



## SOUTHERN SHORES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

January 8, 2024 7:00pm

PITTS CENTER

### Meeting Minutes

#### Meeting called by:

Tisa Head, President

#### Type of meeting:

General Membership Meeting

- 7 Board Members present, 29 Members present

#### Pledge Allegiance/Moment of Silence

#### Approval of Agenda

Approved Unanimously

(Members)

#### Approval of Minutes

October General Membership Meeting Minutes Approved Unanimously

(Members)

#### President's Comments

Tisa Head

- Welcome! Thank you all for coming out this evening for our first 2024 general membership meeting.
- Our plan tonight is to give you quick updates from the outgoing directors, and end the evening with the announcement and introduction of our new board for 2024. Of course, if we have any members here this evening that wish to speak – We welcome that!
- Hopefully everyone has read the December newsletter, which included a long list of our 2023 accomplishments! It truly was a very busy year – and everyone up here has worked hard to make things happen. Of course, we couldn't have done any of it without all the volunteers that come out and help us with the many efforts we have going on. A copy of the newsletter is on the table, and if you haven't had a chance to read it, I encourage you to do so. I will let the directors talk about the accomplishments that were under their purview.

#### Treasurer's Report

Ernie Dash

- P&L Section
  - Green highlight – All line item areas with positive budget impact (Revenue + / Expense -)
  - Revenue up in all Membership & Dues categories – that's great
  - Tennis Court: Planned repair deferred to 2024 – no Reserve Funds transferred/spent
  - Ending year with Net Income – will be allocated to Reserves.
- Balance Sheet
  - Positive Year
    - Checking down but Reserve & Overall Up
    - Good, especially considering all the projects done during the year
- We also went through an audit drill led by Susan Ippolito.
- December TB/CC Fraud
  - Over \$4000 Amazon charges

- Immediate refund
  - Report filed with SSCA Police
- Donuts
  - Ernie thought it was appropriate to bring donuts to commemorate his end of term at this meeting since he brought donuts to his first board meeting
- Closing
  - My pleasure & privilege to serve

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Bylaws and Planning/VP

Don Pratt

- Made a lot of changes in the bylaws this year and don't anticipate making many changes in the coming year

### Membership/Slip Rentals

Mike Guarracino (Absent)

- It has been my honor to serve as a member of the SSCA board and want to thank all members of the board, our membership, clubs, and volunteers for all their hard work and commitment to making our community a wonderful place to live. I hope to see you around town.
- Slip Rentals
  - We have added six wet slips at Loblolly Marina, three wet slips at the Northwest Marina, and a special thank you to Mr. Michael Eaton and his Egale Scout Candidate Project, there seven new dry slips at the Northeast Marina. Additionally, he and his Boy Scout team have added wind anchors at each dry slip location and all existing posts replaced.
  - The current numbers on the waiting list:
    - Kayak Racks – 15
    - Wet Slips – 40
    - Dry Slips – 14.
  - In 2024 we are looking into adding more kayak racks to clear as much of the kayak rack waitlist.
- Channel
  - We are waiting for the approval of the Major CAMA Permit to move four channel makers providing better navigable water. Once approved the SSCA will contract the work.
- Eurasian Milfoil
  - We are continuing to work closely with the Town of Southern Shores, Martins Point HOA, USCG auxiliary, and NC Aquatic Weed Control Division and hope to start reducing the amount of milfoil in the canals, around the marinas, and parts of JG in mid spring.
- Membership
  - As of January 8, 2024, there are 1,066 paid SSCA members out of 1,895 in 2023. Our goal is to increase the membership to 2,000 so please encourage your neighbors and friends to renew their membership and to join the SSCA!

