

## AVON PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

### Membership Meeting

November 26, 2016

A meeting was held at the Avon Fire Station.

The attendance is on file.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Terry Ponton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Terry thanked everyone for attending.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Penny Gross moved acceptance of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was approved.

#### TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on Hand: \$33,097.63

CD#1           \$6,229.74

CD #2           \$8,190.78

Rick Anzolut reviewed the attached spread sheet. We did well. Fireworks continue to operate in the black. \$10,000 of our operating funds are for the fireworks reserve.

The income looks very good year to date. \$1,100 has been collected in supplemental beach trash donations.

Dues are running a little behind. We may be about 15 members short.

Boardwalk labor is a new line item which will make it very easy to calculate the 1099s.

Rick will check with a lawyer to make sure that we don't hit the income threshold to remain a 501(c)(4) corporation, since we are running the fireworks through our account. Andy Sykes moved that the Board check with a lawyer and report to the membership at the next meeting. The motion was approved.

The question was asked if a dues increase is necessary. Rick said that without the generous donations, perhaps, but that a dues increase is not necessary at this time, from the treasurer's standpoint.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### BOARDWALKS

Rick Anzolut reported that he took over the supervision of the boardwalks from Norm Campbell. Rick said that the easiest way to report loose boards is to [info@avonpoa.org](mailto:info@avonpoa.org). No repairs have been made since Matthew. The initiative for 2017 is to use stainless steel screws. Pat Weston explained that publicly maintained boardwalks begin at the road.

Privately constructed boardwalks go from the house and become public access as soon as they cross park property.

#### FIREWORKS

Pat reported that the fireworks were spectacular. The company we use is great. Ocracoke is also using them, but since Ocracoke is in Hyde County, it doesn't interfere with our grant. The Fireworks Committee partners through APOA to qualify for a Dare County grant that provides reimbursement for half the amount of the fireworks contract up to \$10,000. Related expenses are the park service permit, plywood to reinforce the pier, and porta potties for the attendees. An off duty sheriff gets paid to guard the fireworks overnight. Pyrotechnics offered another special deal if we booked early. In 2017, the fireworks will be shot off on July 4.

#### BEACH TRASH

Rick reported that there were several changes in the program this year. In July and August, there were less pickups. The pickups are \$235 each. In order to service high traffic areas we bought additional trash cans and pickups. The budget was over by \$300. We are going to look closer at the number of trash cans and the number of pickups. Island Free Press ran an article about abandoned items on the beach, but we don't have that problem because of the trash program. Frank and Fran's Tackle Shop will continue to provide a dumpster that we can use. We have enough cans to deploy two cans at each location. Ace Hardware gives us a 50% discount on new trash cans.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Pat reported that three scholarships were awarded this year. \$500 to the college the first year and \$1,000 to the college the second year. Criteria now includes home-schooled children. The scholarships are presented at the Senior Appreciation Banquet.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Terry Ponton that it was the fall and time to elect the Board. Penny Gross moved that the existing Board be approved for another year. The motion was approved.

Terry said that there is one open Board position and, if anyone has a recommendation to fulfill the position, to do so now. Diane Keidel nominated Ed Danko. Ed introduced himself.

Terry said that there are three nominees for the open board position and the Board will meet and discuss who will fill the position.

#### AVON PATHWAY

Terry reported that most of the pathway looks very good, but there are a few spots that are grown over. Penny Gross reminded everyone that the pathway was put in with the understanding that it would not be maintained by the Dare County.

Ron Tasso will get the name of the landscapers that take care of the area near his association and give it to Terry.

Penny Gross moved that the Board look into the maintenance, costs and contractors further and report back to the membership at the spring meeting. The motion was seconded. Discussion, information and questions followed. The motion was approved.

Pat said that we may need to have some discussion of making us more a civic association so that all Avon residents feel welcome even though they don't own property.

Jeff said that, if we expand the membership, we would have to change the bylaws. The Board should come back in the spring with a recommendation. Rick added that the bylaws and the charter may also need to be examined. The amendment was accepted by the maker. All legal ramifications need to be looked at. The motion was approved.

Ramp 34's closing was brought up. Pat said that a Park Service comment period just closed and many people mentioned that Ramp 34 should be reopened. The comments are posted on the internet. The Beach Buggy Association and others are on the record stating that the closures, dates of opening, etc. be reviewed and reconsidered.

The flood zone map has been changed. The new maps are subject to approval.

The next Membership Meeting will be held on April 15 at 10:00 am, in the Avon Fire Station at 10:00 a.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane S. Grimm

Secretary