SKIPPERS' COVE BEACH CLUB, INC.

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 16th, 2023

- Call to Order – 11:02
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence – Elaine Nista, Marian Gaum, Millie Mooney and Irene Kutner's brother Robert Loughman.
- Establish Quorum – No Quorum
- Rules of Order for General Meetings
    - No video or audio recording permitted
- Minutes from the June 17th, 2023 General Meeting were posted prior to this meeting on the SCBC official website (www.skipperscovebeach.club) and additional hard copies were available in back of room.
- Committee Reports:
    - **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Maria Geronimo (Carol for Maria)
        - Treasurers Report, Profit and Loss and Balance Report copies were provided in the back of room.
        - Taxes and bills are paid and up to date. Deposits have been recorded in Quickbooks.
        - 3rd Q Clubhouse and Marina property taxes were paid in August.
        - Proposed 2024 Budget with ballots will be mailed by the end of September. The Teller's Committee volunteers will count the votes on the ballots for the 2024 budget the 1st week of November. The community will be notified of the meeting.
    - **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – Mike Wesolowski
        - All members have paid their 2023 dues.
    - **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES** – Mike O'Neil
        - The Cornhole Tournament held on June 24th was a huge event and great success. Thanks to all who helped and the sponsors who donated the great prizes and give aways.
        - The weather held out for the July 4th BBQ. Michelle Mirabello was not able to attend and lead the kid's games so Sandy O'Neil stepped up to the task and did a great job. Over 90 attended.
        - Wii Bowling/Game Night on July 14th was lots of fun. There were 32 attendees. Thank you, Peg Hendriks and Mike Wesolowski for Chairing.
        - The Boat Parade and Potluck Dinner schedule for July 22nd was canceled due to lack of participation. The 3 trophies purchased will be reused after replacing the placards.

- Summer Evening on the Bay sponsored by Skipperettes, Men's Club and Beachcombers was held on August 11th and was a huge success. Approximately 120 people attended.
- A planning meeting was held on August 18th with the New Year's Eve Committee to discuss budget and plans for the event. The event will be catered, have a DJ and an admission fee will be charge to cover the costs.
- The 41st Annual Fishing Tournament was held on August 19th. Lori Geary chaired the event. 8 boats were entered to compete for 7 trophies and over 40 were in attendance to watch the weigh in and enjoy the potluck dinner.
- The Labor Day BBQ was held on September 3rd with over 100 in attendance. Special thanks to our resident pirate and treasure chest hider Sandy O'Neil.
- The Memorial Day BBQ and Memorial Day Service were both held on Monday for the last 2 years. Members questioned whether the BBQ should be held the day before the service. The reason it was changed from Sunday to the Monday was because a lot of people have company and having events 3 days in a row on a Holiday weekend is a lot. A suggestion was also made to have the BBQ immediately following the Service so attendees don't have to go home in between the events. A mailchimp will go out to the community to elicit input.
- Thanks to all the volunteers who set up, cooked, replenished food, ran games and cleaned up.

o **GROUNDS** – Maria Barrows (Carol for Maria)

- 25 tons of beach rock was delivered and spread around the south fence, bocce court and shuffleboard area. Thanks to all who helped.
- Thanks to the Garden Club (under the guidance of Stephanie Gebhardt) for planting, mulching and water maintenance of all the gardens in the Cove. They are in process of pulling out the old plantings and putting in Mums for the Fall Season.
- The picnic tables are in bad shape and cannot be repaired. We do not have replacement monies in this year's budget. Since members have previously donated 3 polywood benches in memory of a family member, a mailchimp was sent to the community to see if any residents would be interested in donating funds for the purchase of a replacement polywood picnic table (plaque will be supplied). 56" octagonal polywood tables that are easy to get in and out of at a cost of $1,795 have been chosen. 2 tables have been ordered and will be delivered early October (one donated by Al Giancola and Carol Stone and one from the 2023 budget with additional donations). Mike and Sandy O'Neil and Jim and Kathy Guerra are also going to donate a table. Additional cash donations to be put toward a table have also been made by Brenda Poole and Jim Bercaw, Maria Barrows, Suzanne Doris and the Nista Family. This will allow us to buy 4 tables. Additional donations are welcome so we can eventually replace all the tables. A huge thank you to all who donated!!
- Beach is open, swimming area is closed. Thanks go to Al Giancola and Jim and Joe Bercaw for managing the ropes, buoys and ladders this season.
- Ocean Fence came back and changed out the hinges on the 3 gates. Instruction signs on how to operate the gates were ordered and hung. These changes seem to have fixed the problem.

o **HOUSE** – Sal Eppolito

- There have been 19 Rentals in 2023 with 2 scheduled going forward in 2023 and 2 scheduled for 2024.
- West Wall construction is underway and should be complete by October. 9 new windows have been installed along with new beadboard along the west wall which will be painted. Mark Mastorelli is the building contractor who is donating his expertise and time for an extremely small fee. A big thanks goes out to him as well as to all the volunteers who are helping.
- Minor repairs were made to a kitchen door and the kitchen sink.
- Ladies room has a water back up when there is a heavy rain. The water seems to be coming in by the shed on the side wall. Sal will look into this and possibly call the township to check the sewer line.
- Clubhouse is in great shape.

o **MARINA –** Bob Eid
- All slips for 2023 have been rented by residents.
- Boats must be out by December 5th and Bob will turn off the water if there is a freeze warning.

o **BAR** – Al Giancola
- Bar is doing well. Stocked and ready for upcoming rentals and club events.
- Summer Evening on the Bay grossed over $1000 and Al gives a big thanks to everyone involved in running the event.
- Thanks to Mary Parisi for a great Bocce Season and all her hard work. The Bocce Night after the finals was fantastic.
- Should we open the bar for Sunday football? Let Al know if you are in favor.

