

Pebble Beach Home Owners Association
Annual Meeting and Picnic
Saturday, June 3, 2017

Pebble Beach Home Owners Association held its Annual Meeting and Picnic at the Skipper's Cove Community Center on the above date at Noon with sprinkling rain. This was an hour earlier than former years, so that eating would be earlier.

President **Mickey Sherry** called the meeting to order at 12:15pm and welcomed everyone. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. **Lori Sherry** read the opening prayer written by **Sue Garback**, who couldn't be here today. **Mickey** reported that more people had signed up for the picnic today than in previous years. Attendance at the meeting, however, was less, perhaps due to the weather or change in time even though it had been sent to everyone several times.

Board members were then asked to introduce themselves and share their responsibilities on the Board. **Mickey Sherry** started. He has been on the Board for 7 years with responsibilities in Membership and Waterways. When **John Garback** resigned from the Board in November, **Mickey** was asked to fill in as President - completing **John's** term. **John's** resignation from the Board left a seat open. **Murray Doscher**, a long-time Pebble Beach Home Owner was asked to join the Board – filling the vacant seat. He accepted.

~ **JoAnn Streko** – First Vice-President – This is her 4th year, although she's been involved since the beginning of the PBHOA in 2002. Her primary focus is Special Events with today's Picnic being one of them. In August will be the Road Rally. The free Boat Inspection by the Coast Guard is coming up – sign up with **Bob Kratsch**. The Christmas Party in December is always a fun evening! **JoAnn** asked for suggestions for other events.

~ **Rosemary Urso** – Public Relations

~ **John D'Ambrosio** - Waterways and Advertising

~ **Jack Henderson** – Secretary – He works on the Website and Mailings, and has been a part of the Board since its inception in 2002. There are currently 288 household members.

~ **Paul Schell** – Member - has been a part of the Board since its inception in 2002.

~ **Ralph Holzmilller** – Member – has been working on Waterways and Membership. Depth readings were in the back of the room for everyone to see today.

~ **Richard Eskilson** – Treasurer – has been on the Board for 6 years.

~ **Murray Doscher** – has been on the Board for 3 months. He has been a Pebble Beach home owner since 1975.

Mickey recognized the hard work of the 9 Directors. He mentioned that **Jack Henderson** and his wife **Carole** are working even when they are in Florida. Other residents also have special events to work on – **Bob Kratsch** with the Coast Guard Inspection, **Tom and Peggy Boyce** with the Road Rally, and **Barbara Eskilson** as Alternate Minute Secretary.

Special Guests were then introduced by **Mickey**: **Senator Chris Connors** from the 9th Legislative District, who has been a major help with getting Double Creek dredged (applause by the audience); **Assemblyman Brian Rumpf**; **Assemblywoman Diane Gove**; and **Jason Smith**. Also recognized was **Noriko Kowalewski** from NJ 3rd District Congressman **Tom MacArthur's** office – instrumental in not having the ethanol level raised to 15% and helping get Oyster Creek Dredge last fall. Representing Waretown was **Dan Collamar**, who could not attend because of a last minute conflict, but told me that Waretown would help with the permits to dredge our inlet. Barnegat's **Al Cerilli**, a member of Barnegat's town council was in attendance as well.

Committee Report

~ **JoAnn Streko** asked to give her report out of order of the Agenda, so she could get to the kitchen for the Picnic The **Road Rally** will be August 7. Individuals who sign up today with Tom and Peggy Boyce get 10 extra bonus points. The Road Rally was described as a giant scavenger hunt starting at Lefty's. The **free Coast Guard**

Boat Inspection will be June 17; sign up with **Bob Kratsch**. A summer and fall event will be considered if something is suggested. The **Christmas/Holiday Party** will be the 1st Saturday. in December. {Applause}

President's Message – Mickey Sherry

Membership is the #1 moneymaker of the Association and it goes to the Dredge Fund. We are not like Skippers Cove with a clubhouse or businesses to help with the expense of dredging, so we have to have our own fund. The price of dredging has gone up 3 times over the past years due to environmental issues mostly related to the spoils. We also have to rely on local and state help. We have to keep our inlets and lagoons open and deep with water moving. Skippers Cove community is a deeded association, so every homeowner has to pay annual dues to their association. **Mickey** encouraged everyone to talk to their neighbors about the importance of becoming members of PBHOA. Dues are \$50 for the first year new members and \$30 annual renewal.

Advertisers is the 2nd biggest money maker. We had \$2,000.00 over our expenses for the newsletter. John D'Ambrosio brought in many new advertisers this year. He also developed cards to be carried in our wallets to show to advertisers when we use their business.

