

2024 meeting minutes

Sunray Shores Improvement Association Annual Meeting June 1, 2024

Meeting called to order by Mike O'Brien at 9:10

Approximately 35 members in attendance.

New members introduced

Election of Officers:

- Norm Duval nominated Beth Simpson for President, seconded by Dennis Duval
- Janice Beauchemin nominated Paula Cantara for Vice President, seconded by Don Simpson
- Dennis Duval nominated Michele Duval for Secretary, seconded by Don Simpson
- Beth Simpson nominated Ed Stephenson for Treasurer, seconded by Mike O'Brien

All officer positions passed as nominated.

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The membership had received copies of the 2023 minutes via email and/or a hard copy at the meeting today. Mike O'Beien made a motion to accept the 2023 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Warren Berglund. Motion passed

Treasurer's report:

Ed was not able to attend this meeting. Therefore a Treasurer's report was not available. There was a question about what the balance is. Ed's input is needed for this answer.

Sharon Hampton made a motion to table the Treasurer's report and have Ed email the report to the membership within 30 days. Seconded by Michelle Duval. Motion passed

Old business

- President's report: Mike spoke to the membership about what a pleasure it has been to serve the SSIA community over the last 5 years.
 - Committee Reports:
- Beach Committee: The beach is beautiful yet more sand in the walkway could be replenished. Unfortunately the State only allows sand to be replenished every 6 years (done last year). Kevin Hampton also wanted to recognize the Carlson's for launching the raft and swimming perimeter ropes.

A lengthy discussion occurred about everyone making sure that only SSIA members are using the beach. With members renting their houses, there are more people on the beach. This is an ongoing concern and has been brought up for discussion in the past.

Norm Duval suggested that rental guests have beach passes. Mary Darragh questioned how to know who are the renters? Bob Bolduc has seen folks using the fishing dock. Tim Simpson wondered about insurance coverage for this. He also suggested parking passes to use the parking lot.

Don Simpson suggested that a committee be formed to research what other associations do to handle this same issue.

Sharon Hampton said this has been done in the past.

One member said that she did not feel comfortable approaching people on the beach she didn't know.

It is not an easy issue and remains unresolved.

The Beach clean-up occurred on May 11. More people are needed to volunteer with this project especially since we all enjoy the use of the beach. A suggestion was made to schedule the Beach Clean up for 2 weekends so that more members are available to help.

- Beautification Committee: Janice Beauchemin reported that flags have been hung throughout the Association. A request was made for additional flags to be placed by Nancy Drive. Janice addressed this concern.

Janice and Beth Simpson will be cleaning up the triangle where Elaine Drive meets Tucker Shore Road. Volunteers will be needed to help clean the area and plant perennials.

- Dock Master Report: Dave Murphy reported that the Dock company was on site earlier that week and all docks have been leveled. There are presently 2 people on a waiting list. Mike Royea asked about the balance in the dock fund. This question was deferred to Ed. Michele Duval reinforced that a member MUST pay Association dues before requesting a boat slip.

Janice Beauchemin noted that some members who own docks on the channel would be willing to rent boat slip spaces. This cost could be \$2,000-\$3,500 per year.

- Milfoil report: There is a section in the newsletter that speaks to this. More detailed information was deferred to Ed. Sharon Hampton noted that there was an article in the Saturday 'Laconia Daily Sun' newspaper about it. There was a question about divers being the area this year or the milfoil being treated chemically.

- 2023 Completed projects: Deferred to Ed

- Winter Boat Storage: Michele Duval reported that 6 boats took advantage of storing their boat in the Parking Lot. This made the Association \$900. Michelle volunteered to continue managing the Winter Boat Storage and will define dates that members can put their boats in the Parking Lot and the earliest date they can take them out.

New Business

- 2024 Proposed projects: Ed ordinarily provides a list of proposed projects. The only project anticipated at this time is replacing the railings on both bridges. Norm Duval has had conversations with Ed about a possible alternative design (a clamping system). However this is very expensive at a cost of \$11,000. Therefore the project is still in the planning stages.
- Request to add new members to the Association: (78 Sunset Drive and 86 Tucker Shore.) Sharon Hampton spoke to 78 Sunset Drive and told them that they could not become members.
Janice Beauchemin talked about the history of the Water District. She also reported that people with direct access to the Lake do not have deeded rights to the beach. Don Simpson said that The Water District owns the beach and parking lot. In the past, the SSIA deeded these area to the Water District because they are a non-profit organization and do not pay property taxes. The SSIA shared the cost of liability insurance with the Water District. She also spoke that the issue of adding members to the SSIA does not need to be discussed and voted on by the membership because this is legally a closed Association and Water District.
- Members questions/concerns:
 - 1. Mary Darragh said that the rocks in the parking lot are quite large which makes it difficult to walk but especially for elderly people, people with babies and people that may need to use a wheelchair, etc. She requested that members be considerate where they park and kindly leave spaces near the openings available for people with this type of need.
 - 2. Fireworks - Lisa Delacy spoke to people shooting off fireworks from the beach last year and the damage it causes. Beth Simpson spoke of the regulations in the Town of Belmont and these can be found on the Town's website in their monthly newsletter. Permits are needed from the Fire Department and only with a permit can fireworks be discharged on the home owner's property. Our beach is private property and fireworks should not be discharged. Members should call the police if they see this.
 - 3. Brian Butler thanked the Association for allowing his niece Bethany Butler to have her wedding on the beach.
- Sunrayshores.org website: presently functioning. Don Simpson wondered why only one individual administers the website. Paula Cantara noted that Norm Champagne does this free of charge.

These issues were discussed after Mike O'Brien's President report

1. Dennis Duval only sees the bridge rails as needing to be replaced. He said that more volunteers are needed. Also everyone needs to remember to put their bimini down

while in the channel. The bridge was hit (summer 2023) and this caused damage to the bridge nearest to the beach. Ken LeDeaux admitted to hitting the bridge. Mike Royea noted that other people have hit the bridge in the past and he wondered if damage to the bridge had already occurred. A discussion occurred about putting a reminder sign there. It was further discussed that a sign for that purpose is not necessary. Denis further admitted that he should have called the NH Marine Patrol to have the accident reported.

Don Simpson questioned the funding of the project and wanted to know why was the SSIA paying to fix the damage caused by one individual. He questioned if the SSIA insurance pay for it or if the boat owner's insurance pay for it? Mike O'Brien referred to Ed being forgiving up to now.

2. A discussion occurred about the amount of money that was spent to complete different projects. Norm indicated that the Executive Board decides how the money is spent. Dennis noted that in the past a \$1200 cap was put on each project. Janice said that the members put their trust in the Executive Board to make reasonable and responsible decisions about spending dues money.

A motion was made by Don Simpson to authorize the Executive Board to spend up to \$1500 for proposed projects unless there is a safety issues that needs to be addressed immediately. Members will be sent emails about expenditures necessary beyond the \$1500. cap if it does not occur around the time of the Annual meeting. Kevin Hampton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mike O'Brien thought this was a good idea.

3. Ken LeDeaux also wanted to know why he had to pay to get his water shut off and turned on where this had not been done in the past. This is a Water District issue that Don Simpson addressed in a heated exchange between Ken and Don.

4. Through out the meeting the need for additional members to volunteer was emphasized.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Sue Hjelm at 10:25 Seconded by Warren Berglund. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Beth Simpson, 2023 Secretary