### Secretary

George Kirby

- No Report

### Communications/Website

Penny Lobred (absent)

- No Report

## Volunteer Coordinator

Lisa Minerich

- 2023 Volunteer Accomplishments as follows:
  - Crossover monitors – safety and cleanliness monitoring
  - Open House-“Spring Into Action” for membership and volunteering opportunities
  - Clean up week celebrating Earth Day-clean up of parks, marina, pavilion, beach, crossovers, trails, court areas, weeding and mulching, etc.
  - Beach Volleyball net and lines at Hillcrest- seasonal set up and take down T
  - Triangle area garden design and planting with Dunes of Dare Garden Club and Southern Shores Community of Volunteers sign placement
  - Sea Grass planting volunteering with Len Schmitz coordinating and Better Beaches OBX
  - Parking monitoring- seasonal monitoring of SSCA lots, providing education re: regulations and writing citations
  - Welcome Basket team-gathering community donations and resources, making welcome baskets and delivering to new full time residents of Southern Shores
  - Little Free Library Stewards- manage books, new doors on libraries built by Joel Newton and two painted by volunteer artists
  - Properties volunteers- help recruit for help with many decon, recon and building projects
  - Dog Station Volunteers- manage dog stations, provide bags
  - Fitness Programs at Pitts Center provided yoga, meditation, balance and movement free classes year round with certified instructors
  - “Thank You for service” was extended to Ocean Rescue Guards, PW and SSVFD through baked goods and homemade cards.
  - Music in the Park concerts at Soundview Park- 3 concerts by Southern Shores musicians, s’mores and bocce provided
  - Santa Ride holiday event with Santa riding on SSVFD truck and making designated stops to greet children and have family photos taken, goodie bags made by workshop volunteers and provided by volunteers at each stop, safety volunteers at each stop, organized event with community partners including SSVFD, SSPD, CPOA, TOSS, KHES, Martins Point
  - Volunteer Appreciation Celebration recognized volunteers with catered meal and beverages at Pavilion, recognition for Super Volunteers, volunteer appreciation Thank Yous provided
- Special Recognition: There are many residents in Southern Shores who take the time and make the effort to do daily volunteering at the beach, on their street and in the community in a quiet manner. Thank you!
- Community Partnerships were focused on community engagement. We were able to achieve these accomplishments because we worked together with SSBC, SS Racquet Club, TOSS, CPOA, SSVFD, SSPD, PW, Better Beaches OBX, Dunes of Dare Garden Club, OBX Mommy and Me, Scouts, Martins Point, donations from community businesses and services, Meals on Wheels and more!
- A Hearty Thank You To All!

## Marinas & Westside Parks Maintenance

Rick Koch

- Accomplishments
  - Repaired finger piers
  - Parks repairs
  - Commemorative plaques
  - Major accomplishment was the new ramp at the North Marina
  - Additional boat slips and dry slips
- Items to be done
  - Build more kayak racks
  - Installation of new see-saw

- Additional walkways for the new wet slips
- Working on more safety and security
- Pickleball Courts
  - Big part is finished
  - Need locks on gates. Have the locks they just need to be mounted
  - After the locks are installed, the pickleball courts will be opened in perhaps 2 weeks.
  - Ad-hoc will be dissolved and the Racquetball board and SSCA Westside Parks board member
  - A big thank-you to Dixie Wieir, Carol Noonan and Trixie White for serving on the Pickleball Ad-hoc committee and Jim Conner for his efforts.
- Rick has changed jobs to the Racquet board (Pickleball representative) and will be the new SSBC Commodore

#### Properties

Joel Newton

- It's been a quite fall and hopefully no serious storms in 2024
- Upcoming is surveying the 33 beach accesses and crossovers to see what needs to be done
- Start planning for the rebuilding of the 10th avenue crossover and the westside of the cross over at 132 Ocean Blvd.

#### **TOWN REPORT:**

Cliff Ogburn, Town Manager

- Thank you to Len and Lisa for leading the volunteers for the grass planting (50,000 sprigs and near a mile of sand fence). Lion share of the work was paid for by the interest on the county beach nourishment fund.
- No council meeting tomorrow night due to the weather forecast.
- Town of Duck is planning on extending multi use path on the westside of Duck. One of the scenarios shows it in the town of Southern Shores. The town is not planning to extend the sidewalk at that location. TOSS is planning on a sidewalk from East Dogwood to Hickory.
- Ripple fiber - Law in NC gives a public utility the right to the town's right of way.
- Kimberly Horn's presentation about the placement of the Juniper culvert will be moved March 6th.