Mickey thanked our 9 high-performing Board members. (applause). He also thanked our Guests, who have been helpful over the years! (applause).

Voting for 3 Board Members New Terms – Board members have 3 year terms. Three members are up for re-election: **John D'Ambrosio, Murray Doscher, and Richard Eskilson**. All three have agreed to serve another term, so Secretary **Jack Henderson** cast one unanimous ballot for the three to serve three more years.

Committee Reports from Board Members (cont.)

~ **Treasurer – Richard Eskilson** reported that we seem to be on track to move money into the Dredge Fund. Last Year, \$5,000 was moved. The Board will make this year's decision at an upcoming meeting. There is currently \$67,000 in the Dredge Fund. We operate on a July 1-June 30 fiscal year, so 2017-2018 dues are now due. To date, 68% of our member household are paid. **John D'Ambrosio** has gotten a record number of advertisers this year, which have paid 53% of PBHOA's operating expenses for the past 11 months. (applause for John). The audit for the 2015-2016 year has been completed by **Murray Doscher** and **Bob Kratch**. The Budget for the coming fiscal year has been prepared. Email addresses need to be updated; sign up changes.

~ **Membership – Richard** reported that 180 households have paid their dues so far this fiscal year.

~ **Ways and Means – John D'Ambrosio**, as a contractor and advertiser himself, recognized the value of small cards which PBHOA members could show to advertising businesses, so developed same; **Mark Anthony Printing** (one of our advertisers) printed the cards and they went out with a recent newsletter. **John** had extra cards today for those who would like them. Some advertisers give a discount, so be sure to show your card.

~ **Waterways – Ralph Holzmillier** reported that readings are taken at three locations: in the inlet, at Crystal Point, and one other location 10-15 feet off the bulkhead. It is getting shallower, so take it easy. **John** and **Ralph** developed a chart.

~ **Public Relations – Rosemary Urso** reported that she writes articles for the newsletter and she tells people the benefits of PBHOA membership. (applause). She is working on a welcoming letter and packet for new residents.

Senator Connors spoke about knowing the importance of waterways, as he is a boater himself. Due to Super Storm Sandy, Double Creek was closed. Funding ran out, so help was not available. Dredging can only be done at certain times of the year due to flounder regulations. Dredging is due to start in October of this year; equipment should start to be on sight in August. May 25 Flounder season starts with a 3-fish limit; 18" will remain. Markers have gone in late due to cuts in spending. He closed with a question about the difference between 'flounder' and 'flake'. **Mickey** said he called and the buoys went in the day after Memorial Day. **Dan Collamer** was not present, but **Mickey** reported that Waretown will commit to Pebble Beach that they will pay for the permits when needed. **Mickey** will try to get a 5-year permit with a 3-year extension.

Oyster Creek – Mickey reported that the Army Corps of Engineers worked on the area between buoys 31 – 38A, so now that area is great with a depth of 7 ½' – 8 ½' at low tide. They check it out in April and again in Nov./Dec. – gathering data to see when we have an upcoming need. The Army Corps did not realize how many boats go through Oyster Creek. They wrote a letter to the state.

New Fluke Regulations – Mickey reported that the Mid-Atlantic Commission wanted to raise the limit to 19" in order to get a 30% cut. In January, Mickey testified and in February he attended a rally in Pt. Pleasant requesting 5 keepers and 18" limit. In three weeks, a compromise was reached: 3 keepers & 18". The season is May 25 to September 5.

Special Request – Gina Schrier – Dennis Tredy's daughter – requested a few minutes. She spoke about her father's devotion to the area and the fact that he had been President of the First Aid Auxiliary and Jr. Auxiliary. On Sun., June 25 from 10am-2pm, the **Dennis Tredy Car Wash** with a 50/50 raffle opportunity. Fliers available.

Thanks – Mickey Thanked everyone for helping prepare and implement this event today. He extended special thanks to JoAnn Streko, Jack Henderson, and Richard Eskilson who made at least 40 trips to the Post Office to get reservations.

Additional Comments

1. **JoAnn Streko** reminded everyone that there are two bathrooms available. Please move chairs to the back of the room to be put away. Lori, the bartender, will be happy to serve our members. The cooks needed about 10 minutes to get the food out on the tables.
2. **Jack Henderson** reminded folks about the Ocean Twp. Clean-up Days June 16-17 at Waretown Lake.

The Meeting Closed at 1:10pm and a delicious Picnic followed. The sun came out, attendance improved, and the fellowship was great!

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Eskilson
Secretary Pro Tem
6/11/17