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Message from the President

HAPPY 2025! 🎉 As we welcome a new year, we want to take this moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for each of you. Your support and involvement are what make this community truly unique, and we are grateful for the connections and camaraderie that bind us together.

This past season has been eventful in many ways, and we wanted to share a couple of updates with you. One of our Board Members at Large recently resigned, and we are incredibly thankful for their service and dedication. Additionally, our Secretary experienced a fall just before Thanksgiving, and we wish him a speedy recovery. These and other updates will be expanded upon further in the newsletter.

As the new year begins, one of my personal resolutions is to improve the timeliness of our newsletters—a step toward avoiding the pitfalls of procrastination! While the most current updates are often shared on our Facebook page, we recognize that not everyone uses social media. That's why having an updated newsletter sent on a more quarterly basis is so important for keeping everyone informed and connected. If you feel this might be your forte or have the time to assist with this important task, your help will make a significant difference and be greatly appreciated. Additionally, with a vacancy on our Board, we encourage anyone who has been a dues-paying member for the past two years and is interested in helping shape the future of FBCA to consider stepping into this vital role.

As we count down to the start of 2025, let's look ahead with optimism and excitement for what's to come. May the new year bring fresh opportunities, memorable moments, and continued strength for our incredible community. Thank you for being a part of FBCA—we look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Till soon,

Eva Casola
President, Fruitville Beach Civic Association



Fruitville Beach Civic Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Carova Beach VFR
May 26, 2024

Present: Eva Casola, Connie Johnson, Pat Carstater---Via Zoom, Neil Casola, Carol Slamowitz--Via Zoom, Cathie Blanton, Bud Nusselt, Jennifer Early, Tom Hudak.

30 Members in attendance; plus 13 via zoom for a total of 43.

Meeting Called to Order at 9:40am

Announcements---Eva outlined procedures for accessing restrooms, and steps to be followed in the event of a Fire Department call to action.

Introduction of Guest Speaker---Tony Angell

Eva Casola introduced newly elected Commissioner Tony Angell who will be seated in November. Tony's email address Angell.Tony.2024@gmail.com; phone # 336-692-1099.

Tony provided an overview of his background, where he grew up, career as a software engineer, and wrestling coach at HS in Moyock. Discussion ensued pertinent to topics under consideration by current Commissioner Board such as bids and funding issues for Carova Service District Road Maintenance; Wild Horse Tours, EMS and Health Care issues, New Ambulance for Carova Beach EMS, COs for homes and Occupancy Issues. A brief question and answer period followed Tony's remarks.

Presentation of 2023 Board Meeting Minutes: Tom Hudak

Copies of minutes appeared on FBCA Website including Summer Fall Newsletter for review.

Tom reviewed and called for motion to approve. Motion to approve Eva Casola, seconded, Bonita Bertovich. No Discussion, All in Favor, Motion Carried.

(General Membership Meeting Minutes continued)

Treasurers Report for 2023---Eva Casola

Eva presented report on behalf of Pat Carstater that included an overview of revenue, disbursements including status of legal defense fund.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

January 1, 2023 ----- December 31, 2023

Balance January 1, 2023 \$8,079.78

Receipts

Dues	1917.47	
Interest Earned	0.79	1918.26
Total		\$9,998.04

Disbursements

Printing, Postage and Supplies	543.89	
PO Box	180.00	
Web Site		
Drop Box Electronic Storage	203.88	
Zoom	16.79	
Legal Defense	1190.00	
Donation	500.00	
Meeting Expense	257.85	
Total Disbursements		\$2,892.41

Balance December 31, 2023 \$7,105.63

Respectfully Submitted
Pat Carstater, Treasurer

(General Membership Meeting Minutes continued)

Motion by Dick Morgan; seconded by Bruce to accept Treasurer's Report; Discussion Eva suggested amending the motion to include review of the report as our internal audit. All In Favor, Motion Carried.

Pat Carstater has resigned as Treasurer but will remain as a Board Member. Bud Nusselt volunteered for the Treasurer's Position; and Cathie Blanton volunteered for the Membership Chairperson. Board of Directors in accordance with By-Laws approved revision of Board positions.

FBCA Membership Report 2024 and Election Update Report Date: 5/26/2024 Committee Member: Pat Carstater - Report presented by Cathie Blanton

MEMBERSHIP

- 444 total number on roster (active, inactive & COMP) (2023 was 339)

Note: 2024 Membership Drive produced approximately 80 new members as of Friday's cut-off date

- 10 people removed due to
 - Property Sold
 - Deceased
 - No current mailing address
 - Have not been members in 5+ years
- 152 (34%) dues paying active members (2023 was 41 or 12%)
- 60 (40%) paid dues electronically (2023 was 25 or 61%)
- 20 Comp copies (local, state and fed officials and news rep.)

Motion by Dick Morgan to accept Membership Report, seconded by Eva Casola. No discussion; All in Favor

FBCA Election Results 2024 Report Date: May 26, 2024 Prepared by: Pat Carstater, Presented by Cathie Blanton

- 47 # of ballots received
 - 41 paper votes
 - 6 electronic votes (13%)
 - All votes were for the incumbent slate with no write-in candidates

Results are as follows:

President: Eva Casola

Secretary: Tom Hudak

Board Members at large: Cathie Blanton and Jennifer Early

Bruce Blanton made a motion to certify the election results, seconded by Dick Morgan, No Discussion, All in Favor, Motion Carried.

