

CAROLINADUNES

an Ocean to Sound Community



Carolina Dunes Association 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

Ron Blunck called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM on Saturday, April 7, 2012.

The new board was elected unanimously as nominated. They are:

Ron Blunck - President
Tom Dorsey - Vice President
Christopher Blunck - Secretary/Treasurer
June Forlano - Board Member
Vicki Hatch - Board member
Charlie Pratt - Board member
Lorraine Schmidt - Board member
Frank Evans - Board member

Christopher Blunck gave a review of the finances. Last year the Association ran a loss due to repairs that were made to the ocean and sound pathways. We surveyed the community and asked if the desire was to maintain the current dues level and reduce the number of repairs each year or to increase dues and keep the steps to the beach open more during the year. The community responded with a desire to increase the dues to \$125/year and to keep the steps open according to the following schedule:

Easter through Thanksgiving - attempt to keep 2 steps open.
Memorial Day through Labor day - attempt to keep all 3 steps open.

We have recently repaired the middle and southern steps. We also introduced a 90 degree turn in the steps from a platform at the bottom of the steps. Unfortunately by installing a 90 degree turn and platform we went onto adjoining property. This took a lot of effort on the part of Tom Dorsey to get owner approval and to work with the Town of Duck to obtain permits for the construction.

The south sign still requires repairs even though it may look fine from a distance. The Town of Duck has recognized the landscaping at our southern sign 3 years in a row by honoring us a Community Appearance Award. We're going for 4 in a row this year!

Hurricane Irene caused a lot of damage to sound front homes in Carolina Dunes. The high winds and storm surge deposited a significant amount of debris on the sound front community lot and wiped out most of the trees close to the water along with our bench. We have contracted with a carpenter to install several replacement benches and we have worked with our landscaper to restore and improve the appearance of the sound front community lot. The benches and landscaping repairs are expected to be complete by Memorial Day.

The roads in Carolina Dunes were recently resurfaced courtesy of NC Department of Transportation. Carolina Dunes is one of the very few private subdivisions whose roads were dedicated to and accepted by the NC Department of Transportation decades ago when the community was developed. That is an enormous benefit to the community because it means maintenance of the roads (including resurfacing) is the responsibility of the State of North Carolina rather than the individual owners within the community. All state owned roads within the Town of Duck (and there are only a few of them) were resurfaced this past year and our community was included in that project.

The lifeguards plan to return and mount their observation post on the beaches of our community this year. The life guards provide a valuable benefit to the community as they patrol a large area of the beach that are local to our community. Swimmers in our community have the benefit of a close set of eyes looking out for their well being whereas swimmers from other communities have to rely on word of mouth and problems to occur before a life guard can make it down the beach to provide assistance. The life guards return to our beach year after year because we offer them free parking in the community owned lot close to the northern most access walkway.

Last year an unusual summer erosion event resulted in little to no beach on the northern end of the community. The life guards accordingly shifted their post to the southern most beach access and Charlie Pratt (a resident of the community) graciously offered the life guards parking in his driveway near the southern access so they did not have to walk very far to get to their post. Hats off to Charlie for helping our life guards keep watch on our beaches!

Erosion continues to be a problem in Carolina Dunes. We had a major erosion event during the summer of 2011 towards the northern and middle areas of Carolina Dunes. A dune replenishment project is currently underway in the community and is being coordinated by Vicki Hatch with help from her husband Joe. The dune replenishment helps protect the property behind the dune but does not widen the beach. Widening the beach would require a beach nourishment project that would be substantially more

expensive. Beach nourishment and the ongoing problem of erosion is something the Town of Duck is currently studying. Many questions exist about the feasibility of a beach nourishment project similar to Nags Head due to questions about funding. At this point in erosion data is being gathered and analysis is underway. Identifying mitigation alternatives is the next step and is likely to be the most controversial.

The major question at hand regarding beach nourishment relates to the Town of Duck's ability to access the shoreline replenishment funds at the county and state level. Recent legislation at the county level requires any community that wishes to draw upon the shoreline funds to provide public access to beaches within the town. The State has required this for years if State funding is involved. Public access requires public access points every 1/2 mile with enough parking for 10 vehicles within 1/4 mile from the access point. All of the subdivisions within the Town of Duck are privately owned and purchasing property and converting it to parking lots would be highly expensive and controversial. The Town of Duck recognizes this and is investigating alternative clauses in the legislation that could be invoked in order to provide access to the shoreline replenishment funds without providing formal public access. This is a high priority on the Town of Duck's agenda, and we can expect additional details over the coming months.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Blunck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Christopher Blunck
CDA Secretary