Ocean Beach & Yacht Club

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Minutes of the General Meeting of Ocean Beach & Yacht Club

Saturday August 31,2024 @ 09:00am

The meeting was called to order by the President Eileen Barron @09:05 and continued with the pledge of Allegiance.

- Roll Call -
  President & Beach Administrator - Eileen Barron
- Vice President - Shane Skwarek
- Secretary - Charlotte Flohl,
- Treasurer - Terry Bouziotis,
- Members — Clarissa Adams, Anna Fiore, Bill Lindner , Sally McCorrison, and Mike Mercurio.

- At this point Eileen introduced Michael Barrett, one of the Beach Managers/Chief Lifeguard. Mike mentioned that that the water was COLD up through most of July and many days it was hazardous. However, we had a basically safe summer. All our Lifeguards are OBYC2 members, and several are 2nd generation lifeguards. We have quite a few new young ladies and a couple of new guys. The team is young, however we managed to place in all of our competitions and even win a few. Mike said, "early school start dates, necessitate the start of breaking down the beach for the season and so it begins this weekend. Our season will end next Monday, Labor Day.

- **Presidents Report — Eileen Barron**

The staff is outstanding. There are a few complaints, but many many compliments. The hiring process is Positions are posted, Interviews granted, and selections made from the applicants. In most cases (excepting this year for Security) we have been able to hire from within our own community.We also have been fortunate in having volunteers step forward to serve on the Board. Every year 3 present Board Members terms are up, and people have to vote for a 3 replacements or reelect from the original 3. This year 1 person is not seeking another term.

Three new candidates and 2 incumbents stepped up to run for the 3 positions for 2024/25. At this point Eileen introduced the 5 candidates, and each one gave a brief synopsis of themselves, their 0BYC history and why they would like to serve on the Board. The candidates are: Incumbents: Michael Mercurio and Shane Skwarek. Other members stepping up to the plate are Tom Barrett Jr., Josh Golebieski and Rick Rothery.

a. Defining of vote for Clubhouse Restoration Committee - Shane Skwarek, vice president and chairperson of the Clubhouse restoration committee spoke about the meaning of the Yes/ No vote tar the Clubhouse Restoration Committee to proceed. A restoration committee consisting of 22 0BYC members of various ages, backgrounds, with/without children interests, people who rent their homes, people who live in the community full time, and part time residents, all with the goal to be as transparent as possible. They met every month for the past 6 months and are now at crossroads of whether the membership wants this committee to proceed further into a look at the type of building we can proceed with and come up with recommendations. It has been determined that the

present building is not suitable for raising as it structural is not conducive to this plan. Part of it was originally a porch so the base varies from one room to another.

- There are definitely 2 separate slabs if not 3. There is mold in the bathrooms and kitchen, Continuous followed by a majority positive vote. Eileen asked for volunteers, who were then selected to collect and count the ballots were collected and the meeting was continued.

Treasurer's Report (Terry Bouzsitis) —

A HUGE thank you as always to Dan Meyler our bookkeeper!

I. We have collected dues from all but 3 home(s). Two of these homes are for sale and dues will be settled at closing. We have a lien on the 3rd property.

2.Revenue is up but expenses up as well. We are definitely feeling the pinch of inflation coupled with the yearly minimum wage increases. Because members paid dues and we are very diligent in controlling our spending, we do have enough cash to see us through.

3.We have fully funded our reserves for 2024. This is important, we had to do some repairs to our docks and walkways as you know due to winter flooding, this was funded by reserves. This is one reason we have

reserves.

4.As mentioned earlier, the minimum wage law continues to increase as well as the cost of everything (inflation). This impacts the budget and dues. We will need to look at that closely as we prepare our budget for 2025.

Current Budget Reports are left on every other seat for your reference.

Review of the Minutes (Charlotte Flohl) — a review of the posted minutes of June 2024 General Membership Meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Roy Manelli of Harbor Drive, seconded by Thomas Barret Jr. of Harbor Drive, and voted to accept by the membership.

Committees -

A**. Special Events Committee (Anna Fiore)**

This is a Wrap up of a Great Season. Thank you to all the volunteers. The paint party was great, but not well attended. The Pit Master dinner was scrumptious. Great appetizers, seafood, cheeses etc. Pig Roast, Barbecue Filet, grilled to perfection, numerous side dishes, great company, but a low turnout. Lorraine an OBYC member and professional dancer brought us back to a disco night. This coming Saturday is workday.

