

SSCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by SSCA President, Rod McCaughey. Board Members Present: Lee Fallon – Communications/Website, Jeff Johnson – VP/Membership/Marina Slip Rental Manager, Bill Cogger – Volunteer/Social Coordinator, Rod McCaughey – Bylaws/LRP/ARB, Emily Gould – Secretary/Tennis, Tisa Head – Treasurer/Finance, Paul Schollaert – Beautification/Marina Property Manager/Boat Club and Joel Newton – Properties.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Joel Newton motioned to approve the agenda. Emily Gould seconded, and the agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the July 8, 2019 General Membership meeting were distributed to the Members present. No changes/additions or deletions were noted. Emily Gould motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Lee Fallon seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Tisa Head –Tisa reported that with the proposed 2020 budget, we would have primary homeowner memberships increased to \$55/year and secondary homeowner memberships increased to \$95/year. This proposed increase is ultimately to help fund inevitable maintenance projects, with continued volunteer efforts, so as to avoid hiring outside contractors. After receiving the reserves studies, the overall budget difference, if we only hired contractors, would be an estimated \$40,000. We need volunteers to help, or the SSCA will not be able to continue in the direction it’s going. The revenue budget increase would be approximately \$13,000. Other drivers which factor into the increase are special projects, as well as property maintenance and construction, which are about 70% of our budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE: Lee Fallon – Lee reported she and Rod have a conference call 8AM Monday to get more used to the flow of the format of the membership application. At the moment it isn’t quite as easy as we would like, so there is some reformatting going on so members aren’t confused on how to navigate the program. There was a successful test of the mail-merge functionality as well. Lee will look into how to take the financial information out of the old computer program and transferring it to QuickBooks.

SECRETARY/TENNIS: Emily Gould – Rod reported for Emily that Discussion of a Fall Social put on by the tennis club. Going to put a fan in the gazebo, but need a permit beforehand.

FINANCE: Tisa Head – See Treasurers report.

VP/MEMBERSHIP/MARINA SLIP RENTAL MANAGER: Jeff Johnson - Jeff reported that the boat slip renewal email will be going out in November. Randy Grimes will be the contact for that. Repairs on the Loblolly kayak racks are being discussed and there is a waitlist at the N Marina. Membership was a little bit under 1800 at this time, but we are working on the applications for next year at this time.

VOLUNTEER/SOCIAL COORDINATOR: Bill Cogger–Bill reported that he is amazed by the numbers of volunteers and how important they are, provided by Tisa’s report. Bill was reemphasizing why, because of the hard work our volunteers do, we have socials and events for them. Bill reported on the ribbon cutting at Hillcrest, which was a success, as well as a lunch at Steamers for the parkinlot monitors.

BEAUTIFICATION/MARINA PROPERTY MANAGER/BOAT CLUB: Paul reported we are waiting for the Town to inspect the marina before the work could begin. Grass seed has been put down, and will need some continued watering. The bulkhead looked good and some refurbishing of the shorelines will take place soon.

PROPERTIES: Joel Newton – Joel reported 108A is underway and the seven guardrail posts, which were knocked over by a vehicle, have been put back in place.

BYLAWS/ARB/LONG RANGE PLANNING: Jeff Johnson – Jeff had printouts for all at the meeting to see where he was proposing changes to the bylaws.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

BOAT CLUB: Sally Meagher reminded up about the oyster roast coming up on November 2nd for anyone who would like to attend.

TOWN REPORT: Mayor Tom Bennett reported the following:

- Reported that the new walkway plans should be modified to be handicap accessible. A pre-construction meeting will be held to determine finalized plans and cost for this project. Will get a permit before asking Council to commit.
- Storm debris clean up is moving along.
- Attended a meeting in Hertford regarding ARBO to discuss transportation needs and updates on the mid-Currituck Bridge & Ocracoke passenger ferry. Bridge progress is being halted by legal pressure, and passenger ferry was a success.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Nominating Committee Members: Fran Kapinos, Larry Gallek, Sally Meagher, Jenny James and Rod McCaughey will be our elected committee.

Approval of 2020 Budget: After hearing some concerns and taking a vote to pass the new 2020 budget, it was not unanimous and will be tabled (pending further research and discussion) until the upcoming special meeting on November 21, 2019.

Approval of SSCA Bylaw Changes: Will address for a vote at the special meeting.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

George Persico expressed his concerns regarding the budget proposal. His concern is that it is unfair to presume rental homes are bringing in a great deal of revenue to keep up with the continued increase in membership fees. He also feels it puts secondary homeowners in a place of 'second best' in regards to how they are viewed within the SSCA.

- Tisa explained that to keep up with the demand, as renters use our properties a great deal without being available to help with any maintenance, it made the most sense to charge secondary homeowners more since our volunteer efforts are almost all primary homeowners. (See treasure's report)

Mike Stone expressed his concerns that the way we were proposing the tiered membership wasn't legal per the bylaws.

No other business to discuss. Mary Ellen Holland motioned to adjourn the meeting, Nita Mitchell seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Gould - SSCA Secretary

