

**Avon Property Owners' Association, Inc.**  
**Fall 2015 Meeting Minutes**  
**November 28, 2015**

Board Members Present:

Brent Larson, President  
Norm Campbell, Vice President  
Rick Anzolut, Treasurer  
Pat Weston, Director  
Terry Ponton, Director  
Frank Folb, Director

Board Members Absent:

Bernie Tetreault, Secretary

Brent called the meeting to order. Approximately 50 members were in attendance. Brent welcomed the attendees, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Board was introduced to the membership.

Brent then presented the Spring 2015 Meeting Minutes for consideration by the membership, which were not available on the APOA website. There were no questions from the membership, and a motion for approval as presented passed unanimously.

Rick presented the Financial Report detailing 2015 cash and investment balances, revenue and expenses, including his projections through year-end. He covered each line item in some detail for the membership, including the Recommended Budget for 2016. A motion to approve the 2016 Budget as recommended passed unanimously.

Brent presented the Membership agenda item indicating a current paid membership of 468 for 2015. Membership has grown in each of the last two years increasing almost 20% since 2013.

Norm was recognized to present the report on Boardwalk repairs. He offered statistics on the 22 boardwalks maintained by the APOA, including the number of boards and handrail boards replaced and the number of bushes trimmed at the beginning of the season.

Frank and Rick were offered the opportunity to report on the Avon Clean Beach Program. A brief discussion of excessive trash in certain cans noted that collection times vary with the contractor where some collections were performed in the morning and others in the evening. Trash is collected every third day in June and every other day in July and August. The possibility of more frequent collections noted that increased costs would occur. APOA pays the contractor \$250 per collection. Frank also mentioned that if his shop sells, we will have to relocate the dumpster to another property.

Pat reported on the scholarship program that awards two first year student and two second year

student scholarships. It was reported that half of the first and all of the second year scholarships were not requested by the applicants. The Board will further discuss the program at a future meeting in effort to make it more successful.

Pat reported on the fireworks show. Some members of the board wanted another organization to sponsor the show for 2016. Pat reported that a sponsor has to be a tax-exempt organization to qualify for the County's grant that covers half the show cost. She has not been able to find another tax-exempt organization. The board voted before the meeting to continue sponsoring the show in 2016.

Rick reported on the informal audit performed by our bank branch manager. The manager's letter was distributed to the members present. It indicated that the books and transactions are in order. It suggested that the APOA consider budgeting for the fireworks show since all revenues and expenses are through the APOA, but are not budgeted.

Under New Business, the little library on Shallow Point Drive was brought to the member's attention. The Community Dinner on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Avon VFD was also announced. Brent then presented the issue of special tax districts on Hatteras Island to fund beach restoration just north of Buxton. Several members engaged in the discussion noting both Avon and Hatteras Village also need beach restoration. The County Board of Commissioners will be discussing the matter over the next few months. While the County has the money for the Buxton project and intends to commence work in 2016, the level of special taxation for each village on Hatteras Island has not been decided.

Elections for the 2016 APOA Board were then conducted. Brent, Norm, Bernie and Frank are retiring from the Board. Brent presented a slate of candidates that included Pat, Terry and Rick running for re-election along with three new candidates; Jane Grimm, George Hockenbury and Trish Tesh. A request to the members present then generated the application of Martha Brown. That slate of seven candidates was approved by voice vote. (Editor's Note: Trish Tesh later withdrew her application, so the Board may appoint a seventh member at its discretion.)

The Spring 2016 Meeting date of Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am was announced.

Finally, the retiring Board Members were recognized with an ovation.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Rick Anzolut, Acting Secretary