White Horse Beach Association

Meeting Minutes

8/27/2016

Membership meeting was held at 9 Abington Avenue, White Horse Beach, MA.

Meeting was called to order at 10:07am by Philip Powell, President

Role call of officers:  
 Phil Powell, President  
 Paul MacDonald, Vice President  
 Linda Burgess, Secretary  
 Dick Sayers, Treasurer

Dick Sayers, treasurer, presented the treasurers report and explained expenditures and revenues by categories and events in detail; provided copies to those who requested a copy.

Treasurer’s report was accepted by the membership.

*Old Business:*

Discussed the WHB Management Plan. Provided the contact was David Gould, the Engineering Department and the Environmental Marine Affairs Department.

Discussed unsafe sidewalk at the Post Office. It was referred to the town to get a sign.

There was a request for a mirror to be posted by the Full Sail bend. Advised that the poles are owned by utility departments and affixing anything to the pole is not allowed.

Discussed that all 2016 events were successful. Suggested that sub-committees be set up for organizing and bringing in new ideas.

The McCusker family agreed to host the Movie Night in their yard in the future.

It was suggested that events be cancelled if there are no volunteers--that was not accepted as an option.

Holli stated she had run the Sandcastle Contest for 7 years and has a binder that she is willing to share as well as mentor the next person who wants to run it.

Committee agreed that there needs to be a better promotion of events utilizing signage, etc.

Denise Smigliano suggested a subcommittee on communication.

Paul MacDonald explained that he had walked door to door to get more members. There was a suggestion to do a mailer next year with the schedule, membership form, and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Holli suggested that someone sit at the top of the stairs and hand out schedule, membership form, etc.

Steve, from Ave B, discussed the Avenue A stairs. Stated there was some flexing on wood on the rails, but it is currently solid and should be addressed next year.

The old business was voted on and accepted by the membership.

*New Business:*

There are currently 82 paid members, up from about 65/70. This includes new and dropped members.

The membership meetings will rotate geographically, Jack Boyce, 104 White Horse Rd, offered his yard for 2017 kickoff meeting.

Per Association requirements, a list of member names will be listed on the webpage, with access from the home page.

Thanked those that helped with the beach/stair usage census. Denise and Holli explained the results and there was an average of 361 people that used the Avenue A stairs and 113 that used the Abington Ave stairs. Holli was to forward results.

The Golf Tournament raised $2300 for the association. Phil thanked the local businesses for raffles; there were 21 gift cards donated. Was suggested that a portion of the proceeds be donated to a local charity for an in-kind gestures. The Manomet Youth Center was chosen for this year’s charity. The Board made a decision to continue this goodwill in the future. It was suggested that we have the Old Colony Memorial paper publicize the donation.

A member described the raffle that the MYC was currently running.

There was discussion regarding the street lights on Thomas Ave, Abington and Avenue B. The contact person is Patrick Farah. Thomas Ave was successful in getting a light at the corner.

Addressing the removal of the stairs. Have a contractor for Abington; need one for Avenue A—will ask Derek first, looking at 3rd week of September.

Thanked Bob Lee and the McCarthy Family for their donations.

Requested 5 at large committee members.

The winner of the raffle for a free 2017 membership was Jack Boyce.

There was a suggestion to use a wooden-type sign for events as laminated paper signs were not working. The board will look into something.

Thanked Mike McDermott for assisting with the Tshirts,etc.

Request for PayPal account to pay membership dues. The board will look into.

Suggestion for a rack for Kayaks on the beach for rental, approximately $20/season rental fee. Jack is to get info to Phil.

New business was voted on and accepted by the membership.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Burgess  
Secretary