

Croatan Civic League Meeting Minutes – 7:00 PM Monday, January 5th, 2015  
Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Building, 740 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach VA

Present: Bill Garvey, George Horvath, Katie Ripberger, Jim Skarbek, Vince Donlon.

1.0 Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call/ Quorum Determination/Introduction  
Five of the Nine board members were present.

2.0 Approval of prior meeting notes – November meeting minutes, (Vince Donlon)  
Motion made by George Horvath, seconded by Katie Ripberger and passed to accept the minutes.

3.0 Treasurers Report /2015 Budget report (Jim Skarbek)

The Treasurers report included Revenue , Expenses and all checks written for 2014.

Motion by George Horvath, Seconded by Katie Ripberger to accept the report. Motion: passed.

A proposed budget was presented for 2015

Jim presented the Budget committees effort to present a balanced budget and suggest several alternative approaches to reducing cost or increasing revenue. Included was raising the fee for events such as the spring fling or annual meeting dinner \$5 a ticket as both have been significantly subsidized by CCL funds. Another option discussed was allowing the newsletter to be sponsored by an banner ad each month or eliminating the printed version of the newsletter in favor of electronic.

An email vote by board members on the ticket price was suggested or it will be on the agenda next month. The issue of an electronic newsletter was suggested to be put in the next issue of the letter to obtain feedback from Residence. If a relatively small number preferred printed version, they could be printed and distributed by board members to save the professional printing costs.

The proposed budget will be discussed further and voted on at the next board meeting.

Annual Dinner- Jim also is investigating the officers club at Dam Neck as an alternative site for next years event. Other options will be considered if the costs can be comparable.

4.0 Liaison to the City Departments and outside concerns (Ken Jobe)

Committee Reports: Lake Christie report, etc

A written report was submitted and Ken gave a history of issues involved in the dredging program.

5.0 Spring Fling (Bill Garvey)- the event is being planned for June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Point. Bill is currently making arrangement for the location, DJ, and food.

6.0 Welcome Wagon (Katie Ripberger)- current inventory of logo ware was discussed and Katie suggested items for next year.

- 7.0 Beach/Lakes- includes Rudee Inlet Foundation (Katie Ripberger)  
Katie presented a positive report on the Foundation as they seem to be re energized and developing new programs to improve the waterways. An oyster bed program is being planned.
- 8.0 Security/Community Patrol (George Horvath)  
George submitted a written summary of crimes which indicated very few that were considered serious or not preventable as many were valuables taken from cars in residence driveways.  
Motion made by Jim and seconded by Katie to accept the report. Motion: passed.
- 9.0 Old or Unfinished Business  
Front Entrance Landscaping- Several plans were reviewed as we have now received four proposals ranging from \$3500 to \$7000 in expense. The proposal call for removal of the existing plants, shrubs, and place stone, and new low maintenance shrubs in their place. A proposal from Maxwell Landscaping seemed to have the most interest. Additional opinions from residence will be obtained and the board will vote on the expenditure and plan at the next board meeting. It was further proposed that the board meet next month to accomplish this task.
- 10.0 New Business  
H Clayton Bernick from the City presented a proposed sign to be placed at several beach access points to educate people about the importance and reasoning for not walking on the dunes. A sample of the proposed signage was presented. The City plans to also use these signs on the North End and Sandbridge beaches. Those present were supportive of the effort. Companies or individuals may also decide if they wish to sponsor a sign. The Cost is not known at this time but appeared to be less than \$300 a sign.

Meeting Adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vince Donlon, Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for February 2nd, 2015 at the Rescue Squad.