o **FELLOWSHIP** – Linda Beveridge & Lisa Frantellizzi (Brenda for Linda and Lisa)
- Sympathy Cards were sent to:
  - Family of Elaine Nista and Marian Gaum and to Irene Kutner for the death of her brother.
- Get Well/Thinking of you Cards were sent to:
  - Audrey Vernon, Sally Bercaw, Ingrid Kubiak, Diane Amodio and Donna DiLorenzo.
- There were no Welcome Bags delivered since June.

o **SKIPPERETTES' REPORT** – Pat Cicenia
- A Popcorn and Movie event was held on June 27th, featuring Father of the Bride.
- A pizza lunch was held on July 11th to decorate mason jars and fill with candy to give to Interfaith seniors and homebound clients.
- Linda Rawlins (mystery fiction author) spoke at the August 8th meeting.
- Summer Evening on the Bay Event held on August 11th with the Men's Club and Beachcombers was a huge success.
- SCBC Apparel Fund Raiser is underway and doing well. Merchandise will be picked up from the vendor by October 7th. The clubhouse will be opened one night so that all who ordered apparel can pick up their items. A mailchimp will go out to the community.
- The annual Silver Tea was postponed until October 24th due to the west wall construction.
- Our next regular meeting will be held October 10th at 1 PM. There will be speaker from Southern Ocean Medical Center on heart health screenings and the whole community will be invited.

        - 3 Board positions are open and we are looking for volunteers. Contact Pat if you are interested.
        - An LBI Surflight trip is planned on September 19th to see Grumpy Old Men with lunch prior at Lefty's Tavern.
        - Proposal to donate 1/3 share for a picnic table for SCBC at $600 was discussed at the September meeting and will be voted on at the October meeting.
    - **MEN'S CLUB REPORT** – Scott Hartkopf (Mike O'Neil for Scott)
        - Upcoming events:
            - The Golf Outing will be held October 6th at Cedar Creek Golf Course with dinner immediately following at Lefty's Tavern. All are welcome. $100 per person.
            - Pumpkin Carving will be held on October 14th. Please RSVP so there are enough pumpkins.
            - The Halloween Party will be held on October 28th.
            - Breakfast with Santa will be held in December.
            - The proposal to donate 1/3 share for a picnic table for SCBC at $600 was approved.
    - **BEACHCOMBERS –** Tony Repice
        - Dues Acct has $181.00 and the Gaming Account has $1138.
        - The Summer Evening on the Bay event grossed $575 in profits from the 50/50.
        - The Labor Day BBQ event grossed $455 in profits from the 50/50.
        - There is a proposal to donate 1/3 share in a picnic table for SCBC at a cost of $600.
- **Old Business:**
    - Dean Lippincott brought attention to the disrepair of the bulkhead at end of Hornblower at the April General Meeting. Carol contacted Ocean Township to make them aware of the problem.
        - The Ocean Township DPW agreed that it is in bad shape and approved the replacement by Albert Marine in October.
        - The engineers who surveyed the bulkhead questioned the disrepair of north groin which is the responsibility of SCBC.
            - The purpose of that groin is to prevent sand from gathering at the beach.
            - To replace the groin (which does not seem to be a necessity) an engineer would need to be hired, the area dredged and a DEP permit would be needed for getting rid of the spoils.
            - We will try to find someone to take a look at it without costing us a fortune.
            - The consensus of all was that the groin is not needed and does not need to be replaced.
- **New Business:**
    - The Nominating Committee has filled the slate for open BOD Positions for 2024 (Treasurer, House, Bar, Grounds and Marina).
        - Maria Barrows, Sal Eppolito and Al Giancola will remain in their current positions.
        - Mary Pat Leonard, a new resident to Skippers' Cove, will be taking over as Treasurer. We thank Maria Geronimo for her professional service as treasurer.
        - Christine Herring will be taking the Marina Director Position. We thank Bob for his tireless help with the upkeep and running of the marina.

        - There is only 1 person running for each position so there is no need for a vote to go out to the community. The secretary will cast a single vote for the 2024 slate in November and the slate will be sworn in at the January General Meeting.

    - A detailed Health Inspection by Ocean County was conducted for the Skippers' Cove Kitchen, Bar and Beach. New signage was purchased and hung around the clubhouse per regulations. There was a lot of work involved and a big thank you goes to Carol Stone who worked tirelessly to create a thorough aquatic plan and to make sure SCBC was in compliance with the rules and regulations. The Inspector said that SCBC is the cleanest and most organized site she inspects in Ocean County.

    - Huge fish heads (tuna) are floating in the lagoon. We will be contacting Spencer's Marina (Bob Lang) to ensure their slip renters are not illegally disposing of carcasses in the bay/lagoon. Bob Eid was in contact with Long Key Marina who strictly enforces carcass disposal and will kick slip renters out of their marina for throwing fish heads in the lagoon. Anyone disposing of fish carcasses in the lagoon/bay will be reported.

Open Discussion:

- Thank you to Mary Parisi for doing a fantastic job as Bocce Commissioner. Mary (and Gary) bring a ton of entertainment and laughs to the Bocce Court.
- A suggestion was made to have Summer Evening on the Bay earlier in the season to get more of the Cove involved sooner.
- Another suggestion was to hire a band for some of the events.
- The distributor who contributes most of the Cornhole Tournament giveaways and prizes is going out of business. Al will try to get some prizes for the 2024 Cornhole Tournament prior to the distributor going out of business.

- **Adjourn**
    - 12:12 - Motion to Adjourn by Mary Mirabello and seconded by Kathy Guerra.