

Black Point Beach Club Association
Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 24, 2014
9:00 a.m.
6 Sunset Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut 06357

Present: Tom Kelly, Chair; Mary Cahill, Vice Chair; Dr. Brendan Fox, Nancy Flynn,
Phil Hagaman, Jim Pillion, Jim Moffett

Also Present: Tom Sheehan, Association Manager; Carolyn Boyle, Treasurer;
Ruth Ames, Tax Collector; Cathleen Special, Secretary

- 1. Mr. Kelly, Chair of the BPBCA Board of Governors, called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. and asked for a moment of silence. He then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 2. Mr. Kelly opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Governors for two open positions, each for a three-year term.**

Mr. Kelly noted that Mr. Phil Hagaman was eligible for a second term and Ms. Nancy Flynn opted not to run for another term. Mr. Kelly thanked Ms. Flynn for her service.

Mr. Ed Zito nominated Mr. Phil Hagaman for a second term; seconded by Mr. Bill Greenwood

Mr. John Cellino nominated Kevin Callahan for a first term; seconded by Ms. Susan Coggins
Mr. William Payne nominated Mr. Peter Liashek for a first term; seconded by Ms. Mary Cahill

Members were asked to cast their votes for two positions.

3. Association Manager's Report

- Mr. Sheehan offered the same report (attached) as the previous evening. He reported on the work done since last summer and the remainder of work in progress noting that the inclement weather has affected the work schedule.
- The hard courts opened May 14th.
- Nehantic, Sea Breeze and Whitecap parking areas were sealed, resurfaced and lined. Handicap spots are up to code. Mr. Sheehan offered thanks to Mr. Elliot Flom, who obtained the contractor for this project.
- Initial beach grooming as commenced and will continue weekly until June 21 when it will then be performed daily. Trees, driftwood and metal were removed from the beaches.
- A surf rake will be used on South Beach
- Swim buoys are in place.
- The geese rope had to be replaced. Buoys are in the process of being restrung.

- The boat docks will be placed after the pilings are installed. We are converting from an anchor and chain system to poles. The work will commence as soon as the weather allows.
- The kayak racks are in place. It was decided to hold off on modifying the existing racks or purchasing new ones until other issues are addressed.
- Kayak owners need to put identification in/on their kayaks. Black Point bumper stickers should be placed on the kayak. Mr. Sheehan also asked that owners put their name and phone number somewhere inside the kayak.
- Playground improvements are underway. CL&P needs to replace several telephone poles and remove dead trees. Mr. Sheehan thanked Mr. Jim Mastria for his assistance in working with CL&P. There will be no cost to the Association for this work; CL&P is picking up the costs.
- Mr. Sheehan thanked the Cellino, Skala and Delmastro families for improving and maintaining the rights of way at their own expense.
- Ledge Light Health District will test the water on May 28. Thereafter, weekly water testing will take place on Mondays.
- Mr. Sheehan thanked Mr. Dan McMahon and Mr. Joe Rhodes for restoring the shuffleboard courts at their own expense. They will purchase the equipment and do the work themselves.
- The Black Point website has been redesigned. Mr. Sheehan encouraged members to subscribe to the website so that they may remain current on Black Point activities and receive email blasts. The new website calendar also includes clubhouse rentals.
- Mr. Sheehan would like to establish an off-season emergency telephone contact list. There were incidents of broken water pipes over the winter, but he had no way to contact the owner. He asked that owners provide their name, Black Point address, and a telephone number where they can be reached over the winter months. Mrs. Sandy Sheehan was present at the meeting to record the information.
- Garrett Hickey will be the Director of the Recreation Program again this summer. Program brochures have been prepared. Registration will be on Sunday, June 29, 12:00pm – 1:00pm at the clubhouse. The first day of Club will be Monday, June 30.
- Suzanne Smith will be the editor of The Black Pointer again this year.
- Dog obedience classes will be held at the clubhouse on Saturdays beginning July 12.

Mr. Kelly introduced Mr. Bob Gilson, who will be responsible for property maintenance again this year. He also introduced Teddy Rainville, who was displaying and selling maps.

4. Member Comments

- Ms. Wendy Honiss-Bourget, 1 Osprey Road, has a kayak that was left on South Beach over the winter.
- Ms. Peg Auth, 11 Osprey Road, questioned whether there is a blight law in place. A house at the top of Osprey has been empty for numerous years and is in a terrible state of repair. She is wondering if anything can be done about it. Mr. Kelly recommended that she contact Ledge Light Health District.

