441-8622  
<https://www.nestonline.org/>

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See our Facebook page & visit our website at <https://www.fruitvillebeach.com>

# 2021 Meeting Minutes

## Fruitville Beach Civic Association Annual General Membership Zoom Meeting May 29, 2021

### Meeting called to order at 11:30AM.

President Eva Casola introduced FBCA Officers and Board Members at Large

Officers & Board Members Present: President Eva Casola, Vice President Gina Albrecht, Treasurer Norman Zwahlen, Secretary Tom Hudak, Board Members At Large Neil Casola, Cathie Blanton; Absent Board Members At Large Pat Carstater, Connie Johnson, Jack Pardue.

17 members participated via zoom.

Eva Casola introduced guest speaker Jay Laughmiller, Chief CBVFD. Jay discussed progress relevant to Swan Beach Fire Station. Initial steps to build a heli pad, road way access, and draft pond. Building will house 2 fire trucks and 2 EMTs available 24/7. For donations Jay suggested writing a check with "Swan Beach Station" in the memo portion, or payment can be made through the CBCFD website by navigating to the "Station 72" tab and click the "Donate" button for online payment information and procedure for making a donation.

Approval of 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as Posted on FBCA website

Motion to Approve Neil Casola ; second Tom Hudak. Discussion to amend minutes to note that blank ballots are accepted as an abstention. All in Favor, Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report presented by Tom Hudak for Norman Zwahlen, Treasurer

Motion by Neil Casola, & second Theresa Minchew to approve Treasurer's Report . All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Carol Slamowitz second by Neil Casola to accept Treasurer's report as the official audit of record. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Motion to donate \$100 to CBVFD, \$100 for Station 7 and Wild Horse Fund

Motion by Theresa Minchew, second Neil Casola All In Favor Motion Carried

Membership and Election Results Report presented by Cathie Blanton

275 members on the roster includes active and inactive. 11 members have been removed due to sale of property, deceased, moved with no forwarding address or dues not paid for past 5 years. 39 members have paid dues; 13 paid dues electronically. 20 comp members on roster (local, county state officials and newspapers); 0 legal defense contributions.

Motion by Tom Hudak & second Neil Casola to accept Membership Report and Election Results. All in Favor Motion carried.

### Old Business

Legal Defense Update—Eva Casola

Roger Knight provided a summary of his work and fees as of June 20, 2018 withdrawal of \$865 which was actually 2019 for fees associated with preparation of amicus brief in Swan Beach LLC vs Currituck Co case. In Feb 2020, as a result of dues collection, \$950 was forwarded on Feb 20, 2020 for deposit in attorney trust account. There was no activity in 2020 require Roger's assistance, current balance in attorney trust account is \$2,029.11. \$10 of the \$30 dues is designated for legal defense. Roger Knight has been generous in working with the FBCA in so far as his fee is concerned, and the FBCA wishes to maintain this relationship.

## **Membership Minutes – Old Business (cont.)**

Mid County Bridge Update—Gina Albrecht

Project in limbo

Ongoing litigation, Southern Environmental Law Group is suing NC regarding the Mid County Bridge project alleging that the project is in violation of standards put forth by National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Permitting from Coast Guard, Dept. of Engineers. Ann Sauers asked why permitting has not begun. Gina does not know why.

### **New Business**

Eva Casola discussed upgrade to FBCA website that allows for online dues payment, membership updates/new memberships, credit card swipe at meetings etc.

Carol Slamowitz suggested using social media such as Carova 4x4, North of Ramp. Terry Minchew suggested using the other social media groups for meeting notices and creating a private FBCA page. A social media committee was formed to begin the process. Members are Eva Casola, Carol Slamowitz, Cathie Blanton and Terry Minchew.

The FBCA has purchased an annual zoom license at an annual fee of \$150 to enhance conducting meetings especially since a majority of members are scattered throughout the country.

Board of Directors recommends amending bylaws to include electronic submission of ballots. A notice will be mailed to all members to amend Section 5 2 C. Motion by Tom Hudak second Bud Brame, All in Favor motion carried.

