

Arboretum Community Association  
Homeowners Meeting, Arboretum Clubhouse  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 – 7:00 PM

**MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Janie Schepker, Marty Clarke, Frank Lisnow, & Jim Plant. Board members absent: Sharon Remaly

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve January 9, 2018 BOD meeting minutes, seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Kehoe Reported. See attached January financial report. There are 14 outstanding dues that are due by Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. 2016 Assoc. records were reviewed by Linde Johnson, no discrepancies were found.

**Committee Reports:**

**Beautification, Building & Grounds, and Landscaping (BGBL),** waterfall pump parts replaced, many thanks to Mike & Jack. EMC lights out ordered and we should be receiving a light review & proposal from EMC next month as we look at options to reduce the expensive street lights monthly costs. Brunswick Public Utility changing out water meters to digital meters. Snap Dragon street repair, Town of Caswell Beach to pay for repair.

**Social Committee:** Soup & Salad dinner on January 20<sup>th</sup> was very nice with 57 attendees. Next event is Diner Night on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$10 each. Please start collecting items for our annual tag sale, April 21<sup>st</sup>. You can drop off your items during the in-take April 14-20<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse.

**Clubhouse:** No report.

**Security:** Lights still being left on overnight and when vacant. Currently looking into cost and ROI of installing motion sensors that would automatically turn off the lights. George stated a new camera is on order to replace the broken one.

**Reservations:** We had one paid reservation in February.

**ARC Committee:** Peter Koch reported that one standard request was approved.

**Pool Committee:** Janie reported the pool tech schedule for the first six months of 2018 has been set. We are looking into cost of installing a water meter for pool/spa so we don't have to pay the expensive sewer charges. Tom Kehoe to get water usage for the past two years so Janie can examine the usage for increases. (note: includes all water usage in clubhouse). Janie will review the Wilmington Pool documents and follow up with recommendation as to proceeding to small claims court for monies owed the Arboretum Association for returned equipment.

**Sunshine & Welcome committee:** No report.

**Caswell Beach Liaison:** Deb reported that the Town of Caswell Beach received a \$136,000 light house parking lot & walkway grant. Town of Caswell Beach is working on a \$736,000 grant for road water drainage issues. Conservation group will at Town Hall from money raised by the group. Beach sand refurbishment to be determined. Work on replacing the Yaupon Pier will begin soon as grant money was received by FEMA.

**Caswell Plantation:** Bob Ahlers reported that the Caswell Plantation Non-profit organization never filed for non-profit tax exemption and is applying for EIN so they can set up a bank account for the upfront assessments.

**Insurance:** Gallagher Ins Agency is pricing out the insurance which renews in April.

**New Business:** The BOD would like to know what is important for the Arboretum owners. We are working on an Arboretum survey to find out what amenities are important for the owners and what amenities the owners would like to see added or taken away. Look for the survey coming out this spring. If you want your thoughts and ideas to be considered, it is important for you to fill out this survey.

**Open Questions:**

- Can we look at sharing the outdoor pools with Ocean Dunes? Issues: Insurance, does that make our pool “public”? We would then need to open our Amenities/pool with them and many of the homes are used as rentals, do we want that? Can that be controlled? It was mentioned that individuals can join the Oak Island club house pool for \$500 per year. The BOD will look further into options.
- Frank asked the BOD to send a letter to the Town of Caswell Beach & Oak Island Golf Course regarding storm water run-off problems affecting ARB homeowners at 16<sup>th</sup> hole. The Town of Caswell Beach had already discussed the issues and determined they would not regrade. The BOD will look further into the issue.

Motion to adjourn 7:45 pm, seconded, all agreed.

Next monthly Association meeting is Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Janie Schepker