- Mr. Dave Weiss, 98 East Shore Drive, asked that the Association hold a bonfire at South Beach this year. He also asked that the language posted on the signs and the language painted on the pier be consistent. He spoke with an engineer for the Town and asked that they prime and paint the pump house. The kayak rack at South Beach is not for winter storage. He requested that anyone using the racks please remove their kayaks over the winter months.
- Ms. Veronica Casey, 19 Sea View, asked for the rules governing golf carts. Mr. Kelly responded that the regulation will be obtained from the Town and posted on the website.
- Mr. George Fries, 26 Nehantic, asked whether golf carts need license plates. Mr. Kelly stated that the carts must be registered with the Town, and the Town will provide a sticker.
- Ms. Cindi Fountain, 31 Whitecap, commented that kayak racks are not meant for storage throughout the summer.
- Mr. Dan McMahon, 47 Sea Breeze, asked if sand could be placed on Sea Breeze beach. Mr. Sheehan said grooming has begun and the surf rake may be used.
- Mr. Brian Comer provided an update on the Cahill Black Point Scholarship Fund. The Fund was moved to the Eastern Connecticut Community Foundation for management. The Fund has approximately \$60,000. Hopefully, the golf tournament will be held again this year. Scholarship winners were announced: Matt Laffin, who is attending Providence College, and Chelsea Stevens, who will attend the College of Charleston in the fall, both received \$750 scholarships. Shea Williams, who will attend Fordham University in the fall, was awarded the first place scholarship of \$1,500.
- Wendy Honiss-Bourget, 1 Osprey, asked, if the scholarship recipients are willing, that the winning essays be shared on the website.
- Mary Cahill, 37 Indianola, noted that 24 scholarships have been awarded from the Cahill Black Point Education Fund and encouraged members to support it.
- Ann Farley, Sea Crest, noted that scholarship recipients must be related to a Black Point property owners. She asked that the name of the property owner and the relationship of the recipient to the property owner be shared with Association members.
- Bob Shea, 31 Sea Breeze, stated that he and his wife, Mary Ellen, are Shea Williams's grandparents, and Shea's mother is Mary Liz Williams. He commented on the registration of golf carts. The East Lyme Police Department is awaiting receipt of registration stickers. He stated that the passage of the regulation was the result of a great deal of work over the course of several months. He thanked the Board of Selectmen, who acted as the Traffic Authority, for approving the use of golf carts in five beaches. He singled out Sally Cini and David Ogle for their hard work and thanked everyone else who offered their support and encouragement.

Mr. Sheehan stated that he does not have any problem with golf carts. However, he made it clear that it is not his responsibility to police the use of golf carts. The roads are public roads. Problems or complaints should be shared with the East Lyme Police Department, not the Association Manager. He asked that all golf cart owners act responsibly and follow the rules. He has witnessed a minor operating a golf cart, which is against the law.

5. Budget Discussions; Vote

Mr. Kelly referred to the budget which was provided to everyone in the Annual Meeting mailing. He welcomed any questions on the budget. Hearing none, he asked that everyone vote “yes” or “no” on whether to accept the budget. Paper ballots were provided.

6. Results of Board of Governors Election

Pete Liashek received 90 votes
Kevin Callahan received 85 votes
Phil Hagaman received 78 votes

Mr. Kelly thanked Mr. Hagaman for his service.

7. Women’s Club

Ms. Carolyn Boyle invited all women of Black Point to join the Women’s Club. Meetings and events are held on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. Dues are \$25. The kickoff will be held July 8th with an ice cream social from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The program has been set for the summer, including a genealogist, mystery writer Susan Santangelo, and a fund raiser of a one-woman show reenacting the life of Zelda Fitzgerald. Jan Ghio and Sue Murray will help members make house number plaques, and Abby Flaherty will do an evening of group painting. The annual banquet will be held at the Great Neck Country Club and the President’s Trip is being planned.

Men’s Club

Mr. Pete DiResta welcomed everyone back for the season. The Men’s Club meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings, although the kickoff will be held on Friday, June 13. The bocce draft for this co-ed league will take place on that evening. They are looking for players and substitutes, and they play on Fridays from June 20 – September 12.

