

Carolina Dunes Association Annual Meeting

April 29, 2000

The Carolina Dunes Association met on Saturday, April 29, 2000 at the Duck Fire Station. Nineteen people were present.

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President Hal Kalman called the meeting to order and requested the minutes of the April 2, 1999 meeting, prepared by former secretary Carolyn Baum. They were approved as read.

Treasurer John Kerch reported total assets of \$14,675.64, which includes a CD of \$5,321.98. He presented the proposed budget for 2000 which included a \$6700 reserve for storm damage and a \$5000 contingency fund. 79% of the residents paid dues in 1999. End of year assets totaled \$9970. There was discussion of the proposed budget and contingency fund and there will be further discussion of our needs. The treasurers report was approved.

Carolyn Baum indicated the walkway repair has not been completed to date and will require an additional \$200. Sand fences have been installed at the dune area of the three walkways and seem to be doing the job.

Ashby Baum has a letter from the Fire Chief re the cost per street of \$50 to paint numbers on the street to aid in finding homes in case of emergency. He proposed that since most streets have not been paved, we wait until this has been done. We can, however, now paint the two street which have been paved - Bufflehead and Widgeon.

Ashby Baum contacted the Dept. of Transportation in Elizabeth City and reported the status of paving the roads in Carolina Dunes. The bids received exceeded the budget, however this work will be done by the end of the year hopefully with a better bid. The pot holes will be filled now, and the streets have been measured to estimate costs.

There was a question from the floor re responsibility for sand washed down from building sites. It was suggested we contact local office of DOT in Manteo to advise of the problem since DOT is responsive to individual homeowners.

President Kalman requested the report on the incorporation of Duck. The Food Lion situation created the question of incorporation. Pros and cons were discussed. DCA meets every other week to discuss feasibility - trying to get proposal before the General Assembly this year, which would take until late 2001 to become effective. There are side issues - widening of Highway 12 would be easier to control if we are incorporated. It may cost, but any insurance has a cost. Food Lion still owns the property but will be limited to 10,000 square feet in stead of the 35,000 sq. ft. store they proposed to build in Duck. President Kalman requested we seriously consider the benefits of controlled incorporation.

Additional discussion of old business was to report that Duck has four lifeguard stands and two roving ATVs. We continue in our attempts to get a lifeguard for Carolina Dunes.

Old business continued with upkeep and maintenance. We have a signed contract to have the beach accesses trimmed and request the board be notified of any problems. Discussed need for two trash cans for larger rental homes, and the possibility of additional trash pickups in summer. The walkways to the beach have been repaired and all new lumber is being screwed instead of nailed.

We have 2 dedicated areas, 3 beach accesses, 1 sound access and 1 lot on springtail controlled by the County. We have approached an attorney to determine the benefits of the Association seeking control of these areas. The value of these properties is now taxed by assessing all current property owners in Carolina Dunes. If we did take control, Attorney Hobbs tells us the County might decide to tax our association for this value. We would not have to make any improvements, but it would prevent the County from making parking lots or any other changes. Hobbs has contacted the County and will have a response within 2 weeks. This is a control issue. We need to discuss this as a group but cannot exclude non-members. We will keep this topic open.

The nominating committee reported the following slate of officers for the 2000 season:

President - Ashby Baum
Vice President - Gary Roche
Treasurer - John Kerch
Secretary - Anne Hunter
Membership Chairperson - Carolyn Baum
Newsletter Editor - Madeline Roche

There being no nominations from the floor, the slate was accepted.

There was a motion from the floor to pay \$100 to the Duck Civic Association to assist in purchasing a 4-wheeler. This was approved.

Ashby Baum reported that poles for the "no swimming" flags will be permanently installed.

Carolyn Baum moved we give the Fire Dept. \$100 for allowing us to meet at the firehouse and this was approved.

Jim Grisham brought up the subject of garbage collection. The County moved the collection days at holiday times with insufficient notice. It was suggested that dates for the year be published at the beginning of the year. Hal Kalman said the DCA should be given a list of collection days.

President Kalman requested information on the status of the Currituck County Bridge. John Wander indicates it would take 10 years to build the bridge if and when it was approved. The cost of widening Highway 12 would be approx. two and a half times the cost of the proposed bridge.

President Kalman requested ideas regarding the use of the dedicated areas and asked that we present suggestions in the future.

President Kalman thanked all who served this past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hunter, Secretary