

Nauset Heights Association, Inc.
Member Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2018
Pattison-Strickler Home
1 Standish Road

- President Sandy Davidson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., after a well-attended social “half-hour.” Approximately 62 people attended the meeting.
- Sandy thanked Pat Tyng for organizing and planning the morning’s refreshments and also thanked Kathy and Dave for their hospitality. She also thanked them for both their webcam which can be viewed on the NHA website under Resources, as well as being so involved with the association. She went on to say the NHA is making a donation on their behalf to the Orleans Conservation Trust for hosting the meeting.
- Sandy explained the NHA has two member meetings each summer, today’s being a guest speaker and the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 18, at which new officers are elected. She asked everyone to watch for additional information and encouraged all to attend.
- Sandy then introduced Dave Strickler, our guest speaker, saying he is “the Bee Guy.”
- Dave thanked all attendees for watering our flowers and thus feeding his bees. He started this hobby, which has morphed into a passion and an offshoot business, in 2012 by bringing 10,000 stinging insects to their Cape home. He then proceeded to describe and show various types of hives, saying he has 75-100,000 bees in his hives today, and explained bees navigate by the sun and therefore do not stray too far on overcast days. One can order a “bee set-up” through the mail and it includes 1 Queen, which lives for 3-4 years, and 10,000 bees who do the work and live for 1-2 months. Dave covered a myriad of subjects from “smoking a hive,” to how they winter over by huddling in a 92° ball around the Queen, to the “crush and strain” technique for recovering the honey out of the frames.

Dave explained that bees are dying world-wide due to many variables and that it is difficult to measure them in the wild. Among “kept bees,” two-thirds typically survive the winter. He became obsessed with bees and developed a partnership to track and compile data on survival rates. After 2½ years they have 60M pieces of data collected from around the world which are being used at NASA, Harvard and UC Davis. His website is www.BeeCounted.org and includes data shared with entomologists globally. Dave also asked anyone seeing a bee swarm to please contact him. Bill Mitchell commented that this was the finest NHA meeting speaker ever.

- Sandy thanked Dave and indicated a donation will be made on his behalf to the Orleans Historical Society.
- Sandy indicated the NHA now has 199 memberships and invited new members to introduce themselves. Rob Bryant & Christine Squarey on 14 Nauset Knolls (only Christine present) and Richard Long & Liz Charm (3 Standish) were welcomed.

- Sandy asked for a moment of silence for members who passed away this past year:
 - Joe McGann
 - Mary Kalinoski
 - Patti Carey
 - Murray Bernard

- Sandy advised the attendees that many of the “all things Nauset” continue to be for sale – posters, Jim Tyng’s book, NHA caps and new Nauset Heights aprons – both at the meeting and the upcoming Lawn Party and Annual Meeting.

- A review of the NHA Events followed:
 - Spring Fling Clean-up on May 12 – over 24 participants
 - Organic Garden Tour – over 40 attendees at Ann & Richard Thompson’s home
 - Member Meeting – today, July 14
 - Golf Tournament – Monday, July 16
 - Family Beach Bonfire – Saturday, July 21
 - Lawn Party – Saturday, July 28. Terrie Rosengren spoke and solicited volunteers, and Meredith Farmer encouraged online pre-registration.
 - Tennis Tournament – Jim Tyng explained it is scheduled for August 4-5 and hopefully we would have enough entrants to support the event
 - Sand Sculpture Contest – August 11 on the inner beach
 - Annual Member Meeting – August 18 at Cottage B

- Todd Ash suggested we add college information to the membership rolls. Sandy thanked the Tenneys for the new stone and bronze monument on the stairs, commemorating the July 21, 1918 shelling of Nauset Beach during WWI. More to follow at the Lawn Party. She indicated that we live in a special place with a lot of history here -- two shellings of Orleans – the above WWI event as well as Rock Harbor in 1814.

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kingsley H. Nelson
Recording Secretary