

Holden Beach Property Owners Association

Member Meeting Minutes

11-23-24

A quorum check was performed by Secretary Steve Kimbrough. 29 members are present which constitutes a quorum (minimum of 25).

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

President's Report:

Maria gave a brief president's report. Next meeting will be April 20th (Easter weekend).

Treasurer's report:

Steve Kimbrough discussed the treasurer's report. We are below budget on dues, however, we are also under budget on expenses, so that YTD we have a surplus of approximately \$1,700. Overall we have a balance of \$83,238. A question was asked about how many paying members do we have. We currently have 600 paying members.

Old Business:

Bike Lane

Block Q

Pier RFQ

Beach Strand report

Parks and Rec.

Mike Pearson gave a report on parks and rec activities. Trunk or treat was a great success, with over 100 people.

Turkey trot will be held on Thanksgiving morning. Bring canned goods

December 5th will be the tree lighting with a choir. It will include a gingerbread house contest.

December 14th will be the sandy paws parade starting at 10:00

December 14th at 8:00am will be a Holiday Race and a Santa Saunter. It's about a 2 mile round trip.

It's been 56 years since the master parks and rec plan was approved by the town board. Lots of changes have happened. After the first of the year, a review will be performed of the master plan to see what changes need to be made. It will be an 8 or 9 month process. Mike will give an update

The P&R dept has been tasked with finding 2 properties where new Pickleball courts could be added.

New Business:

2025 Budget:

Maria briefly discussed the proposed budget. The estimated dues have been reduced to \$9,000 based on 600 paying members. A motion was made for approval, which was seconded. The budget was approved.

Police Chief Jeremy XX gave a brief discussion. Crime is down. Unfortunately the department is under staffed. Hunting is not allowed within the town limits. If anyone sees hunters on land, let the police know. If the hunter is in a boat, there is very little that can be done. Jeremy reiterated the safety issues related to low speed vehicles (golf carts). Do not let kids drive these vehicles. Someone asked if the department has, or wants, a drone to find people in distress. Someone asked what the issues are with understaffing. Jeremy said it is a

combination of issues: finance, scheduling, etc. He believes this is a pendulum swing at the moment. The military, emergency personnel and nurses also have the same issue. It was asked if there were any opportunities for volunteerism. He stated that the biggest shortfall is in patrol, which cannot be done with volunteers. We currently have 7 officers and 4 vacancies. Increasing salaries may not be the solution. Options are still being reviewed. Can we get help from other jurisdictions? We work well with other agencies to help each other when we can.

Question about the bylaws requiring quorum to be in person, and changing this based on current technology. We will bring this back at the April meeting.

Question if there has ever been a neighborhood watch program. A member said that we have had this in the past and it was organized by the police department. Some signs are still in place. Absentee owners with cameras don't have an established phone number to call the police, they have to call 911. If they are not local, they can call 910-253-7490. We'll put this number on the HBPOA website.

A member had over three feet of water in the roadway on OBE. Was wondering if the HBPOA can do anything to address this. A motion was made that the HBPOA evaluate what it can do to help address the island flooding problem. The motion was seconded, and approved. Including what happens when you get past the state owned roads on the east end. It was suggested that the HBPOA collect complaints and forward them under the HBPOA to the town.

The town stormwater plan identified 6 areas that need addressing, and funding is being sought.

Someone suggested that we could we have an online petition related to this issue which could be presented to the board. Another member agreed that this would be a good idea and utilize the power of the collective voice. Another member with an IT background offered to help with an electronic survey.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.