

# Carolina Dunes Association Annual Meeting

## April 14, 2001

The Carolina Dunes Association met on Saturday, April 14, 2001 at the Duck Fire Station. Twenty-seven people were present.

President Ashby Baum called the meeting to order and suggested we bypass the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. There was a motion made, seconded and passed that the minutes of the prior annual meeting not be read.

Treasurer John Kerch reported the bank balance January 1, 2001 was \$8085.85. With income for dues and expenses of 878.27 to date, we have a bank balance of 17,257.58. With the CD which was renewed 2/12/01 and a 39.40 credit from Dominion N.C. Power, present total assets are 22,715.50. There are 225 lots in Carolina Dunes, and there are three lots that are voluntarily included, giving a total of 228 lots. A total of 21 lots are exempt for various reasons - ownership of multiple lots, etc.- leaving 207 of which 131 have paid. This leaves 76 unpaid. Last year the total expenses were 878.27, and the major expense was to maintain the walkways.

President Baum explained that we have title to three parcels of land. They are the walkways to the ocean and a parcel on Sprigtail that is designated as a parking area. We have done nothing with this lot, which can only be used as parking unless we have all property owners agree to an alternate plan. The access to the Sound also belongs to the Association and we maintain that parcel. The expense is mainly in repair to the walkways. We did put up a bench near the water on the Sound access. A contractor repaired walkway #2 twice due to storm damage and it should last through the summer. The president requested any questions regarding the walkways, and there followed a discussion of walkway #1 since sand has buried the bottom portion of the stairs. He will follow up on this problem area. Carolyn Baum indicated that one year all walkways had to be replaced.

There was a question regarding a trash can at the Sound access since we have one at each Ocean access. President Baum answered that the trash can would have to be brought to the road for pick up, but that we would keep this in mind as possible in the future.

Ashby Baum advised that we may own an additional small parcel of land, since the lot adjacent to the Carolina Dunes sign has been put under contract. The association has invested time and money in the maintenance of this sign, has installed electricity and water and continues to maintain this area. The problem now is that the well we have installed is too close to the area where the septic system drain field for the future house on this lot will be located, and we have been asked to remove the well. What has been worked out is that we can get a connection to city water, we will have ownership of the property on which the sign stands, the contractor will pay for the water connection, and we will pay for future water.

Compliments from the floor were given to those who have helped in the decoration and maintenance of the area around the Carolina Dunes sign, and appreciation was expressed for this effort.

Question from the floor regarding the No Parking signs, as it appears that people are parking on the dune area to avoid the being ticketed. Discussion followed, including the size and location of the lot on Sprigtail designated for parking. This lot would have to be paved to be of use. Discussion followed and there was no resolution to this problem except to agree that parking would continue to be a problem.

President Baum pointed out that all streets have been paved, and believes that this is the single biggest improvement we have in the area. He further advised that there are now numbers painted in the street to identify the houses in the event of fire or other emergency.

There was some discussion at the last meeting about putting some sort of recreation facility in Carolina Dunes. Dr. Hal Kalman did a study and evaluation which concludes that there are no lots available that would be of sufficient size for this type of project.

Ocean access number two has a problem with steps that sag slightly. We hope to get through the summer as they are and address this problem at the end of the summer season. There was a question regarding the liability aspect in the event of an accident. Ashby Baum indicated there was one accident on walkway three, but the lady who was injured did not bring suit against the Association. We do have liability coverage which would respond.

President Baum reported that the Duck Civic Association meeting included information regarding life guards for

the area. There were problems with the life guards last year, but there will be more supervision this summer in an attempt to improve the service. The lifeguard stands will be at the same location as last year and will again be in radio contact

Trash can are a problem if there are not adequate cans for the size of the house. There should be one trash can for every five people. President Baum encourages everyone who rents to have at least two cans, and suggests calling the real estate office to correct the problem.

There was a question from the floor regarding keeping the members informed via e-mail. President Baum advised that this was discussed at the Duck Civic Association meeting this morning. The e-mail address for the Duck Civic Association is [www.duckcivic.com](http://www.duckcivic.com). The e-mail address we can use now is [mjroche@aginet.com](mailto:mjroche@aginet.com). We will establish an e-mail address for Carolina Dunes and have this information in the newsletter. Relative to the subject of communication, Carolyn Baum advised that we will attempt to get a directory by street this year.

President Baum advised that the Duck Civic Association will have a web site within a few weeks and this can be accessed for current information regarding all issues including incorporation.

Next Tuesday, April 17, there will be the semi-annual pick up of large items of trash. These items should be put out the night before.

Ashby Baum advised that the number to call for trash can repair is 473-7701.

The president acknowledged the contribution of Madeline Roche in providing us with an excellent newsletter for Carolina Dunes.

Reporting on the subject of the pending incorporation of Duck as a town, this is proceeding well and we expect to have final approval in June. Initially there will be no paid employees as there will be no revenue, but once the revenue has been received there will be paid employees of the town. All the hard work to the present time has been done by volunteers.

There was a question from the floor - will the Duck Civic Association be redundant? President Baum advised that the DCA will be separate from the township personnel. There are 872 members of the DCA, and this is a good forum for non-registered voters. We do need input from the various associations.

President Baum advised that the Tourist Bureau will have water fountains installed along the sidewalk.

The nominating committee reported the following slate of officers for 2001:

President - Gary Roche  
Vice President - Jim Gresham  
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.

Nominations for the Board of Directors are:

Ashby Baum, ex-officio	John Darnell
The Rev. Charles Gill	Ron Forlano
Hal Kallman	Barbara Kerch
Charlie Pratt	Di Small
Carroll Smith	Lorraine Schmidt

Gary Roche thanked Ashby Baum for all of his assistance in resolving the various problems for the Association and for his valuable service.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hunter, Secretary