

Carolina Dunes Homeowners Association
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2008

The annual meeting of the Carolina Dunes Homeowners Association (CDHOA) was held on March 22, 2008 at the Duck Fire Station. President Dave Ellison brought the meeting to order at 2 pm with a broad description of the November 24, 2007 CDHOA meeting and the more specific issue of fireworks. As a result of that meeting and subsequent interaction with the Duck Town Manager and Council, President Ellison invited the Duck Police Department to today's meeting to talk about fireworks.

Presentation by Duck Police – First Sergeant Jeffrey Ackerman and Officer Gerard Couture provided a comprehensive briefing on fireworks, including the number of calls received, response time issues, citations that may be issued, and the importance of educating renters and homeowners to the dangers of fireworks. In their continuing effort to remind renters are illegal in Duck, the Police Department will be increasing information on the 530AM channel, providing new flyers to rental companies for distribution to renters, using electronic signage during the week of July 4, updating information on the Town of Duck website and increasing the number of police officers available during anticipated peak hours of the week of July 4.

Minutes of November 24, 2007 Meeting – President Ellison reviewed the minutes of the November 24, 2007 meeting with details on projects undertaken on the three ocean access walkways as well as information on the sound access. The walkways have now been repaired and, with the exception of the north walkway, are in good shape. The north walkway stairs may need additional shoring up this spring. The sound access erosion problem seems to be stable. President Ellison reminded members to look at the CDHOA website (www.carolinadunes.org) for additional details from the November meeting including landscaping around the Carolina Dunes signs, trash cans on roadways and trash can repair, and parking on roadways in Carolina Dunes. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2007 meeting. It was seconded and all present were in favor.

Pictures – President Ellison shared pictures of the three walkways, sound access and the Carolina Dunes signs. He discussed the challenges associated with upkeep of the walkways and the unpredictability of damage from storms and the cost of repairs. He noted that landscaping around the Carolina Dunes signs will begin in April.

General Information – President Ellison shared with the membership items the Board worked on during 2007. These included professionalizing the record keeping, providing an interface with the Town of Duck and keeping the common areas maintained. He also commented on the number of homeowners who had paid dues (180 of 223 properties) and encouraged those who haven't to send \$75 to Treasurer June Forlano. Preserving the quality of Carolina Dunes depends on the commitment of homeowners and the CDHOA is working hard to address all issues important to its residents. President Ellison also reminded homeowners to send their email addresses to Ron Blunck

(ron@thebluncks.com) so we can decrease the number of paper newsletters sent to residents. President Ellison also discussed the upcoming events sponsored by the Town of Duck and suggested residents check the website (www.townofduck.com/events) for further information.

Treasurer's Report – President Ellison provided a report on the current balance of CDHOA accounts (CD and checking) of \$20,710.84. His report included a comparative income statement (2006 versus 2007), a general ledger report for January 1, 2008 to present and an income statement for January 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008.

Proposed By-Law Changes – President Ellison asked Vice President Ron Blunck to describe the proposed by-law changes. Vice President Blunck indicated that the proposed changes had earlier been provided to CDHOA members on the CD website. The following is a summary of the proposed changes:

Article I. Eliminated out-of-date address and made addresses generic so that the by-laws don't have to be changed each time new officers are elected.

Article II, Section 3. Changed annual dues period of time for January 1 to December 31 (from March 1 through the end of the following February) to avoid membership confusion over whether dues have been paid. Also set a deadline date of the end of February for the dues to be paid.

Article IV, Section 1. Changed member notification period to match the period listed in Section 3 to improve consistency.

Article IV, Section 4. Changed the quorum from 10% to 5% to ensure annual meetings can be conducted. A quorum of 10% would require 22 properties to be represented. It's common that roughly 30 people attend the annual meetings, but that usually includes spouses. It's likely that fewer than 22 properties have sometimes been represented at past annual meetings.

Article VI, Section 1. Changed the minimal size of the Board from 7 to 5 to make it easier to find candidates for Board members and to make it easier for the entire Board to be actively engaged in Association activities.

Article VI, Section 11. Add a provision that provides for special rules, procedures and potential fees for non-owners who may want to use Carolina Dunes access paths (residents in Sandhills subdivision).

A motion was made to approve the changes. The motion was seconded and all present were in favor.

Officer and Board Elections – President Ellison presented a slate of nominees for officers and board and asked for any additional nominations. President Ellison was nominated to be a board member as well as Charlie Pratt. The slate of nominees is:

Ron Blunck – President

Lorraine Schmidt – Vice President

June Forlano – Treasurer

Christopher Blunck – Secretary

Dave Ellison – Board member

Charlie Pratt – Board member

A motion was made to approve the slate of nominees. The motion was seconded and all present were in favor.

Newly elected President Blunck thanked Dave Ellison for his service over the past year and the meeting was adjourned.

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Christopher Blunck
Secretary