(General Membership Meeting Minutes continued)

Old Business:

Beach Vitex Update—Bud Nusselt reported that he, Neil and Eva took a ride up to MP 19 to check growth of Beach vitex on property located at 1921 Sandpiper. The property owner allowed application of lyfosate and procedures for scraping plant. Carol Slamowitz emphasized the need to notify property owners before taking action. Bud indicated adjacent property owners were supportive. Beach vitex is an invasive species and we are acting on behalf of the NC Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, we are not required to contact homeowners in order to eradicate the plant, however it its a nice courtesy to do so. Bud indicated 10 to 20 needed to help with project. Bud gave a slide presentation.

Social Media- Eva Casola- FBCA Facebook page active. Approximately 170 active participants.

Carova Beach Volunteer Fire and Rescue----Jennifer Early

Jennifer reported on updates for Stations 7 & 7-2; Craft Fair/Bake Sale.

Work with County is ongoing for equipment upgrades. CBVFR looking at several fund raisers, including upcoming Donkey Derby. Board voted for \$100 donation to Station 7; Station 7-2. Discussion—Carol Slamowitz raised question for donation to Donkey Derby fund raiser. Jennifer stated that perhaps donations should go to Auxiliary for use as needed. Motion to rescind motion by Tom Hudak, seconded by Jennifer Early to amend to redirect to CBVFR Auxiliary Donkey Derby because all funds benefit Fire Dept. in lieu of donations to Station 7 & 7.2 All in favor, Motion Carried.

CWHF News and Upcoming Events----Carol Slamowitz

Carol reported that Chris Winters is the new CEO. Chris possesses a wealth of knowledge for non-profit funding. He is interested in the acquisition of property to create a corridor for the horses. Information regarding adoption of horses off farm was discussed. Eva Casola announced Board approval to donate \$100 to the CWHF.

Mid Currituck Bridge----Connie Johnson reported that the estimated cost for the bridge is now \$1 Billion Dollar. NCDOT has applied for a federal grant and updated project schedule. Environmental approvals pending and planning will continue.

Spongy Moth Update- Bud Nusselt reported that aerial spraying of affected areas has been completed. No plans in place for another application.

Network for Endangered Sea Turtles (NEST)---Cathie Blanton

NEST covers area from Nags Head to Virginia State Line. Cathie reported that turtle season runs from May thru September. Volunteer teams have been combing the beach before sunrise. She mentioned that Most of our turtles come ashore at night to nest and urged care in driving on beach, and taking care so as not to disturb nest. Kemp's Ridley sea turtles nest during the day, with one be recently spotted. NEST website www.nestonline.org. Eva Casola announced Board approval for donation in the amount of \$100 to Nest.

(General Membership Meeting Minutes continued)

New Business

Trash Bin Ordinance in Progress---Carol Slamowitz mentioned county ordinance requiring secure garbage coral is in effect for all homes in 4x4 area. Homeowners have 6 months to comply. Complaints to Public Works Director Leighton Garwood.

Plug for Donkey Derby- Carol Slamowitz enthusiastically provided an overview of the Fund Raiser, and encourage all to participate. Sponsors welcomed. Event scheduled for July19th 3pm till 6pm with silent auction.

Other Pertinent Matters

Board approved sending a letter to Board of Commissioners pertinent to hours of operation for Horse Tours, Traffic on Beach, Unified Development Ordinance. Submit letters to commissioners Leann.Walton@cc.nc.gov.


Motion by Eva Casola, seconded by Cathie Blanton to form an Out Reach Committee that would be co-chaired by Carol Slamowitz and Jennifer Early. The committee would be involved with review of community-based projects to be approved. Discussion—Carol Slamowitz suggested additional FBCA sponsored activities in 4x4 area; other comments included property for horses, different passes for ramp access; support for active air down station. Jennifer suggested community meeting with Sheriff. All In Favor. Motion Carried.


Subsequently Eva Casola nominated Carol Slamowitz as activities chairperson, seconded by Jennifer Early All in Favor Motion Carried.


Motion to Adjourn Eva Casola, Seconded Tom Hurley.


Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

FBCA NEWS BRIEFS



 FBCA Secretary and former President Tom Hudak fell during the Thanksgiving weekend and has been hospitalized since. We're happy to report he is improving. If you'd like to send him a note of encouragement, his address is in the margin on page 1 of this newsletter.

 Carol Slamowitz has stepped down as Board Member at Large. We sincerely thank her for her dedication and contributions to FBCA. Though her time on the Board was brief, her service was greatly valued, and we're pleased she will remain an active member of our community.

 We are seeking to fill a Board Member position for the May 2025 election and encourage dues-paying members of at least two years to consider a nomination. This is a great opportunity to support our community's growth. For more details, contact Eva Casola or any Board member—contact information is in the margin on page 1.



 Membership forms and dues for the 2025 calendar year may now be submitted. Dues are \$30 per property owner and can be paid online via PayPal at www.fruitvillebeach.com or by check. Forms may be mailed or emailed (a photo works, too). Instructions and addresses for submission are on the form included in this newsletter.

FBCA Membership Form


 Please complete and return this form with your \$30 dues payment per property owner 



Payment Options:

-  **Online:** Use PayPal at www.fruitvillebeach.com.
-  **Mail:** Send your form and payment to:

FBCA
PO Box 482
Corolla, NC 27927

-  **Email:** Complete the form and email a scanned copy or photo to FBCAMembership@gmail.com



Membership Information:

• **Name(s):** _____

• **Home Mailing Address:** _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

• **Phone #:** _____

• **Email Address:** _____

(Providing your email helps reduce printing and mailing costs!)

• **Beach 911 Address (4x4 Property):** _____

• **Subdivision:** _____



Payment Details:

• **Paid Amount:** \$ _____

• **Submission Method:**

- Credit Card (via PayPal)
- Check #: _____



Interested in Serving on the FBCA Board?

Yes, please contact me!



Questions?

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NOTE: Mark your calendar now for the annual FBCA meeting most likely on Saturday, May 24, 2025. Location & time TBA