

Avon Property Owners' Association, Inc.
Spring 2015 Meeting Minutes
Avon Volunteer Firehouse
April 4, 2015

Board Members Present:

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

President Larson called the meeting to order at promptly 10:00am. Approximately 50 members were in attendance. He welcomed those in attendance and asked the Board to self-introduce themselves to the membership.

Fall meeting minutes: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the general membership meeting held November 2014 be accepted as posted on the APOA website. The motion passed without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Anzolut gave a brief report on APOA finances, indicating a \$36,656 Cash Balance. He noted that 2014 was a good year for the organization in that there was net positive income due mostly to an increase in membership from 406 to 453. He did note, however, that although expenses were about the same as the previous year, beach cleanup expenses had increased due to the contractor's increase in insurance cost.

A property owner (Brazda) asked if the organization had a Membership Committee. President Larson responded in the negative but indicated that the use of Facebook and our website had increased the organization's visibility.

Report on Boardwalks: Norm Campbell opened by thanking Paul Gufman for his donation of lumber that was used in boardwalk maintenance. The President indicated that most boardwalks are located north of the fishing pier and only one is south of the pier. He noted that boardwalks cannot be "private" even though they may be on private property and that boardwalks are not permitted on National Park Service property without first obtaining a Special Use Permit from the NPS.

Beach Cleanup: It was noted that APOA had been commended by the National Park Service for this program.

Scholarships: Pat Weston indicated that applications for scholarship had not yet been received but when they are they will be reviewed and a recommendation made to the Board.

Old Business: President Larson indicated and commended Rick Anzolut for obtaining general liability insurance for APOA activities. The coverage limits are \$1 million per incident with a \$2 million maximum. (Need clarification here) A question from the floor, “What does general liability insurance have to do with an individual homeowner?” President Larson asked Director Folb to respond since he recently had contact with a NC Lawyer on this exact issue. Folb indicated that the lawyer informed him that there is a very slim chance in NC that an individual property owner would be even charged let alone held liable.

President Larson informed the membership due to the recent purchase of East Carolina Bank by an outside organization the APOA had transferred its bank to First South Bank. He further indicated that First South Bank would charge no fee to APOA and our finances would be internally audited.

Director Weston indicated that fireworks would be held in Avon again this year, scheduled for the 4th of July and that the necessary permitting process was underway to permit them again being discharged from the Avon Fishing Pier.

New Business: *Commercial Parking on private property-* President Larson indicated that an issue of commercial parking had been raised with him from a property owner in Kinnakeet Shores. He had responded that that was not an APOA concern and the property owner should approach Kinnakeet Shores Property Owners’ Association. The Board had concurred with his handling of the matter.

*Nature of APOA Membership-*It was noted that APOA is a voluntary membership organization and as such it does not constitute a Homeowners Association.

Seals south of Oregon Inlet- A inquiry from the floor was dispensed by the President with the statement that he had no information on that matter.

*Beach Access-*It was noted that the Congress of the United States had directed the NPS Superintendent to be less restrictive when designating the size of resource closures and to provide access to non-closed areas.

*Dangerous and abandoned properties-*There are provisions for Homeowner Associations to deal with “attractive nuisances” but since APOA is not an HOA (See Above) it has not power in that regard. Dare County does not have an ordinance to deal with such matters or chooses not to enforce what one might expect they could.

Appreciation of the work of the Board and the information shared at these meetings- A property owner commended the board for all that it does and for the very informative nature of meetings of this type.

With that, a motion to adjourn was made and unanimously passed at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernie Tetreault, Secretary