

SBIA WINTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2024

7:15 pm EST

Attendees: Michael Halloran, John Maxwell, Ron Fernandes, Moira McGoldrick, Katie Asack, Denise Foss, Karen Kullen, David O'Keefe, Sarah Maxwell, Andy Doherty, Casey Quirk, and Adam Thorpe
Absent: Meghan Rogers, Peter Lind, Kelly Strain, Kara Chapman

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by Board President Michael Halloran.

Welcome and Introductions:

Michael made welcoming and opening remarks thanking the Board and Committee Chairs for their efforts to date, as well as their work in planning what is expected to be another successful summer at New Silver Beach. Each member in attendance introduced themselves as we have some new Board members.

Agenda:

Michael detailed the agenda and topics to be reviewed/discussed/voted on at the meeting.

Finance Committee:

Ron Fernandes, Treasurer, presented the 2024 proposed membership rates noting that a) SBIA has not increased any of its membership rates in six years (2018 was the last time), b) the SBIA capital reserve fund has decreased significantly, and c) SBIA expenses have increased more than 52% since the last rate increase. As such, an increase in membership rates was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to increase 2024 membership rates to \$350 for Full Members, \$135 for Senior Members, and \$175 for Junior Members. **The motion carried - unanimously with no abstentions.**

Ron next detailed the assumptions underlying the proposed balanced 2024 Budget with these new rates incorporated, further stating that although last time rates were raised we did not see member attrition, the assumption is that we may this year. Expense assumptions include an increase in most expenses from 2023 and any known additional cost items. The detailed 2024 Budget was sent to all Board members via email. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2024 Budget as presented. **The motion carried - unanimously with no abstentions.**

Kids/Teens Committee:

Katie Asack (in place of Committee Chair Kelly Strain) reviewed the schedule of kids/teen activities planned. These include but are not necessarily limited to: bingo, Kids Korner, Tye Dye Tee Event, dodgeball (perhaps Amy O'Connell?), Amazing Race (certainly one for kids, perhaps one for adults as well), softball, basketball (perhaps). A new event called Music Movement and Munchkins for toddlers is planned. Pound FIT and a new Cardio Boxing classes planned for Teens and Adults. New Silver Beach Got Talent is not expected to take place this summer.

Adult Activities Committee:

Michael introduced Karen Kullen who has volunteered to act as Committee Coordinator (rather than Chair). Karen will help facilitate adult activities, but will not be running them. Michael noted that he has reached out to the non-Chair Board members to solicit their willingness to head a particular event: Opening Cocktail Social, Illumination Night, mid-Summer Adult Social and end-of-season Cook-out. Without someone stepping up to run these events, we will have to postpone them. We hope to have volunteer leaders soon.

Michael then reviewed the Adult Activities we do have planned with leaders arranged, namely: Adult Bootcamp, Pickleball, Golf Tournament and Bags/Cornhole.

Later during the meeting, but relevant here, the liquor license topic was discussed and it was agreed that we need to get the license request in by the end of April to assure the Town has adequate time to grant those requested. We will probably apply for three licenses. Ron to follow-up with our insurance broker to add coverage for those events.

Grounds Committee:

Andy Doherty, Committee Chair, presented an update. The Spring clean-up will most likely be scheduled for June 22. Volunteers needed as always. The raft is planned to be put in place around the same time (David O'Keefe to arrange). The beach seaweed raking requires both approval from the Town (Peter Lind is attempting to get a three year renewal) and a vendor to do the work which was a challenge to find last summer. A few new picnic tables are planned as well as a new bike rack. Kayak storage would be handled as it was the last few summers.

Michael noted that he has been in contact with the President of Seascapes and that we are attempting to once again share a night security watch and that contact has been made with the security individual.

Michael reviewed the plot plan work that is now underway with respect to the store location, the swings location and "Baby" Beach. Michael has reviewed relevant deeds over the last 108 years and based on that research believes that SBIA actually owns Baby beach. We will hire a title search firm to confirm.

NSB Store:

Casey Quirk, Committee Chair, presented an update. Paula Merchant has once again coordinated the design and purchasing of the inventory. The volunteer group is coming together and store hours should be similar to last year - very successful. NSB store will not be hosting an Artisan Fair, but we will see if Elaine Becket would be willing to coordinate once again.

Beach Committee;

Sarah Maxwell, Committee Chair, provided an update. Currently we have only 2 lifeguards returning from last year. She asked Board members to send out the word that we are hiring. Ideally need 5-7 depending on hours available. We would probably look to a June 21 start if possible, with swim lessons a week or two after. We would shoot for a mid to late August guard stop date, again depending on availability. They would also handle the Horribles Parade event, the 4th Races (Denise to help run), fishing (Sarah) and crabbing tournaments (Adam).

Membership Committee:

Adam Thorpe, Committee Chair, will begin pulling together the Membership package and outlined some of his plans for recruitment of members and volunteers. He mentioned an early and direct outreach to some non-member residents; perhaps a raffle to encourage early sign-up; and perhaps an invitation in the Membership package to solicit donations to re-build our capital reserve fund.

Getting the Summer schedule completed will be the most immediate task.

Movies Committee:

Kara Chapman was absent, Michael to follow-up.

The SBIA Winter Board Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45pm EST.

Submitted by Michael Halloran