

Carolina Dunes Association Annual Meeting April 19, 2003

The annual meeting of the Carolina Dunes Association was held on April 19, 2003 at 3 PM at the Duck Fire Station. There were approximately 37 members present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Charles Gill. As the minutes of the Directors Meeting of February 25, 2003 were five pages long, he asked if those present wished to have these minutes read. It was moved, seconded and approved that the minutes be accepted as presented. President Gill indicated there were copies of the minutes available if anyone wished to read them, and a copy was given to interested parties.

Treasurer John Kerch gave the treasurers' report which indicated assets of \$17,287.90. This includes certificates of deposit of \$5656.64 and \$5116.32. It is estimated that this amount would cover the expense of replacing the three beach access stairs and walkways and repair the sound access in the event of a major storm. The last major storm caused damage to all three stairs, and we had no assets available to cover these repairs until the next dues were collected. We have already spend over one thousand dollars to repair the accesses this year. The treasurers' report was approved.

President Gill asked for a round of applause for Barbara Kerch and Caroline Baum for their work in keeping the signs for Carolina Dunes in such good order.

President Gill advised that we need to take action to elect new officers for the coming year. The nominations for office are:

President	Ashby Baum
Vice President	Jim Gresham
Treasurer	John Kerch
Secretary	Anne Hunter

Nominations were requested from the floor, and there being none there was a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. This was approved.

Nominations for the Board of Directors are Jerry Jacobs, Steve Baum and Terry Looney. The president asked for any additional nominations. The current members of the Board and Di Small, Charles Pratt, Ron Forlano and Barbara Kerch. The seven member Board of Directors was approved.

President Gill raised the subject of the walkways to the ocean and the sound. The Town of Duck has initiated a new requirement to install sand fences for ocean front properties. This can be found on the Town of Duck website. There has been loss of dunes due to the storms, and we must take every measure available to save the existing dunes. He asked Ashby Baum for a report on the new sound access.

The new access was necessary because the prior access was on the property line of the next lot, and owner had this property surveyed and brought this matter to our attention. The sound access was relocated 20 to 30 feet to the north. The bench has been moved to the new area.

At the last Directors meeting in February, Chief of Police Dale Hamilton indicated the new Duck police force will have 7 members to patrol the extensive area of the town. Speed limits were discussed.

President Gill also discussed the 1999 Communities Act and our decision that we will not pursue mandatory membership at this time. Since we are a voluntary group, he encouraged everyone to try to get their neighbors, etc. to join the Association so that we will have as many as possible to share in the maintenance of the common areas. At present we have approximately 79% membership in the Association.

Neil Blinkin raised the issue of architectural control. He is of the opinion that some reasonable control would be good for our development. There are still small houses that will be replaced with new and larger houses, and reasonable control would be a good idea.

President Gill advised that the streets in Carolina Dunes are state owned and maintained. This is to our advantage since the expense involved in keeping the roads maintained would be difficult with the small dues charged by the Association.

Ashby Baum asked Ron Forlano to give us information regarding the Duck Civic Association Planning Board. He indicated that there have been four drafts which will be give to the Town Council at the May 7,2003 meeting. This covers the "large house" issue. After much debate, there are several restrictions , and they have decided not to restrict the size of new houses. There will be restrictions on (1) set back lines, (2) lot coverage -this will dictate the size of the house - on a 10,000 sq. ft. lot a four bedroom house would be permitted - 15,000 - 5 bedroom, 15,000 to 20,000 six bedroom providing it meets the 30% lot coverage - (3) parking requirements - the number of parking spaces must equal the number of bedrooms. There would be no parking in the 10 foot set back on the side yards. The height limit remains at 35 feet. The town has hired a planning/zoning director. This person will address problems of noise, design, trash , etc. and will be able to enforce the town restrictive covenants.

John Kerch advised that when he built his house, the blueprints had to be approved by the developers, the Small Brothers. Since they had this authority, he suggested we get this authority passed over to the Association so we would have the authority of architectural review. We will look into this matter.

President Gill advised that the sound access osprey nest that was destroyed by the storms and ice last winter has been replaced and the osprey have returned. He expressed appreciation to Jim Gresham for coordinating this effort.

Fire safety was the next subject addressed, and President Gill reminded us of the dangers of dry

grass and the wooden structures. There is a "no fireworks" ordinance in the town of Duck, and this is a ban on all forms of fireworks, including sparklers.

Community watch will be continued by the Association in order to limit property damage.

We have 18 new neighbors in Carolina Dunes. These are listed in the recent newsletter.

President Gill advised that the blue ribbons on mailboxes signify support of the mid-county bridge which will offer alternative route for evacuation and help lessen traffic. Blue ribbons can be obtained at Duck City Hall.

The next subject was garbage cans. The requirements are based on the number of bedrooms, with two cans for 4 bedrooms, three cans for 5 or more bedrooms. Collection days are Monday and Friday.

Ron Forlano indicated that the land use study plan is being conducted at present in Duck. The last study was done 12 years ago, and it should be done every 5 years. This committee will meet at 10AM on the first Friday of the month for the next 18 months. These are public meetings and they welcome as much input as possible from the residents of Duck.

There will be a special trash pick up of large items on April 23, 2003.

Ashby Baum asked that everyone work together to pick up any trash on the beach in order to keep Carolina Dunes beaches clean. Trash cans are located at each beach access.

There was a question regarding lifeguard service this year, and President Gill advised that the lifeguard is located on the beach at the end of Sprigtail Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hunter, Secretary