

Monterey Beach Club
Spring General Membership Meeting
June 25, 2023
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Prior to the start of the meeting, Lifeguard Chairman Newton Hausmann introduced Monterey Beach Lifeguard Captain Craig Casperino and several of the current lifeguards working today including Casey O'Connor, Jake Enright, Andrew Adams, Alyssa Fiume, Jacob Tyler, Wes MacNeill, and Anthony Pova. As always the main purpose is to keep the beach safe and allow the members to have a pleasant time at the beach. Badge Checker Chairman Martha Kolfenbach and Badge Checker Ella Duffy were also introduced.

Meeting called to order by President Amy Fiume at 9:05 AM at the Monterey Beach Bay Beach. Members brought their own chairs and practiced social distancing. President Fiume announced Jim Duffy, 34 Catalina Drive as Sergeant of Arms for today's meeting. President Fiume confirmed with the Sergeant of Arms there was a proper quorum for today's meeting. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence observed in memory of members that had passed away and are sick since our last meeting.

Attendance:	Amy Fiume: President	Jeffrey Byrne	Newton Hausmann, Jr.
	Michele Duffy: Vice President	Jennifer Rossi	Jim Neill (absent)
	Liz Greco: Treasurer	Nancy Duenskie	
	Patricia Donovan: Secretary	Tim Kearns (absent)	

President Fiume requested a motion to accept the Fall Membership Minutes of September 4th, 2022 as e-mailed to the membership. Don Fiume made a motion to accept Minutes, Jim Duffy seconded the motion.

Financial Report: Liz Greco

Liz reported balance in accounts as of June 23rd: PNC Checking Account: \$181,117.45
PNC Capital Account: \$75,021.77

Treasurer thanked members for paying dues on time; several members have not paid yet. She requested homeowners not leave their owner badges for their renters. The 2023 Budget was reviewed by the Treasurer noting Bayberry will be selling ice cream again on the beach adding to our income. Under expenses the biggest expense is the lifeguard salaries, insurance slightly increased and noting the SBA Loan has been paid off. Additional monies will be placed in the Reserve Accounts end of year which include accounts for bulkhead, lawyer,

Jim Kaub, 112 San Diego Road, questioned why Reserve Accounts were not on the 2023 Budget, Treasurer stated it would involve going to an additional page at a cost but will be placed on a computer. Jim requested going forward would the Reserve Accounts be noted on the yearly budget printed and also on the Monterey Beach Club website.

Membership/Merchandise Committee: Michele Duffy

Michele reported new merchandise has arrived and is for sale at today's meeting with several items noting 75th Anniversary. Also available are specialty items: tote bags, wine glasses and beach towels. Several members submitted designs and these were used on the beach badges and clothing items.

Michelle reported and welcomed the following new members:

Thomas Durso, 269 Monterey Circle. (Originally Margo Camacho)
Janelle and Darryl Nesar, 116 San Fernando Drive (Originally Rae & Ana Aranas)
Meredith and Thomas Tarsitano, 121 San Fernando Drive (originally John and Nancy Albanese)
Margaret and Terrance Hudson, 18 Malibu Road (Originally Anthony DeFilippis) (Present at meeting)
Pamela Cordaro, 229 San Fernando Drive (Transfer from Pat Hamtil) (Present at meeting)

Social Committee: Tim Kearns

In Tim's absence, Michelle Duffy reported there are forty spots available (tables for 10) for the 75th Anniversary Dinner/Dance on Saturday, July 29th at the Park Pavilion in Seaside Park.

Social and Recreation Committee: Jeff Byrne and Jennifer Rossi

Jeff welcomed everyone to the meeting. Unfortunately they had to cancel the "Meet and Greet" last night due to the weather and will not reschedule. Reminded everyone to check Facebook & Instagram for all events. Annual Swim Meet will be held Saturday, July 1st with sign-ups at 10:30 AM and starting at 11:00 AM. Hot dogs will be served.

Jennifer will be having kid's projects/movie nights as listed on schedule and is in need of volunteers to assist in all events, especially on Family Day, August 12th. She will be sending a signup sheet today among members. She will appreciate any teen volunteers. Jennifer is also collecting pictures of Monterey Beach of past years to be shown during the 75th Anniversary; photos can be uploaded to the Facebook page or dropped off to her. Her address is 133 Carmel Drive and she will scan any pictures available.

Roads and Grounds and Security Committee: Nancy Duenskie

Nancy reported we are using Superior Protection in Toms River for security and will be present on Saturday evening only from the hours of 8:00 PM to 2:00 AM. The reason for the change is due to lack of incidents during previous year and Toms River reinstating its curfew on the barrier island communities. The curfew, which applies to juveniles aged 17 and lower, prohibits teens unaccompanied by an adult from being on streets of the barrier island from 10 PM to 5 AM from May 26th and extending to September 5th. As the Treasurer's Report stated an increase in the insurance due to the severe hurricane season during 2022. NJ Natural Gas Company repaired roads after their maintenance work was completed; need to complete one repair recently reported. As recommended at our last meeting, a quote was obtained for Playground inspection (\$1200.). After a Board Member Inspection and noting that Toms River does not require it, it was decided it did not warrant having this year and will consider it for 2024. Barrels will be placed on roads next week.

