

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF BID-A-WEE BEACH PARK, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Saturday, March 10, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bid-A-Wee Beach Park, Inc. was held at the public library on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Present were: David Smith, President; Dee Gibson, Secretary; Wanda Manning, Treasurer; Mack Carter, Parliamentarian; Tom Graham, Winston Griggs, Regina Merritt and Lynda Sheets, creating a quorum for the transaction of business. Mark Lane, Wayne Middleton, Kay Outlaw (VP) and JoAnn Peak were absent.

David Smith, President, called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM. Minutes of the meeting held on September 16, 2017 were approved as distributed and a report to the Directors from the President in lieu of the cancelled January 13, 2018 meeting was accepted. The January report called for a vote of the Directors to approve paying a BAW resident for trash pickup along the roadside of our entire stretch of beachfront property, once per week @ \$25 per pickup. 10 directors voted Yes, 0 voted No and 2 did not reply. Therefore, trash pickup until the Fall meeting of Directors, when the annual budget for 2018-19 is established, stands approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Wanda Manning reported the checking account balance is \$13,572.11. The Money Market account balance, earning just over \$40 per month interest for 5 more months as the result of moving all funds to Hancock Bank, is \$50,471.47. Total assets: \$64,430.58. Number 6 rebuild total is \$6,585.08 including lunches for the volunteers. Re-installing the fence will be added to the total but all other expenses are now included.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Dee Gibson reported we have 637 parcels in the community and we have received 440 paid memberships for the 2017-18 year. 7 parcels for which membership dues were paid have been sold and the new owners have joined as well, so active membership was 433 on December 31, 2017. This breaks the record since BAWBP, Inc. was incorporated in 1998 and represents membership of 68% of our Bid-A-Wee Community. Dee noted that dues received after December 31 are credited to the upcoming membership year since the beach is hardly used throughout the winter, dues are not pro-rated and our membership drive for the upcoming year begins in March/April.

OLD BUSINESS:

David Smith discussed that the Board voted last year to review Bylaws and Articles, but the Directors have been busy with other issues. He sought the Directors input regarding postponing the review of the documents until next year. The Directors agreed members will be informed of the upcoming review at the Annual Meeting.

David then reported he emailed the President of the Fontainebleau HOA to inform him that we would be placing a dumpster on the parking spaces while we rebuild #6, followed by a phone call. His conversation with Mr. Weldon went very well. They are anxious to work with us and accept their portion of responsibility for maintaining the parking area. A few of the Directors came by #6 to introduce themselves. A few weeks ago, they held an election for their Board and then sent Dee a

complete list of their board along with contact email and phone numbers of each member. They painted the parking stops and they are placing a trash can close to their end of the parking spaces and their maintenance person will empty it every couple of days, as needed. David is encouraged with this progress and wishes to get along as good neighbors.

Dee discussed landscaping around #6 and it was agreed to plant palmettos, natural plants and where people are climbing over the fence, plant yuccas, cactus and other plants that are difficult to climb. Directors agreed to use plants where possible to stop climbing. The fence around #6 has not been done, but we've called Mr. Morrison several times and will have someone else do the work if we can't get him to do the job soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Following discussion regarding the drive down gate, membership funds paid for the gate, and some residents have equipment on wheels that cannot maneuver the turn on #1, Tom Graham made a motion, seconded by Mack Carter that if a resident has equipment on wheels, that is too large to make the turn on #1, and they request the code to the drive down gate, they will be given the code. However, it will not be broadcast to all and a list will be maintained of those with the code. The motion was unanimously approved (no NAYS).

The President then announced that with the Spring daylight savings time change, the codes on the gates will be changed by Al Gibson and Tom Graham. Dee stated her husband, Al Gibson, has been taking care of the locks for years and needs someone to take over the responsibility. Following a lengthy discussion regarding responsibility for maintaining the locks and having someone available to repair the locks within 24 hours, Regina Merritt made the motion, seconded by Lynda Sheets, that on a trial basis throughout the summer, Al will contact Raymond Barker, and offer to pay him \$25 per lock/call-out, \$100 to change all the codes if/when needed, not to exceed \$1000 through the summer, to take the responsibility of repairing locks on a 24 hour per call basis. The motion was unanimously approved (no NAYS). Al Gibson will contact and train him.

Directors then approved three annual letters to be mailed around April 13, 2018. One is to residents who have are not members; one for current members; and one for those that have already paid for the upcoming membership year. All Directors agreed upon a design for a decal to include in the letters this year, along with a self-addressed envelope.

Regina Merritt agreed to Chair the Nominations for Directors. We have one opening in A-N since JoAnn Peak was appointed to complete the remainder of one year left on the term of a director that resigned in summer. She has agreed to run for a three-year term. Tom Graham has agreed to run for his second three-year term in Seclusion. Dee Gibson has not decided about seeking her second elected term in Seclusion. We also have a vacancy for BAW Lane/Court for a three-year term.

The President explained that the Library is operating under new guidelines and while the meeting room is free because we are non-profit, we must reserve the room no earlier than 60 days prior to the meeting. He asked Directors if meeting later, if necessary to get the room, is an issue. Several Directors expressed that they would prefer a later start time. It was agreed by all Directors that we target a 10:00 AM start time going forward and later if necessary.

Mack Carter and Lynda Sheets volunteered to take responsibility for a few door prizes at the Annual Meeting. Following discussion, Directors agreed on issues to be included in the Annual Meeting presentation.

Following a motion by Mack Carter, seconded by Tom Graham, and unanimously approved (no NAYS) that the Board establish, by Resolution, an emergency fund in the amount of \$100,000 which cannot be used for any purpose other than emergency rebuilding.

THEREFORE, since we have not had a catastrophic hurricane/weather event for over 20 years and we have rebuilt our boardwalks and replaced fencing, so that our natural beachfront property is in top-class condition, which we must protect;

IT IS RESOLVED that the emergency fund, currently held in a Money Market account, will be increased to maintain *a minimum* of \$100,000; budgeting \$20,000 to rebuild each of five boardwalks.

FURTHER RESOLVED, all excess funds, following the payment of all annual budgeted expenses, will be contributed to the fund. Additional funds for price increases, fencing and other items may be added to the emergency fund as approved by the Board of Directors.

FURTHER RESOLVED the emergency fund will not be used for general maintenance or other purposes other than the replacement of fencing or boardwalks *in the event of a catastrophic weather event or other emergency.*

Lynda Sheets volunteered she and her husband, Frank, to contact the State and see if they can meet and try to get fill or pavement on the drop-off at the parking spaces along our property on the west end.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

/s/ Dee Gibson, Secretary