

## **APPROVED**

### **Minutes of the General Meeting of the Ocean Beach Surf Club – Unit One May 17, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by President David Finter at the Union Church in Lavallette, New Jersey, at 7:15 p.m.

Present: President David Finter, Bob Blair, James Pendergast, Betty Schreur, Greg Gere, Joe Zipp, Walter Poludin and Richard Yerich.

Absent: Walter Endler and Lois Castronuovo.

President David Finter opened the meeting and the members of the Board of Trustees were introduced, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in memory of deceased members.

The president turned the meeting over to the Vice President, Robert Blair, who announced that we have seven (7) new members and asked if there were any present to please stand. There were none present.

Bob Blair reported that we have four memorial plaques and we will have five new benches made since 3 plaques are being made at this time. He said that anyone interested in a memorial plaque to contact him.

MINUTES: The minutes of the General Membership Meeting of September 21, 2002 were read by the Recording Secretary. On motion of Grace Remishofski, seconded by Richard Davis, the minutes of September 21, 2002, were approved.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 23, 2002. On motion of Dean Briccola, seconded by Joan Grzeszczak, the minutes of November 23, 2002, were approved.

TREASURER: Treasurer James Pendergast reported that there is \$92,713.42 in the checking account. We have a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the interest from that each month goes into the money market account, currently \$26,284.93. We have another Certificate of Deposit for capital improvement fund in the amount of \$9,208.20. Total cash in the amount of \$138,206.56.

He reported that there are still 38 members who have not paid their dues and they will receive a letter assessing them with a late fee of \$25.00 and \$15.00 each month thereafter. There are also people who still owe fines from last year and they will not be given badges this year until the fine has been paid.

On motion of Dan Mercuri, seconded by Grace Remishofski, the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

VICE PRESIDENT: Bob Blair read a letter from Greg Gere, one of our members, regarding attitudes and cooperation. (Attached)

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

SGT. AT ARMS: Walter Poludin reported that a new contract has been signed with Seneca Security. It is the same hours as last year. There were a couple of problems last year and he had

to hire them on an overtime basis. The problem stemmed from Mrs. Walker's Ice Cream Parlor. At the time of closing, the kids moved on up to the beach. It was announced that in an emergency you should not call the security service. Dover Township Police should be called. Dial 911 to contact them.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Richard Yerich, newly appointed trustee to the Board had a couple of requests. The first is that everyone try to get along with your neighbor. If you see a problem with your neighbor, reach out and give him a helping hand. Also try to keep the trash cleaned up. He will give his phone number for anyone who needs an application for construction. He will try to help in any way he can. He announced that effective January 1, 2004, Dover Township is going back to the two-foot set back. It was announced also that as of June 20th this year, all construction must cease. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 per day fine.

Dorothy Janosko questioned whether we can stop them completely. Dave Finter responded that the Trustees are doing the best they can. The fine hurts more than taking them to court and obtaining an injunction, which could take all Summer. Pat Wright, 28 East Channel Way, asked if she would be allowed to put in a screen door which she has ordered; but has not come in yet. Dave responded that she would be subject to the fine beyond June 20th.

Sheryl Piroso of 13 East Shore Way stated that she has had a problem with the trucks that have been riding in our Unit ripping the electric, telephone and cable lines off of her house. When she contacted the companies, they told her that it was a matter between her and the owner of the trucks and there is nothing they can do about it. She wanted to know if anyone else has had a similar problem. The response was that no one else seemed to be having that problem. The president advised her that she would have to put up a mast in order to raise the wires up higher. There is nothing that the club can do about it.

**BAY BEACH:** President Finter reported on the bay beach in the absence of a chairman for the bay beach. He stated that the fences will be taken down next week and would like four or five volunteers to help.

**LAGOON:** Greg Gere reported that all the slips have been rented bringing in over \$20,000 of income for the club. The water was turned on with the help of Doug Laird and Tony DeLeo. Also last month, Dominic Derosa, his wife Debbie and son Dan cleaned up some debris around the lagoon.

Last month when he mailed out the applications for the lagoon, he sent out a survey to see who would be willing to help out at the lagoon. The response was that 2/3rds of the boat owners would help.

Joan Grzeszczak inquired if her name is still on the list awaiting a slip. She was told that her boat is really too large for our marina.

**BADGES:** Walter Endler was absent and President Finter reported that the Board would like to put up flood lights on the north and south walkways to the beach, facing out over the beach towards the ocean for security.

Claire Sadankas questioned whether they would be on all of the time or turned off in the Winter Dave responded that for insurance purposes they will be on all year.

Candice Jenkins, 3036 Ocean Road spoke regarding the pole already on the center walkway. She feels that the light on that pole is sufficient as is. We do not need any more light on the center walkway. Dave explained that there will not be a change on the center walkway.

Claudia Seresko asked whether the new lights would be more powerful.

Susan Donnelly questioned whether we would save on our insurance costs.

