

Carolina Dunes Association Board Meeting

September 14, 1999

The Carolina Dunes Association Board met at 7:30 PM at the home of President Hal Kallman. Present were:

Hal Kallman
George Nemeth
John and Barbara Kerch
Ashby and Carolyn Baum
Madeline Roche
John Darnell
Carroll Smith
Anne Hunter

The minutes were read, corrected, and approved. Corrections were (1) improvements were to the light at the proposed sign and (2) amount of the value of the property is three hundred thousand dollars. Treasurer's report read by John Kerch lists net approximate total assets of \$12,012.24. The benches installed along the sidewalk were \$500.00. We discussed costs involved in trimming and improvement to the walkways. We have had five trimmings along the walkways to date.

President Kallman introduced the subject of old business. It is difficult to get information regarding Lifeguard services. He was told we would need to estimate the number of people using the beach and since many people use the beach South of us which has a lifeguard, we may not be able to justify a lifeguard for Carolina Dunes. There is a shortage of lifeguards. John Darnell advises a portion of the Fire Department Tax is used for this service. Ashby Baum suggested we write the Cheryl Byrd to let her know we want a lifeguard station.

next time
George Nemeth reported regarding the dock at the sound access and advised we can have a dock six feet wide and one hundred feet long and further reported that this would cost approximately \$15 to \$25 per square foot or nine to ten thousand dollars. Discussion followed and it was suggested we table the issue to the next annual meeting. We could then propose an assessment of all property owners to pay for the dock and fund the future maintenance. President Kallman suggested we ask the membership for their opinion.

Continuing discussion of old business, Carolyn Baum got an estimate from Ambrose Sign Company who installed the present sign. The cost estimate to reproduce the original sign was \$2400.00, with additional estimates in the amount of \$4600 to \$4700. These higher estimates were for more elaborate signs. Another company, Sun Swept Signs can duplicate the sign we have with SCOTCH LIGHT for \$850.00 and can also replace the lettering on the existing sign for \$250.00. Madeline Roche talked to J. Ball who does sandblasted signs and he has a six-month backlog. Ashby Baum suggested we write to the Small Brothers to request they consider contributing 50% of the \$1100 cost. It was noted that the sign would not indicate "ocean to sound community". President Kallman suggested we go forward this year with the sign whether or not the Small Brothers contribute. We discussed the quality of the sign and it was moved and seconded and voted to proceed.

Additional old business was introduced by Ashby Baum who contacted the County regarding paving the roads in Carolina Dunes. He was advised work will be done in October 1999. Due to hurricane Dennis there may be a delay.

President Kallman introduced the subject of a section by section petition to request 100% of the owners in one section of Carolina Dunes at time become members of this association. The goal would be to eventually have 100% membership. It was suggested the next newsletter list the expenditures for improvements made, and further suggested we list the members of the association in the newsletter.

Carroll Smith has obtained walkway signs. We now have replacement signs for all walkways.

Discussion of new business began with sand fences, which cost \$25.00 per roll and are 50' in length. Since property owners on the ocean own the land to the mean high water mark we will need to have permission from them to install these fences. Ashby Baum will contact these owners and we will install these fences if permission is granted.

Ocean accesses #1 and #3 were damaged during hurricane Dennis and have been repaired. We have an estimate to replace these 240' walkways ranging from \$1900 to \$2800. The higher cost would include replacement of the runners, and the cost is per walkway. Discussion followed as we do not have this amount of money at present and we may need to wait for the spring dues. It was moved we set aside \$2000 per walkway to begin replacement now and not wait until spring and to amend the motion to increase dues to \$75.00 and cite hurricane, vandalism, wear and tear to these 23 year old walkways.

President Kallman thanked Ashby Baum for all his contributions and for arranging for the building and installation of the new benches.

President Kallman has spoken to our attorney regarding removal of the County's ability to take over the walkways and sound access, and asked if there was any interest in hiring an attorney to attempt to prevent this from happening. Estimate of cost is from \$200 to \$400. Discussion followed. The attorney feels that since the County has not acted in 15 years they would give it up. It was moved, seconded and voted that we ask our attorney to look into this matter with a budget of \$500.

Ashby Baum indicated that the Duck merchants have hired an attorney to file a motion to prevent the sale of the Duck Village land, which is the proposed site of a major food store. No building permit has been issued. The next step is to go to court. The Duck Civic Association has retained an attorney to oppose this construction.

Additional new business discussed was trail safety. The Duck Deli owner has not complied with his promise to pave his parking area. Also discussed was the Dept. of Transportation failure to respond to the requests for safety measures on the sidewalk. 11 of the 23 suggestions have been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hunter, Secretary