The Raffle is a foundation undertaking and supports scholarships, equipment for community use, i.e.. Lifeguard & Beach Equipment. Playground equipment. Etc. It needs everyone's support. Every household, gets a $100.00 book to purchase or sell. It would be great if every household participated, but many don't support this worthy cause. The drawing is every Labor Day, with sales throughout the season from Memorial Day (or receipt of your book) to Labor Day. There are 3 CASH place prizes amounting to several thousand dollars. This year the drawing will be Monday 11/2 @ 1 1 :OOAM at the clubhouse.

Thank you to Eileen for all her assistance with Special Events.

B. **Badges Committee (Eileen Barron)** — Went well, please wear your badges. It is hard on the badge checkers. Everyone should be wearing one. Not one person carrying them for the whole family. Do not leave them on the beach when you go for lunch and ABOVE ALL — DO NOT LEAVE THEM FOR RENTERS. The Income from the sale of badges is what keeps your dues down.

C Beach Committee (Charlotte Flohl) —A lot was already reported by Michael One thing I did want to mention. A new rescue board was given to our Lifeguards purchased by the Foundation. It was used within a few days, for a rescue assist for a person to make his way out of the water at the border of our beach and Cedarcrest.

D. By-Laws Committee (Mike Mercurio) — The By-Laws were trimmed and updated in 2023 including the Rules & Regulations. Rules and Regulations are governed by the Board. By-Laws are voted on by the Community.

E. Clubhouse Committee (Shane Skwarek) — Rentals are being addressed.

F. Grounds & Maintenance Committee (Sally McCorrison) Many people rent out and are not here all summer after they clean up for Memorial Day, but the Weeds continue to grow. Please have someone attend to this when you are unavailable. There is a mid-season inspection and code enforcement - Toms River will be contacted for weeds higher than 2 inches. They will clean up your expense as well as a fine. Property on the corner of RR Way and Mallard started to cut up a fiberglass boat, once the season began. He was stopped as particles of fiberglass dust were floating through the air. Work will begin again after the season. If they do not contain these particles work will be stopped again. An extension to the bottom of the Playground fencing will be purchased by OBYC to prevent the amount of sand leaking out under the fence.

G. **Improvements Committee (Bill Lindner)** — Construction work can be resumed after Labor Day. Alan May will be retiring June 2025. The position will be advertised, and applicants interviewed. Any questions after June contact Bill or the replacement.

H. **Insurance Committee (Terry Bouziotis)—** Insurance runs about $37,000.00 annually costs are up, will be shopping around at the renewal time. Another large one coming up for renewal shortly.

I. **Marina Committee (Sally McCorrison) -** We have 2 slips, with lease paid in full and never used. There are 8 members on the wait list and question why there are empty slips. If not occupied ,it is really up to the leaser's discretion. It is available to them if it is paid for. There are 12 small slips and 6 large ones. Jet ski slips can be installed by the rentee. The 2 cases the boat purchased did not fit and they chose to keep the slip anyway.

J. M**embership Committee (Clarissa Adama**) — Nothing to report.

K. **Nominations Committee (Charlotte Flohl)** — Incumbents whose terms are up in 2025 are Fiore, Lindner and McCorrison.

L. Security/Safety Committee (Mike Mercurio) — It has been relatively quiet the last few weeks, with a few incidents here and there. We learned a lot with a change in Security by the hiring of an outside firm. This was necessitated by the fact that member employees chose not to come back, and we were unable to find replacements within the community of 500 homes. There were 4 residences that had continual problems reported by other residence or found by Security on patrol. Usually with a complaint, I follow up and personally talk with the resident.. On occasion that does not work. Repeat offenders sometime require police intervention.

Old Business : (1) Voting on 3 candidates for the Board of Governors out of 5 nominations.
(2) Voting Yes or No to the Membership Vote on the Continuation of the Clubhouse Restoration Exploration Committee.
Results of the vote are as follows, Skwarek, Mercurio and Barrett and the Clubhouse count is a large WIN.

New Business: None.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Rothery and seconded by Jim O'Reilly, followed by a positive.voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Meiner Flohl
Secretary

A motion to Approve:
Seconded: Date: