

Nauset Heights Association, Inc.
Member Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2013
Home of Laura & Peter Previdi
33 Nauset Heights Road

- President Carl Trevison called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. and thanked the Previdis for hosting the meeting

- Carl remembered those members and neighbors we lost during the past 12 months –
 - Lucretia Romey -- Dec 2, 2012
 - Mary Williamson – April 10, 2013
 - Dr. Owen Calderwood- May 4, 2013
 - Dr. Howard Randall Deming- May 5, 2013
 - Harriet Wicke- June 18, 2013
 - David Dunaway- June 24, 2013

- Carl introduced our guest speaker – Stephanie Ellis, Executive Director of Wild Care, and Judy Bullard, a Wild Care volunteer. Stephanie gave a wonderful and enthusiastic talk and described Wild Care, its mission and scope of business. They treat over 1000 animals a year at their facility on the rotary at the Eastham-Orleans line. She and Judy provided a “What to do if...” scenario for different types of animals that might be encountered in the wild. A donation will be made to one of our listed charities on their behalf.

- Carl introduced the current Board of Directors, noting the length of their terms:
 - Jim Tyng – 1st VP (2014)
 - Sandy Davidson – 2nd VP (2014)
 - King Nelson – Past President (2014)
 - Kathy Pattison – Corresponding Secretary (2013)
 - Joan Corcoran – Newsletter (2012)
 - King Nelson – Acting Recording Secretary (2012)
 - Fred Turner – Treasurer (2012)
 - Bob Munson – Clerk (2012)
 - Adele Bloomfield – Director to 2013
 - Skip Appleyard – Director to 2013
 - Tina Butler – Director to 2014
 - Joyce Hoffman – Director to 2014
 - Charlie Carlson – Director to 2015
 - Jackie Rockwood – Director to 2015
 - Carl Trevison – President (2014)

- Carl announced that Bob Munson will chair this year’s Nominating Committee. If anyone is interested in serving on Board they should contact Bob. He will present slate at August Meeting.

- New NHA members who joined the association in 2012 and thus far in 2013 were invited to introduce themselves
- King provided a summary of the Annual Meeting minutes from August 25, 2013, which were accepted and approved
- Carl praised Kathy Pattison and Dave Strickler for the wonderful job they have done on our new NHA database, Directory and membership renewal procedure. He also complimented Jess Tucker for the annual Nauset Heights Fun Run that was held on July 4.
- Stair Report – Carl reported the stairs are in good shape and that Gary Bissonnette maintains them for us throughout the year. The stairs are comfortably funded and we will be in good shape into the future. He indicated the Board wanted a nomenclature change for what has previously been called the “Stairs Fund” and refer to it as the “Capital Fund” going forward, and to include provisions for other assets that the association has within the Capital Fund – tents, tables, sound systems, signs, shelving, etc. The Operating Fund covers events and routine activities required to operate the association while the Capital Fund covers fixed assets, etc. This change should help in the budget process. The Board’s goal is to have our revenue from dues cover our current activities without having to draw down our longer-term investments, like CDs. To this end, a \$10 increase in annual dues will be presented to the membership for acceptance at the August 17, 2013 Annual Meeting.
- Treasurer’s Report – Fred Turner summarized the financial picture of the NHA, noting that the balance in the Operating Fund is down about \$4000 over the last two years. He explained we have 194 paid members at this time, which is very consistent with past years. Treasurer’s report was accepted and approved.
- A question was asked about the NHA’s tax status and Bob Munson, NHA Clerk, explained that we are tax exempt and only pay a modest annual reporting fee to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Sandy Davidson said we are a non-profit but not a charitable organization in the IRS sense so donations are not tax deductible.
- A question was asked about the approximate cost to replace the stairs and Carl indicated \$20,000. Another question was raised about whether our increase in expenses was due to insurance or to events. Carl explained it was due to events and driven by both new activities/events (Sand Sculpture, Bonfire) as well as refinements and improvements to existing events like the Raw Bar and Kids’ Table at the Lawn Party.
- Carl asked the appropriate activity leaders to give an update on the 2013 events:
 - Golf Outing (Fred Turner) – August 13, 2013, noon
 - Lawn Party (Jim Tyng) – Sat., August 10, to be held at Brezina property
 - Tennis Tournament (Jim Tyng) – July 27-28 same 3 courts as last year
 - Sand Sculpture Competition (Kathy Pattison) – July 20, beginning at noon
 - Beach Bonfire (Carl) – moved to Sat., August 17 in the evening
 - Annual Membership Meeting – Sat., August 17, Location To Be Determined
 - Fall Clean-up (Carl) – Saturday, October 19, 2013

- Carl reminded the attendees that NHA vehicle stickers are not parking permits. They are intended to identify Nauset Heights residents so we they proceed to their homes during public beach parking lot closing (and subsequent vehicle detours).
- Carl reminded everyone that all mail correspondence should go to NHA, Box 12, East Orleans
- Kevin Flynn indicated that before the North Spit was closed due to the Plovers, vehicles were lined up on Doane Road. Carl will contact the Police.
- A questioner inquired about an update on Aspinet Road. Jim Tyng indicated a new one-year license agreement has been signed again with the abutters and the Town. At Town Meeting, however, the Town was directed to move forward with the process of “taking” Aspinet Road for access and egress to the North Spit. He indicated the belief that the Town has the right to take Aspinet at any time (without negotiating with or paying the abutters in advance), and then if the abutters choose to sue the Town, the Town would defend its position in Land Court. If there was a judgment against the Town there then would be a cost to the taxpayers. Jim further explained that the monies appropriated last year to do appraisals to determine potential liability had been spent and the evaluation completed.
- Carl stated that our Suggestion box + cards were on table going out and to let us know what you want to see from NHA
- Joni Corcoran, who was unable to be at the meeting, suggested NHA members form interest groups such as Bridge, Mah Jongg, Kayaking, etc. If there is any interest members were asked to contact Carl Trevison.
- New Business – Dick Rowson described the conditions under which storm water runs down Doane Road and is diverted onto Alden Road, making much of that road virtually impassable and creating problems for homeowners along Alden. Bill Dunham indicated a storm-water remediation projects has been discussed for Doane Road but funding is problematic, noting that it took 10 years to complete the project on Priscilla.. Dick would like to see if a culvert can be installed where Doane and Alden meet to collect runoff and keep it from running down onto Alden. During subsequent discussion it was suggested that a berm might be installed to serve as a temporary solution until a remediation project can be obtained. Bill and Carl indicated they would speak with the Town. Kevin Flynn indicated that Doane Road is a public road and Alden is private and it is his understanding the Town has a responsibility to keep water from public property from encroaching onto private property (Alden).
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kingsley H. Nelson
Acting Recording Secretary