Elizabeth Morey, Mayor

- No Comments

#### **New Business**

- Announcement of new board
  - Voting opened voting for our slate of candidates on December 18, and closed on January 5. we received 160 votes for our new slate of officers (10 more votes than last year, 100 more than when we had votes at general membership meetings!)
  - Because we had 5 open positions, and 5 candidates running, all nominees were elected to the board: therefore, our new board members beginning tonight are:
    - Aida Alvarez – who will be taking on the role of volunteer coordinator (previously lisa minerich)
    - Sue Bigbee – taking on the role of membership and marina slips (previously Mike Guarracino)
    - Steve Hotchkiss in the role of westside parks and marinas (previously Rick Koch)
    - Penny Lobred – will continue in her role as communications director
    - Susan Ippolito, will take on the role of treasurer (previously Ernie Dash)
  - An announcement of the new board and their roles will go out to the membership next week.
- Thank you all who voted! and thank you to those nominees who agreed to run and serve the ssca community!
- I also want to thank those who will be leaving the board for their service over the last couple of years:
  - Ernie Dash - Ernie served two consecutive terms on the SSCA board (as well as serving on the arb!) he has been instrumental in improving our procedures in our accounting area, and worked closely with our

amazing bookkeeper – Kim Prince – to ensure that our budgets are put together on time, and are realistic; that our monthly board treasurer reports are up to date and accurate; and our audits and taxes are done on time! We will miss him and his M&Ms he brought to our monthly board meetings that gave us energy through our long meetings!

- Mike Guarracino – this was Mike's first term with the SSCA, and he brought a fresh perspective to how we manage our slip rentals, introducing new procedures and ways to streamline the process! I know he had an opportunity to meet a lot of people in our community as he worked through our slip wait lists! He also worked with getting new slips built at the loblolly and north marinas, which are very much needed. Mike has been a great liaison for the SSCA with the town and with Martin's Point on various mutually beneficial efforts.
- Rick Koch– Rick took over this position probably not realizing how much he was taking on - we certainly didn't know we were going to be building pickleball courts! and he took that on as our project manager, working with an ad hoc pickleball committee. It's great that the project is completed now! and we came in pretty much right on budget! great job, Rick! we will miss you – but we know you'll be busy in your new role as the boat club commodore!!
- Lisa Minerich – last, but not least!! Lisa has been an amazing volunteer coordinator! She has taken the position to a whole new level, introducing many new community wide events that have brought our community together. As our bylaws state, the general purpose of the SSCA is to promote unity of purpose and harmonious relations among the members of the SSCA and between the members and the other residents of Southern Shores. I think our Earth Day, Music in the Parks, Ice Cream Socials and the Santa Ride go a long way towards achieving this purpose. That's not to mention all the coordinating that she assists with when we are working to keep our community clean and maintained! Thank you Lisa for all you have done! we will miss you! but I have a feeling you will continue to be a volunteer for the SSCA in the future!

#### **Old Business**

- As mentioned earlier, in late 2022 we established an ad hoc committee to oversee the building of pickleball courts. that committee was comprised of:
  - Rick Koch (chairman)
  - Carol Noonan
  - Dixie Wier
  - Trixie White, and
  - Jim Connors
- Since we have now completed the courts, at our board meeting tonight we will disband the committee.
- I want to give the committee our wholehearted thank you for a job well done. These folks were instrumental in working to ensure we built the courts to meet our requirements, to implement a new online court reservations system, and draft guidelines and rules for use that the racquet club will use in the future. A project of this scope could not have been handled without a separate committee to oversee it. Thank you to all these folks for stepping in and helping to make it happen!

#### **MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- Mark LeBlanc - Wanted to know the schedule for the crossover at 10th Ave. Joel responded that he is doing a redesign and construction usually begins sometime in March. Crossover is in the budget for this year. Contractor has not been selected.

#### **Adjourn**

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM