

## Walnut Beach Association

### Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan. 9, 2023

Firehouse Gallery

Officer in Attendance

Called to Order at 7:05PM

Pledge of Allegiance

A Sign-up sheet was passed around including update email information.

### **Guest Speaker (if applicable)**

N/A

**President's Report – Kim Thompson:** Kim welcomed everyone to her first meeting as president and said her goal is to make the meetings shorter and more efficient.

Kim reported that the board met for the first time.

The 2023 budget was proposed; copies were distributed by email and copies are on the tables. Kim reviewed the budget line items and a vote was taken to approve the budget. Budget passed.

Kim reported that Gean Brown suggested we hold a membership social to attract new members. Each member is asked to bring prospective members to a social. Simon said he will talk to the owners of Reign about them hosting us. Discussion ensued and Kim asked for volunteers to organize the event. Gean, Simon, Jeff and Kim volunteered to work on the social. Target date; April or May.

Kim announced the passing of Leisa Gazdik a long time WBA member and past officer. Kim stated Leisa was an active community member and a regular at the WBA concerts.

Kim reports, Senator Maroney is looking into the Stowe Barn preservation. He will be holding a meeting soon and more information to follow.

WBA has marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the past and Kim asks if the group would be interested in participating again the year. Vote taken and motion passed.

Mackenzie's beach cleanup will not be run by Mackenzie this year as she is in college now. Kim proposed WBA continue the cleanup. Discussion ensued on the timing of the cleanup and the group discussed not having it around the same time as other beach cleanups or joining the other cleanup. Discussion on the timing of the cleanup to coincide with the concert series such as the end of July. Vote taken to continue the cleanup. Motion passed.

Kim reported WBA has been offered the copyright to Sand in Our Shoes by one of the authors; Ellie Benefico. She reports, Ellie spoke to the other author who have agreed to turn over the copyright to us with the understanding that no one person profit from the proceeds but that it we used for the good of the community. Discussion ensued and the group expressed interest in this. Vote taken and motion passed. Kim will look into printing costs and report back to group.

**Vice President's Report – Simon McDonald.** No Report

**Financial Report – Sherri Ton**

Balance as of:	<u>12/31/2022</u>	Amt:	<u>22,067.90</u>
Previous Balance as of:	<u>10/20/1022</u>	Amt:	<u>20,551.57</u>

**Expenses: Dec. 21, 2022:** DJ Equipment

**Income: Dec. 2022:** Party = 1,287.00

**Secretary's Report – Gean Brown**

Minutes of last month's meeting were distributed via email and on tables for review. Sign-up sheet is currently being passed around; please sign in if you have not already done so.

Motion to accept the minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_Geoff Viscount , 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_John

**Membership Report – Pam Parisi**

# paid members = 76

**Committee Reports**

**Cornhole Tournament –** No report

**New Member Social –** Gean Brown, Geoff Viscount, Simon McDonald and Kim Thompson volunteered to plan the New Member Social. Simon said he will talk to the owner of Reign to host. Date TBD but April or May put out as suggestions.

**Walnut Beach Business Association** – Tina reports the normal events are being planned; Fairy Frolic, Zombie Run, Tree lighting and Melissa Wasik has offered to chair the Halloween doggie costume parade this year.

**Concert Series** – Simon reports the bands and permits are in the works.

**Concert Series Fundraiser** - Simon reports if he gets the concerts sponsored there may not need to be fundraiser.

**Government** – No report

**Website** – Erik asks that any news be emailed to him, including any community events. He reports our hosting is good until 2024. Our domain charge is \$19.00. Motion made to pay the domain charge: 1<sup>st</sup> Tina and 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jeff Viscount. Motion passed.

**Old Business** – Pam Parisi asked if there was any news on the opening of Nautilus; Tina reported the tables are all up now but no one knew the date yet.

Erik asked if there was any news on Tyde opening. Kim reported a June opening is planned.

Erik reported the DJ equipment is in and was used at the holiday party. He reported it is 3 pieces and it worked well.

**New Business** – Kim proposed WBA make a donation to the family of Julie Minogue, she reports there is a fundraising page for her children. Kim proposed a \$500 donation. Motion made; 1<sup>st</sup> Melissa and 2<sup>nd</sup> John. Motion passes.

Laura Brodie proposed a bench at the beach be purchased in honor of Leisa Gazdik who passed recently. Laura said the cost is \$2,500 and in the past we have spent \$1000 on others who have served as officers for the organization. Discussion ensued. Pam Parisi suggested we look into something that we can add other to in the future such as a bench with room for several plaques. Kim said she will look into the cost and the rules with the town and it was decided to table this until all the information is in. Laura submitted 2 letters in favor of her proposal from the past president; Wendy and the past vice president; Donna.

Motion to adjourn – 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_ John \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_ Melissa \_\_\_

**Adjourned at - 7:46PM**

Respectfully submitted,



Gean Brown

Secretary, Walnut Beach Association