

KURE BEACH
BEACH PROTECTION COMMITTEE

JANUARY 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Sandy Cox, Chair

Priscilla Smith, Secretary

Phyllis Mojzis

Mike Bledsoe

Tony Gonsalves

Also present: Barry Nelder, Council Liaison and Chuck Keener

By motion made, seconded and carried the minutes of the November 4th meeting was adopted.

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Old Business:

- 1. Meeting with the realtors: Sandy will contact Ms. April McDavid, the President of the Realtors Assn. This past year we have given them the magnets and brochures to include in their packets that they prepare for the renters. She will try to set up a date to meet with the realtors and discuss the best way to make our visitors aware of the ordinances associated with the beach, i.e. Keep off the Dunes, No Dogs on the Beach, Scoop the Poop, etc. and the fines for violating these rules.*
- 2. Beach Violation Tickets: There were no tickets issued in 2009.*
- 3. Review of meeting with the Life Guards: The Life Guards are doing a great job. One of their problems is the lack of life guards in Fort Fisher. When there is a problem, our guards rush to the rescue and we are shorthanded until the crisis is over. Ft. Fisher needs to cover their beach.*

New Business:

- 1. Long Term Goals and new projects for 2010.*
 - A. Try to further educate our visitors to the importance of keeping the beach in a pristine manner. Launch a "It's Your Beach, Help Us Protect It" campaign*
 - B. Starting in May enforce the No Dogs On The Beach ordinance. The fine for violating this ordinance has been raised to \$150.00. John Batson can write tickets to those who violate this ordinance and has agreed to assist us.*
 - C. Safety Beach Issues: When there is a group of bathers on the beach and in the water and a fisherman decides to cast his line in the center of the bathers a dangerous situation occurs. By the same token, if a fisherman is fishing in an area and a group of bathers come and try to utilize the same location, a dangerous situation occurs. We need to be able to educate each group to be considerate and respect the beach*

- user and go to a safer location. Mike Bledsoe will make a sign stressing being courteous and share the beach in a safe manner. It will be displayed in bait shops and various fishing spots around town. We will also include it in our educational efforts for all future projects.*
- D. We need to keep educating the public regarding the rip tides. We would like the Life Guards to use large black flags on either side of the rip tide so the swimmers would be aware of the dangerous area. They could put a warning cone between the flags that informs swimmers of the rip tide. Sandy will present this to Mayor Lambeth.*
 - E. News Letter: Phyllis will write something for the town newsletter to recruit new members for the committee and see that the Council receives it by Friday. We will also put something in future newsletters other ongoing issues.*
 - F. Pet Wastes Bags: SLAP has worked on this and will advise us of how to obtain the necessary supplies. They recommend we put the bags at all public beach entrances. Home Owner Assoc. should also have them available for their residents. The State Park does have these supplies and information on where to obtain them. We will follow-up with Council on our recommendations and costs.*
 - G. Clean Water/Environmental group: The Clean Water People monitor the beaches and would like to meet with our committee. Barry Nelder will get the committee their web site. ARCH an environmental group consisting of 37 different awareness groups. Their web site is ARCH.com. Kure Beach is a member of this group and Barry is our representative. Kure Beach is the only beach community that is a member of ARCH. We will see if money can be obtained for pet waste initiatives from these groups.*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM. The next scheduled meeting should be in February. At present the date is pending. The following meeting will be March 2nd.

Respectfully submitted:

Priscilla Smith