On Wednesday, July 9, David Ogle will present “Why do they hate us? Islam, Christianity, Judaism and the United States.”

The annual pasta dinner will be held on July 11, at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds go to charity.

Mr. DiResta encouraged members to start forming teams for Trivia Night. This is a co-ed event.

Friday, September 12, is the bocce championship and banquet.

The Men's Club purchased 4 new 6-foot tables, 2 lapel microphones, and a flag for the Cahill Black Point Education Fund. They donated \$300 to Care & Share and \$300 to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen.

For the third year, the Men's Club will fund yoga at the clubhouse on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

In association with the Women's Club, the Men's Club hosted Magic Night with Mr. Magic. They look forward to doing that again in the future.

New members and new ideas are always welcome. Please contact Jim Pillion, John Campion or Pete DiResta. Please feel free to suggest projects for the Men's Club.

8. BOG Comments

Mr. Kelly reminded people to sign up for the off-season emergency contact list.

Mr. Kelly introduced David Murray, Zoning Enforcement Officer, who is doing a great job for the Association.

Mr. Kelly asked Mr. Hagaman to stay on as an ex officio member of the Board of Governors. Mr. Hagaman has spearheaded a project that is ongoing.

9. Budget Vote Results

Mr. Kelly reported that the budget overwhelmingly passed with only 4 votes opposing it.

The meeting closed at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathleen Special
Secretary

Manager's Monthly Report

May 23rd, 2014

Due to the weather, we are behind on some of the season opening tasks. I can assure you that everything that had to get done to prepare us for the 2014 season was planned and scheduled well in advance. However, much of this is all outside work that cannot be accomplished in the rain.

Current Status:

- **Hard Courts opened for play on May 14th, 2014.**
- **Clay Court contractor has us scheduled for next week, weather permitting. The weather has been a huge problem for this maintenance preparation.**
- **The Nehantic, Sea Breeze and Whitecap parking areas have all been patched, resurfaced, and lined. All handicap spots, as well as the line spacing are all done according to state codes. Thanks to Elliot Flom for recommending the contractor to complete this project.**
- **Initial grooming of the beaches has been started, and will continue on a weekend basis, and daily grooming will start on June 21st, and will continue through Labor Day. All trees, driftwood and debris have been removed from the beaches.**
- **Swim buoys are in place, and the geese rope must be replaced due to aging, and will also need to be re-knotted.**
- **Boat docks will not be in place, until the pilings are installed. Weather has repeatedly delayed this project since the end of April. We are converting from an anchor system to the permanent pilings. Thanks to Phil Hagaman for bringing this suggestion to the board. It took me 4 months to obtain the COP approval from the DEEP for this project.**

- **Kayak Racks are in place.**
- **Playground improvements will be completed as soon as CL&P installs their new poles. Once the new poles are installed, the supporting cable which crosses over the clubhouse, as well as the entire width of the clubhouse property will be removed, and allow us to make the playground a safer area. Thanks again to Jim Mastria for his help arranging the initial meeting with CL&P, and please note CL&P is paying for all costs associated with this project, including tree removal.**
- **Cement repair work has started, and once again weather has delayed this completion, however, the boat ramp is finished.**
- **I would like to thank the Cellino, DelMastro, and Skala Families for maintaining and improving the Association ROWs that abut their properties. These improvements were completed at their own expense, for all of us to enjoy.**
- **Ledge Light will be starting their weekly water sampling next week.**
- **Thanks to Dan McMahon & Joe Rhodes who have graciously volunteered to redo our 2 Shuffleboard Courts, and will also provide playing equipment.**

The Black Point Web Site has been completely redone and enhanced. Many thanks to our secretary, Cathleen Special, for spearheading this project and working closely with Streamline Development. I strongly urge everyone to subscribe on the web site to obtain updates, as well as email blasts when it is necessary for the association to share news or information with our members, particularly in the off-season.

In addition, we would once again like to try to establish an off - season emergency telephone contact list in the event of broken water pipes, damage to homes, etc. My wife, Sandy, is willing to take your off season telephone contact, or you can email me with this information. Please include your Black Point address, and off-

season telephone number. Sandy will be at the back of the room today, if you wish to provide this information.

Regards,

**Tom Sheehan
Association Manager**