### **Other Pertinent Matters/Open Discussion**

Eva Casola reported that CBVFD Auxiliary is conducted a successful craft fair on the grounds of the Fire Station yesterday afternoon. Following the craft fair A Community meeting was held in the Fire Station and moderated by Chief Laughmiller. Town Hall in Carova to be held sometime during June. Carol Slamowitz volunteered to pass on information to the FBCA. Carol's email [carolslamowitz@gmail.com](mailto:carolslamowitz@gmail.com)

Gina expressed thanks to Carol Slamowitz for sharing local information with us.

Tom recognized zoom participant Randy Minchew for having served on the FBCA Board in the 1980's and 90's. Randy and Tom worked on a variety issues including beach driving.

Motion to adjourn 12:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Tom Hudak, FBCA Secretary

## Meeting Minutes (cont.)

### Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - January 1, 2020----December 31, 2020

<b>Balance January 1, 2020</b>		<b>8,877.08</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Dues/Donations	1,196.07	
Interest Earned	0.94	
Total Receipts		1,196.07
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Printing, Postage Supplies	96.60	
PO Box	64.00	
Website		
Legal		
Donation		
Meeting Expense		
Supplies		
Total Disbursements		160.60
<b>Balance December 31, 2020</b>		<b>9,913.45</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Hudak, as discussed via telephone conference call.  
Norman J. Zwahlen, Treasurer

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## FBCA Updates

Please pay your membership dues if you have not already done so. Anyone owning property in the 4x4 area, including Knotts Island, is welcome to become a member. Dues are \$30 per calendar year per property owner and may be paid through our secure website at <https://www.fruitvillebeach.com> where a downloadable membership form is also available.

During the May 2021 meeting, it was voted to amend the FBCA Bylaws to allow electronic ballots. Also, per Robert's Rules of Order, blank ballots for future voting will be counted as an abstention.

Several of the 4x4 organizations have submitted a request to the Currituck County Board of Commissioners for a closed door work session this fall to address public safety and driving concerns. We will keep you informed as new information develops.

## FBCA Updates (cont.)

We want to extend a big thank you to Carol Slamowitz for setting up the FBCA Facebook page. It may be found under Fruitville Beach Civic Association. Please visit the page and request to become a member if you are not already.

## Currituck County News & Reminders

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners will have their regular meeting on 9/20/2021 at 6:00 pm at the Historic Currituck Courthouse Complex, 153 Courthouse Rd, Currituck, NC. There will be full-time residents presenting suggestions for safer horse tour regulations. If you are in the area you are invited to attend as a silent observer to show your support. All meetings are available for viewing at <https://co.currituck.nc.us/board-of-commissioners/watch-board-meetings/> for those who cannot attend in person.

In the absence of Ben Stikeleather, Ike McRee has been appointed interim County Manager as of August 28.

Beach parking permits will not be required in the 4x4 area until Friday, May 27, 2022. Likewise, driving limitations on the foreshore are lifted until that time. Please remain informed regarding beach driving at <https://co.currituck.nc.us/beach-parking/currituck-outer-banks-beach-driving/>

## Just in case you need to report a renter or horse tour infraction....

1. Take pictures
2. Call the Sheriff's non-emergency number (252-232-2216)
3. Call/email the County ([Commissioners@CurrituckCountyNC.gov](mailto:Commissioners@CurrituckCountyNC.gov))  
252-232-2075 ext. 4002  
**ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE:**  
Commend a driver or register a complaint  
<https://co.currituck.nc.us/horse-tours/tour-driver-training/>
4. Call the tour company (try to have truck # or license plate)



**Wild Horse Adventure Tours**  
252-202-6670

**Bobs Wild Horse Tours**  
252-453-8602

**Hummer Adventure Tours**  
252-489-2020

**Corolla Wild Horse Tours**  
252-207-0511

**Corolla Outback Adventures**  
855-275-5071

**Back Beach Wild Horse Tours**  
252-453-6141

**Back Country Safari Tours**  
252-453-0877

**Corolla Jeep Adventures**  
252-453-6899

**Turo.com Jeep/Truck Rentals**  
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