Beach Maintenance Committee: Jim Neill

Newton Hausmann reported in Jim's absence. A new wooden lifeguard stand had been built by Jim and placed at the Bay Beach. All medal lifeguard stands have been replaced to ensure safety for the lifeguards built by Jim. Bay Beach was regraded and sand was redistributed at the swings and playground equipment.

Lifeguard Administration: Newton Hausmann

Newton reported being happy to have most lifeguards and badge checkers return for the 2023 Season. Wages have increased due to state regulations. Raft at the Bay Beach will be placed in the water tomorrow. All are asked to obey rules on raft; no jumping off bulkhead at the Bay Beach. Members are asked to display their Member Badge.

No fishing during swimming hours (Ocean: 9:30 AM-5:30 PM – Bay: 10 AM-4:00 PM). All are prohibited from digging holes on ocean and bay beaches for safety reasons. A device has been purchased to alert lifeguards when thunderstorms/lightning in the area, the beach will be closed and all will be required to leave the beach.

In support of the property survey that established the property line between Monterey Beach and Ocean Beach Shores, a yellow rope will be placed along the border each morning and removed daily. Members are asked to respect it and keep required distance from the rope. Lifeguard stands will be placed further north than previous year. USLA has established a new ruling on flag systems and green flags will no longer be allowed to be used. The new rules are that a yellow flag indicates calm water but use caution, red flag rough water but swimming allowed with caution and double red flag means no swimming. New rules are effective immediately. A Flag Sign will be made and displayed.

The State has required lifeguards to take an advanced 21 hour 1st Aid Class consisting of CPR, childbirth, etc. Our Lifeguard Captain took the course and is certified to give the course to our lifeguards. He has also taken another Narcan Course and is able to give if required. Narcan has also been supplied to the Club.

Newt ended the report wishing all members an enjoyable and safe summer.

Updates by President:

President Fiume reported on a pending lawsuit filed in March sent to Monterey Beach Club, Ocean County, State of New Jersey and Toms River. Lawsuit refers to a woman who fell on the South beach ramp in October 2021, not a member, not known if she was visiting someone in Monterey; no witnesses, seeking to be compensated for injuries. All information has been given to the Insurance Company and a lawyer has been assigned. Case is in early stages and she will provide updates as received.

President Fiume reported CAFRA Renewal not necessary based on guidance from NJDEP, Toms River has obtained a CAFRA permit to cover beach maintenance.

President Fiume is working with Toms River on having money (\$5500.) held in an Escrow Account released. The escrow is related to permits for work done several years ago that were not closed out with the township.

Federation of Beaches Meeting held recently at Ocean Beach II ClubHouse. Gene Bachonski, Toms River Community Relations Officer for the Barrier Islands, spoke on the curfew and the ambulance service for this area. An EMT Vehicle will

be parked at the foot of bridge on Route #37 during the season dedicated to this area during the summer season. If a call is made, please identify the address on Barrier Island, not Toms River.

Nominating Committee

President Fiume reported that all 4 Executive Board seats and 2 Board Member terms are expiring this year. The existing Executive Board has indicated they will seek re-election for their seats for another two-year term. The 2 Board of Governor seats that are expiring are currently held by Jim Neill and Jeff Byrne. Jim plans to continue in his role for another three-year term, however Jeff will not continue on Board. If anyone is interested in running for a seat on the Executive Board or is interested in a seat on the Board of Governors, please contact any Board Member or send an email to boardofgovernors@montereybeachclub.org.

Jim Kaub, 112 San Diego Road, questioned any updated information on repairing the beaches. President Fiume answered, according to news reports the bids received by the Army Corps of Engineers were higher than allocated budget and work is now projected to be done in Fall/Winter.

Old Business: President Amy Fiume

2023 Beach Rules have been updated. Group rentals concerning youth are prohibited, only family groups are allowed.

New umbrellas will be purchased for the bump outs on the ocean beach.

Requests made for handicap railings on ramps will not be pursued at this time based on discussion with other beaches that have requested permission from Toms River to add railings. Toms River is not allowed.

Request for Crossing Guards from Toms River questioned; we've been advised that there won't be additional guards available due to difficulty filling positions.

Request for the Club to hire someone is a liability issue and not allowed. Jim Kaub has information to share with a flashing light to stop traffic at a crossing highway. Toms River does assist when called especially on Halloween night.

New Business:

Jim Kaub reported on Bill Pending #HR3-777 for FEMA Relief, asking all members to email representatives for approval.

Janice Crowley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Duffy seconded motion. Meeting ended at 9:45 AM. 50 Members present at today's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Donovan

Pat Donovan, Secretary