Charles Remishofski, 19 East Channel made a motion to investigate and bring to the Zoning Board the installation of two lights at the walkways at a price of \$1500 per pole, not to exceed \$4500. There was discussion on the proposition. Charles Remishofski withdrew his motion and then moved to install the lights at a cost not to exceed \$4500. Tony Valvano seconded the motion.

There was a question of whether we want the lights. Discussion was closed and the vote was taken on the motion to install lights on the two walkways at a cost not to exceed \$4500. The motion was defeated.

Dave then announced that the guest badges will be the same price as last year. He explained that if an owner allows a renter to use their member badges, they will be confiscated and not returned.

Walter Endler asked President Finter to illustrate once again, the distress signal to be given by anyone in the water needing help. Claudia Seresko requested that the lifeguards give a demonstration at the beach. This will be done.

OCEAN BEACH: Joe Zipp reported that OB #1 is holding its own lifeguard tryouts and requested that if anyone within the unit knows of anyone who would like to try out for life guard on our beach, have them contact Joe. He also thanked Scott Michenfelder and his friend for cleaning the debris and trash at the beach every Spring and Fall. Joe asked President Finter to report on our Dune Maintenance Permit.

President Finter reported that the Permit is currently in the review stage and he asked Dan Mercuri, who is currently handling the matter to give a report, which he did. Mrs. Janosko, 33 East Shore Way, raised an objection that she had difficulty hearing him as he stood in the back of the room and wanted it noted for the record that she could not hear. He stated that he will be meeting with representatives from the State in June and they will assess our needs.

Mr. Lou Smith, 33 East Spray Way, questioned why we have this problem and Dan explained that our permit had lapsed.

Charles Remishofski wanted to know whether we have a contractor in place to do the necessary work when the time comes. Dave responded that we do.

Fausto Lameiras, 103 West Surf Way, questioned what happened to Mr. Jones, the contractor. Dave responded that we have a contractor, but he cannot do anything until we have our Permit.

Al Cruse, 14 East Surf Way, questioned whose responsibility it is to renew the Permit and Dave responded that it is the Board's.

Tony Valvano, 10 East Channel, questioned whether the renewal will be for 5 years. It will.

Dave Finter then brought up and reviewed the letter from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the beach replenishment project. Members were urged to respond to the Army Corps of Engineers, raising an objection to having our beach raised by placing more sand on it. This would create a very high dune and would cost the club an exorbitant amount of money. Since our beach is already a high spot on the island, it really is not necessary. He stated that a form letter and all pertinent information regarding this matter will be put on the club's web site and he urged the members to take the information off the web site and send a letter to the appropriate officials which will also be posted on the web site. Our web site is [www.obsc1.com](http://www.obsc1.com). This project has been written up in the newspaper and is scheduled to be done a few years from now.

NEW BUSINESS: Richard Kadash, 109 West Spray Way, questioned whether there has been a resolution on the playground equipment at the bay beach. Dave advised him that we are nearing a resolution, hopefully this week.

Bonnie Browne, 102 West Barnegat, complained about the unsightly conditions at Mrs. Walker's Ice Cream Parlor. She was advised to contact the Board of Health.

President Finter asked for a volunteer to serve on the Board in the recently vacated position of Bay Beach Chairman. Jim Calvano, 244 Bay Beach Way, responded and volunteered to take the position.

There being no further business, on motion of Charles Remishofski, seconded by Pete Schreur, with Mrs. Dorothy Janosko objecting and opposing the adjournment of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Schreur  
Recording Secretary

GREG GERE  
117 WEST BAY WAY

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS,  
HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF OCEAN BEACH SURF CLUB FOR ABOUT 16 YEARS, I  
HAVE SEEN SOME GOOD AND BAD DECISIONS WITH OUT DWELLING ON THE  
MANY DIFFERENT TANGENTS, THAT WE COULD TALK ABOUT I THINK WE  
SHOULD START OFF WITH A CLEAN SLATE.

I WOULD BE CURIOUS TO SEE A NON-BINDING VOTE OF WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO FORWARD, AND LET'S STOP ALL THE NONSENSE AND BICKERING THAT HAS PLAGED OUR UNIT. WE SHOULD BE WORKING TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL OF HARMONY. IF YOU DON'T TAKE A NEW APPROACH YOU WILL BE STUCK IN THE OLD ATTITUDE. IT IS TIME TO MOVE FORWARD.

SOME TRUSTEES WILL BE NEEDED THIS FALL. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE GOOD PEOPLE OUT THERE AND THE CLUB COULD BENEFIT BY THEIR TALENTS. I SUGGEST IF YOU HAVE THOUGHT OF BEING A TRUSTEE GIVE IT A TRY, YOU NEED NOT STAY ON FOR TEN YEARS, BUT JUST TO SEE HOW YOUR COMMUNITY WORKS. YOU WILL GAIN A GOOD EXPERIENCE AND HAVE MORE RESPECT AND COMPASION FOR PAST AND PRESENT BOARDS.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND HAVE A SAFE SUMMER.

GREG GERE