

OLD COLONY BEACH CLUB ASSOCIATION
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009
COMMUNITY CENTER, OLD LYME, CT

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. A moment of silence was observed for those who have passed away during the past year. A motion to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2009 minutes was made by Butch Lagano and 2nd by Nancy Lagano. Motion passed with all in favor.

Voting items: 2 board members terms are up. The voting will not be for their particular position, but for a position on the board. The new board will vote for specific positions. Nancy Zimmerman and Jerry Brocki's terms are up. Doug asked for any nominations from the floor. A nomination for Richard Kingston was made by Mickey Tucker and 2nd by Janet Montano. Doug read a letter that was sent by Richard accepting the nomination. He was unable to attend the meeting due to family business that took him out of state.

Michael Cohn nominated Jerry Brocki and was 2nd by Stan Livingston. Jerry was also unable to attend the meeting due to his wedding anniversary and they were celebrating at Mohegan Sun, but sent a letter to Doug which he read to the association. Jerry also accepted the nomination to remain on the board.

Jean Walker nominated Nancy Zimmerman and was 2nd by Sy Tucker. Nancy politely declined the nomination, but was appreciative of it. Doug thanked Nancy for all of her years on the board and all of her hard work over the past 4 years. Nominations were now closed.

We also need to vote on transferring \$10,000.00 from the general fund to the capital fund. Motion made by Sandy Steinberg and 2nd by Nancy Lagano, motion passed with all in favor. We also need to vote on transferring \$2,000.00 from the general fund to put towards the 75th Anniversary party for 2010. Motion made by Butch Lagano and 2nd by Gloria Rulnick. Motion passed with all in favor.

The last voting item was to adopt e-mail and the website as one of the official notification forms for the meetings. Janet mentioned that she wanted the motion to say that if you are registered on the website, that will be your official notice, and if not, then it would have to be by mail. Butch Lagano made the motion to adopt e-mail and the website as one of the official ways of notification of meetings and was 2nd by Marie Whalen. Discussion: Scott Beard asked if we could change the by-laws to state that we would notify members of meetings through e-mail and/or mailing. Janet said that we could do an amendment to the by-laws to state that e-mail or mail is a form of notification. Motion passed with all in favor.

Officer's reports: Chairman: Doug Whalen: The summer was very quiet, no major issues. Doug thanked the board for all of their hard work this summer. The board checked out all complaints and

researched it to come up with a good solution for the association. Good attendance at all of the recreation events, thank you Karen for all your hard work. We saw an increase in checking beach passes, we had a better budget, thank you Janet for all of your hard work with our money. We are trying to keep our community private. Our security program may be adjusted, please send in your comments via the website if you have any. We may have one security company for all 13 beaches, which would decrease the price that we now pay. The security officers may also be carrying portable radios so they would be able to call the police if something occurs on the beach. Sheffield Brook project: we are working on it with the town and with Old Lyme Shores to receive a \$500,000.00 grant from the DEP to provide improvements to Sheffield Brook to help with the flooding. The bids are coming in and we will keep you informed of the project via the website.

Treasurer's report: Janet Montano: The general fund has \$165,251.23 as of September 12, 2009. A few bills still have to be paid. The bond has \$39,000.00 that will partially be paid in December. The Broughel gate will cost \$4,000.00, but we don't have a bill as of yet from the fence company. Doug stated that we don't have to vote on the treasurer's report.

Clerk: Nancy Zimmerman: Nancy thanked Jean for the nomination and said that she has enjoyed her 4 years on the board.

Public Works: Scott Beard: Scott said that starting next week he would address the flooding of Gorton and Hartung. Also, Grove street is being undermined by a water leak and all of the rain. He will also check out the puddles that form on Maple Street after a rain storm. We will also get the plunge pools cleaned out, which goes with the Sheffield Brook project. We will also look at the traffic pattern for the summer of 2010.

Scott will also check out the 1' area of the fence on Old Colony where people still seem to be coming through. He will also check out the swim lines and buoys that we cut several times this past summer. The website is doing well, please register if you haven't already. We will also replace the speed bump on Brookside. Lenny Grigorian made the comment that he would like to see more speed bumps on Gorton Avenue since everyone seems to speed down this street and slide through the stop signs. We may look into speed humps vs. speed bumps.

Recreation: Karen Symolon: Karen thanked everyone that helped out with the events this summer. Also, thank you to everyone who donated gifts to the raffle on July 25. We are working on the 75th Anniversary party, which will be held in July. We will do a "Save the Date" on the website and also send out notices for this event. Doug said that we can't keep everyone happy for the 75th Anniversary party, but we will do our best. Some people want to go off-site to a restaurant, but don't want to pay a lot of money, and still others want to have the party on our beach. We will charge a very nominal fee, possibly \$10.00 and children under 10 will be free. This will be a family event. What we plan to do is have a wedding tent, chairs/tables. We will have a band and a dance floor and serve appetizers, wine and cheese, and other finger foods. We will also have a raffle that night and have some mementos available to buy that night. We also want to do a 75th Anniversary book. We need some of the older members of the association to give us some pictures for a booklet. We need a committee for this event,

so please sign up tonight if you wish to help out. If you have a business, you can donate some money and we will put your ad in the booklet. We will have a date for you at the June, 2010 meeting and a lot more information regarding this important event for our beach.

Security: Jerry Brocki: Jerry isn't here tonight, but Doug will speak for him. The Broughel gate isn't yet fixed, but had some problems with the company we're working with. The gate will be operational for Memorial Day, 2010. Please be proactive and call the police if there is a problem on the beach or in our neighborhood. If you have any thoughts/suggestions about our Security, please send them to us via the website.

Tax Collector: Harry Plaut: Harry collected \$116,461.86 in taxes and we still have \$4,285.13 outstanding. Please send in your taxes to avoid late charges and a possible lien on your home.

Old Business: Sheffield Brook: Doug said that we are looking for a DEP grant up to \$500,000.00 that will address the flooding issues and we will work with the town on that. There may some expenses to Old Lyme Shores, us and the town. We may split it 3 ways, not sure yet.

Law Suit: Motion made by Butch Lagano and 2nd by Frank Nicotera to go into Executive Session to discuss the lawsuit. Motion passed with all in favor. The tape recorder was turned off, therefore, this discussion will not be part of these minutes.

New Business: New meeting location. We now pay \$315.00 to rent the Sound View Community Center and they also want a \$125.00 deposit. Janet checked with the town to go back to Mile Creek School for a cost \$232.00 for 2 meetings for a total savings of \$166.00/year, plus there isn't a security deposit. Mile Creek School offers better parking and will be better financially for us. Someone mentioned the new church may be a possibility and Janet will look into that for us. Another idea was to tell the Sound View Beach Community Center that we are looking into moving our meetings to another location and would they like to meet the other price. We will look into these options over the winter and keep you posted.

Motion to adjourn by Marie Whalen and 2nd by Shel Steinhaus. Motion passed with all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.