

AVON PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Membership Meeting

November 25 2017

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted.

TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Rick Anzolut presented the financial report, which is attached.

Rick is pleased that the revenue is back to pre-Irene balances. The revenue looks very good due to our putting the fireworks monies through our budget, but we have to remember that these monies simply pass through our account.

Membership seems to be stable.

The expenses reflect the new dumpster.

Scholarships look off because we don't award the second year monies if the student doesn't return to college. The budget is exceeded because all three of our students returned to school this year.

Boardwalk budget is slightly under budget.

Fireworks expenses look good.

The budget for seedlings hasn't been used recently and that contribution may be rolled into charitable expenses.

We probably ended up about \$1,000 in the black.

Questions included the number of homeowners. We mail 1800 newsletters. Everyone who owns property, even if there's no home on the property, gets a newsletter.

An increase in the scholarship monies was suggested. Penny Gross moved that the Board take up an increase for the scholarship budget for the following year. It was suggested that we have a carryover in the scholarship monies.

A membership drive was suggested. It was noted that homes in communities that have a homeowner's association pay those dues, too.

The question was called and the motion to approve the budget carried with no opposition

OLD BUSINESS

BOARDWALKS

Rick Anzolut reported that every year he meets with the contractor to jump on the boardwalks. If anyone knows of any areas that need attention, Rick will check it out. Privately constructed boardwalks go from the house and become public access as soon as they cross park property.

It was noted that the railing on Sandfiddler is gone.

Terry Ponton said that a group is meeting next week to discuss beach nourishment for Avon. John Ponton is going to head the committee. Ron Tasso and Ed Danko reminded everyone that the county officials meet here twice a month at the Fresenden Center and that is an opportunity to voice your opinions and concerns. John Ponton said that there is a line item for the state's beach nourishment program, but it isn't funded. Those APOA members who do not live here, need to let their local representatives to know that beach nourishment is needed. Ron Tasso said that this island contributes 25% of the Dare County budget.

Terry Ponton said that we are on a floating sandbar and we need to have island overwash. The dry hurricane we had last summer did a lot of damage. A lot of flooding occurred. NCDOT is planning to clean and clear all the culverts and dig out the ditches before Christmas.

Penny Gross said that most county and state governments get along. She suggested that personal letters and not petitions, make an impression. Include your address, how long you've held the property, and be respectful.

FIREWORKS

Pat reported that the fireworks were spectacular. The company we use is great. We already have the funds for the 2018. The cost will be increased by 4%. The company we use is being used by the folks in Ocracoke. Security is required for our fireworks and is provided by off duty employees of the Sherriff's Office. We are reimbursed about \$10,000. The Hyde County operation in Ocracoke does not affect our monies since we are in Dare County. Pat gave credits to Radio Hatteras, the realty companies, Joe Thompson, other individuals who make sizable contributions and members of APOA who support the fireworks.

BEACH TRASH

Terry Ponton said that "Pack In/Pack Out" is encouraged by the Park Authority. Terry contacted Dave Halleck who said that the Avon beach is very crowded and that the APOA helps them out tremendously. The Park Authority does give us the trash bags. Pat Weston said that for years beach access has long been a problem, but since Dave Halleck has arrived, significant progress has been made with beach access, keeping ramps maintained and open all year long. APOA does the Beach Trash Program in June, July and August, so people still need to "pack in/pack out" at other times of the year. APOA hopes to do more partnership activities in the future.

A question was asked about the placement of the cans. Cans are posted at every walkway. Rick suggested contacting Kempville for discounted trash cans in addition to Ace, which has always given us a 50% discount.

NEW BUSINESS

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Rick Anzolut reported that APOA gives to many organizations who operate in Avon. The Board has discussed making more contributions to organizations such as the Fire Department and the Ocean Rescue instead of organizations such as the Cancer Foundation. A proposal in the budgeted expense is not being made, but it would be a shift in where APOA spends its money. The Board would be making the decisions, but we want to know the will of the group.

Gwen Taylor reminded the Board that many of the organizations, such as the Cancer Foundation and the Hatteras Island Meals serves Avon residents and certainly need the contributions. Pat Weston said that she understood but, since our budget is limited, and we have discussed increasing the scholarships, which affect one person. Gwen added that it may be better to make bigger contributions to several organizations instead of smaller amounts to many organizations.

It was suggested that the Board create a mission statement that includes which organizations APOA makes contributions to. It was suggested that a dues increase could be considered.

Ed Danko explained to the group about the Fire Department and its volunteers.

SCENIC BYWAY

Pedestrian walkways crossing 12 require drivers to stop for pedestrians. Some drivers do and most don't. Pat Weston said that she will talk to NCDOT or the appropriate to get the signage.

HGTV

Filming will be done on five houses in Avon. Terry will post when the show will be aired.

The next Membership Meeting will be held on March 31 at 10:00 am, at the Avon Fire Station.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

No volunteers from the audience. Rick moved that the current officers be re-elected, the motion was approved with no objections.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane S. Grimm, Secretary