

Walnut Beach Association
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022
Firehouse Gallery

All Officers in Attendance

Called to Order at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A Sign-up Sheet was passed around the tables to also update e-mail information

Before the meeting proceeded, Erik Johnson, longtime WBA member and one of our best volunteers, was wished a Happy 40th Birthday by all in attendance. WBA also presented Erik with a gift for all the hard work he does on the website, corn hole tournament and DJ'ing our events, among various many things.

President's Report – Wendy Terenzio

-Wendy introduced Sherri Ton, our new Acting Treasurer

-Membership Dues are due in the month of September; if you have not already done so, please renew or enroll for WBA membership (website: www.walnutbeachassociation.com or P.O. Box 2279, Milford, CT 06460)

Vice President's Report – Donna Travis

-Walnut Wednesdays wrapped up for the season, was very well attended and many enjoyed it. No postponements were necessary.

Financial Report – Sherri Ton

Account currently has \$20,204.79 as of 9/12 with two concert bands remaining to be paid.

Secretary's Report – Kim Thompson

Minutes have yet to be typed up from April through July due to computer problems still. These problems will be addressed and minutes will be brought up to date by October's meeting.

Membership Report – Pam Parisi

Current membership is 30 (new enrollment year) without tonight's new renewals/enrollments.

Committee Reports

Corn Hole Tournament – Erik Johnson

Income vs. Expense report was shared; total expenses were \$3,873.15; total income was \$5,545.00 for a net income of \$1,659.85. Erik was thanked for all his hard work; it was a great day for WBA and we made a lot of money!

Walnut Beach Arts and Business Association – Kim Thompson

Zombie Run is coming back on 10/9. Great event, with a 5K race, Zombies chasing the runners, and an afterparty featuring RumRunners. Go to

www.walnutbeachartsandbusinessassociation.com for information and to sign up to be a Zombie or a Runner or just attend the afterparty.

The last Farmers Market of the season will be Thursday, please attend.

Sponsorships – Wendy Terenzio

People have responded to Milford Chamber's request for WBA looking for sponsors. Kim will follow through and take over from Laura Ambrogio, who has done so much to get sponsorship money for WBA.

Concert Series – Wendy Terenzio

It was a great season with all events taking place. Thanks to all the great volunteers for working so hard to ensure it went well. Total cost approx. \$10,757; total income was \$7,053 for a net cost of \$3,704 ... Well done, Wendy and crew ... Another terrific year of music at Walnut Beach.

Concert Series Fundraiser –

This year we will combine our annual fundraiser with our Holiday Party, due to time constraints and venue logistics. It will be SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT THE VFW HALL ON NAUGATUCK AVE. LASSE'S WILL CATER AGAIN, AS LAST YEAR. ERIK WILL ALSO DJ AGAIN. TICKET COST IS \$45/PER PERSON WITH BYOB. Again, this is our only fundraiser for the year. Ticket sales will be on website soon, look for more info on social media/website.

Website – Erik Johnson

Website is being cleaned up after the season; updates will be made soon.

Old Business

We need Chairpersons for fundraising, scholarships (Gean Brown stated she never stepped down). Laura spent a lot of time on sponsorships and it bore fruit as we have received several inquiries, which will be followed through.

There is an event at the Firehouse Gallery on Thursday, 9/15 for Executive Women, registration fee is \$5.

New Business

Laura made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 for a new PA system for WBA. The system Erik currently uses is large and cumbersome and difficult to lug around and set up. Motion passed unanimously. Erik will research and report his findings.

Erik presented plan for beach signage to be purchased by WBA which labels the wildlife and flora indigenous to Walnut Beach. The artwork was produced by Dorie Petrochka and she reached out to see if WBA would be interested. This is the artwork which appeared at the beach and at the end of Stowe Ave. Curiously, Erik was trying to find the art to have it reproduced for the Stowe Ave. Lookout Project. Emmy Oake, a member/artist, questioned the copyright. More research will be done; vote tabled until more info.

WBA again has BOSCOV COUPONS for \$5, which entitles the shopper to purchase ANYTHING at Boscov's with 25% discount on one day, 10/19. Please contact Kim at 203-556-1894 for coupon. This is Boscov's community giveaway to area non-profits which we register for every year. It's a great deal and comes when you can take advantage of holiday shopping.

WBA won Milford Bank's "Charity of the Month" contest and we will receive \$1,500. Thanks to all who voted and a BIG thank you to Milford Bank.

Nautilus will hopefully be opening soon, still working on finishing touches with the town. News of its opening will be on Facebook and other social media. Wendy made a motion for WBA to donate \$200 for a handmade bead sign made by local artist Sue Dangle to welcome Nautilus to our community. Since they have been a steadfast supporter of WBA in the past and certainly in the future, motion passed.

Milford Porchfest is Saturday, October 1st and Wendy and Laura will be hosting at their house, 24 Ard Court, as well as several locations throughout Milford. All info can be found at www.milfordporchfest.com.

Wendy and Donna both announced they will be stepping down. Wendy has done a stellar job over the past several years and no longer feels she can devote the time and energy involved. Donna recently got married and is looking forward to new and exciting things. Elections are held for ALL positions in November; submit any names for any positions before our October meeting (please get permission if nominating a third party). Kim Thompson has nominated herself for President, Kim nominated Gean Brown for Secretary, Anthony Purpora nominated himself for Vice President. ALL NOMINATIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY A BOARD MEMBER OR ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE BY OCTOBER'S MEETING, where all nominees will be announced.

Wendy also announced she is stepping down as Chair of the Summer Concert Series. This year was our biggest yet, with 16 concerts and she no longer feels she can devote the time and effort to do it. IF THE CONCERT SERIES IS TO CONTINUE, WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO RUN IT AND A CHAIR TO HEAD IT. Both Wendy and Donna said they will be happy to assist but cannot commit to running it. PLEASE STEP UP, PEOPLE! This is our favorite event by Walnut Beach Association.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim S. Thompson, Secretary
Walnut Beach Association