

BLACK POINT BEACH CLUB – BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Annual Informational Meeting
Saturday, SEPTEMBER 1st, 2012
MINUTES

An Annual Informational Meeting of the Black Point Beach Club Board of Governors was held on Saturday morning, September 1, 2012 at 9 AM in the Black Point Beach Association Clubhouse located on 6 Sunset Avenue in Niantic, CT.

PRESENT: Tom Kelly, Chairman, Mary Cahill, Vice-Chair, Brendan Fox, Phil Hagaman, Nancy Flynn

ALSO PRESENT: Carolyn Boyle, Treasurer
Richard Kimball, Tax Collector
Tom Sheehan, Beach Manager

ABSENT: Jim Pillion

Call Meeting to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked that they observe a Moment of Silence for Maribeth Stone who most recently passed and for all other members who have passed.

He then introduced the Board members and staff and noted that they had recently formed a subcommittee for gathering information on the Millstone Dry Cask Storage, headed by Gene Massey. He said that as this is neither a regular meeting nor a business meeting that the current Treasurer's Report and Tax Collector's Report are posted on the Board near the door and that they could review them there. He noted that the early issues that they had, were worked out and that they had realized a successful Recreation Program. He then called for any questions or comments from the public, asking that they first identify themselves for the record.

Sally Cini, 28 Seabreeze Ave. said that there are various rules that they have for many things and asked that they consider adding a rule that would ban smoking on the public beach. She said that it is annoying to be sitting at the water line watching your grandchildren swim or reading and relaxing and to have people chain smoking right next to you. It is also unhealthy. She said that there are other beaches that have enacted such a rule and asked that they consider it.

Kim Craven, 46 East Shore said that she knows that they have rules but that the rules also are without any consequences. She cited the rule about no dogs on the beach and said that she lives on the beach and sees people walk their dogs on the beach and then cover the poop with sand and walk away. She asked that they have fines and that they enforce them for violators.

Peg Auth, 11 Osprey asked if there was a plan in place to take care of the rocks on South Beach.

Mr. Sheehan recapped a meeting that he, Ms. Cahill and Mr. Hagaman had with the DEEP on August 20, 2012 regarding South Beach. He said that it seems that with some of the recommendations that at this time no permits would be required from the DEEP as it is landward. He said that they are losing sand from south to north and that it was recommended to rake it from north to south and to move the jersey barriers. As there is heavy equipment involved they are weighing the potential of new barriers or moving the existing barriers.

He noted that the same thing is happening at Main Beach and can be evidenced by the crescent shape of the beach.

Wendy H. Bourget, 1 Osprey Rd. said that some of them are in possession of really old photos of the beach and that they may want to see them in order to view the changes over time. She said that she has great aerials of South Beach. She also thanked Mr. Sheehan for his efforts.

Gene Massey, 10 Brightwater mentioned the goose droppings and asked how they plan to deal with it. Mr. Sheehan said that this is an issue not exclusive to South Beach and that they have goose lines out and that the plan is to install more of those lines.

Susan Daly, 7 Brightwater said that Mike Nebelung has a rake that will go deep into the sand to get the rocks off the beach and that she has spoken with him and he has said that he would give them a good price as he can sell the rocks for driveways.

Mr. Sheehan said that they stopped using the Town's surf rake a few weeks ago and that they are looking into a sand sifter – but that is an expensive process.

Nancy Condon, 18 Seaview Ave. said that there is a liability at the boat launch as it is slippery. Also, regarding the boats that were put at the boat launch area – she said that she is not sure that was very well thought out as it is a problem for the small boats and the kayaks that were launching from there.

Mr. Kelly said that people were parking there and the rocks were put there to keep it from being a parking area.

Ms. Condon said that she thinks that they are punishing people and keeping them from using what they should be able to use. She said that she is at the beach everyday and that she does not see the parking problem that they are talking about.

Mr. Sheehan said that he is at the beach everyday and that he has seen people parking there including a landscaper who parked and took off. He said that he has also received a call from a member regarding this problem.

Ms. Condon asked if what he is saying is that because the contractors park there that now the residents are not allowed to use the area, their area.

Mr. Sheehan said that the majority of launches there are jet skis and from his observations they are also not from our beach.

Patty Dawes, 5 Park Court asked if they could think about a noise ordinance as they had a neighbor out mowing his lawn at 10:30 PM one night and after they had asked him to stop, they ended up calling the police. She noted that they do have rules regarding the clubhouse and noise has to stop at 11 PM. She also said that when they have public meetings or events here that the people are very discourteous and they park on people's lawns and on the street when there is no such parking allowed.

Frank Neri, 11 Billow Road suggested that they put a sign on each side of the boat ramp that warns that the surface may be slippery.

Tom Hickey, 18 Sunset said that Garrett is his son and is now back in school. Garrett asked that he report on the final fundraiser proceeds. He said that it brought in \$1500.

Will Fountain, 31 Whitecap said that regarding the parking on the streets that he was on East Shore and he saw a policeman directing people around some people replacing a pole and that he asked him about the parking on the street. The policeman said that there is no such ordinance in the town regarding no parking on the street and that they can park if it is paved – However; they can state at the entrances to BP that there is No Street Parking.

Phil Lombardo, 3 East Shore Dr. said that there is a sign at the entrance to BP that states that there is No Street Parking – the bushes near it just need to be trimmed so that it can be more easily seen.

Mr. Kelly asked if there were other comments –
Hearing none, he reminded people that they do update the website and that they should check it during the winter months for news and information.

Brian Comer reported that the Cahill Education Fund had awarded three grants – one in the amount of \$1500 and two in the amount of \$750 each. He said that the fund has grown to over \$51,000 and that they will look to move it to an outside agency for administration. As a 501c he said that they want it to be run legitimately and that updates on it will be posted on the website. He also said that they would be changing the time that they award the grants to the Memorial Day weekend and that applications would be done during the winter and spring time frame and this information also would be on the website. He noted that the Golf Tournament supports the Education Fund and that they had raised over \$3000 for it this year.

Ms. Boyle reported that the Women's Club is planning a House & Garden Tour once again for next year. It is tentatively set for Friday July 12, 2013 from 10 AM to 3 PM. She said that it is a combination of a home or perhaps a portion of the inside of a home or just a garden area.

Pete DiResta reported on the Men's Club thanking all who supported their Pasta Dinner as it was very successful. He said that they also had a lot of free informational presentations this season which also were successful. Care & Share received the proceeds from the Pasta Dinner.

Mr. Kelly thanked the Men's Club for organizing and selling some of the old equipment that they had.

Phil Greenwood, 56 Whitecap said that he is a member of the bocce league and that it is the best thing that has happened to BP.

Diane Zukowski, 36 Sunrise thanked the Men's Club for the donation to Care & Share. She said that it has come at a time of great need and will be put to good use helping many people.

Joan Hayes, 52 Whitecap thanked Mary Cahill for selling flags and raising \$2000.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further comments –
Mr. Kelly called for a motion to adjourn.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. Hagaman moved that the BP Annual Informational Meeting of September 1, 2012 be adjourned at 9:49 AM.

Ms. Flynn seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary