

# **Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee**

*Minutes of May 3, 2022*

## **Members Present**

Ann Hughes – Co-Chair  
Pat Triplett – Co-Chair  
John Kiwaha  
Randy Bock  
Liz Kiwaha  
Rick Jackson  
Don Campbell  
Pat Edgecomb (alternate)

## **Members Absent**

Dennis Panicali

Introductions were made to welcome our newest member, Don Campbell.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00PM by Ann Hughes who was in person.

Recognition of guest joining on the phone. The guest brought up the new “stay off the dunes” signs last month and thanked the committee for acting so quickly on that topic. He asked if there were any other recourses of action and he was informed that anyone caught on the dunes can get ticketed and fined.

Minutes from April Meeting were approved unanimously.

A discussion was had regarding the approval of the agenda, Ann asked if anyone wanted to add anything to it that we can take on as a committee. Ann noted a change to be added to it regarding “Membership Policy & Updating Brochures.”

Mandy came into the meeting briefly and spoke about policy regarding appointing members and the process for doing that. Mandy needs to bring it up with legal because it hasn't been done in the way stated in the policy for more than 13 years. The policy states when we bring in new members, we interview them and then select two and then the town selects the new member out of the two candidates. This is going to be tabled until next month, June, to give Mandy time to talk with legal.

## **Old Business**

### Adopt-A-Beach:

- The Mayor approved a letter to go out to the participants via email, gazette, website.
- Renewals - Ann will follow-up with them to see if they want to renew and then will pass this off to Liz.

### Beach Booster Program:

- No new business, Rick needs to talk to Dennis.

### Ocean Life Project:

- Ambassador Program on the beach – Pat brought up a suggestion to maybe have council represent and be judges of the winner of a sand sculpture competition and as a possible prize, the winner would get a “blue fish”. We all liked the idea, but it will need to get Town approval.
- Pre-covid the Town required 4 hours of training before talking to people on the beach. For the training requirement, Pat will need to hold 2-hour meetings again to provide training. She will hold them in May and July. Pat will look at the schedule next week and will let us know. John and Liz are ambassadors, Rick also joined and will need training and a vest as well.

### Beach Manners:

- The magnets came in late. Some will be placed in the office. They will be placed in the Kure Beach vacation rentals, if possible. Liz will drop some magnets off at Intracoastal where she works because they have quite a few vacation rentals. Pat will drive around and drop off more at other hotels, etc., when she gets back into town.
- Some of the pamphlets need to be updated.

### Sign Replacement:

- Randy will get with Dan about replacing missing signs, some have come in, the red markers are in, but specific access signs are still needed.
- Ann noted that we are also to keep track of the beach access ramps to assess for any repairs needed. This will be added as an agenda item going forward.

### ***New Business***

### Beach Sweep:

- Not a lot to be cleaned up at the last one on Earth Day. There will be another one on July 5<sup>th</sup> to clean up after July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

### Beach Matts:

- Liz brought up that during our Earth Day clean up a man named Gary who was in a wheelchair came up to our table and asked if Kure Beach will be putting down beach matts like Carolina Beach does so people in wheelchairs can access the beach. An attorney has looked into this, and it was determined to be a liability issue because our beaches slope unlike CB beaches. Also, we don't have a place to store them and lift them every time they need to be moved. The Island Women provide the matts and manages this for CB. We also have beach wheelchairs, and these don't need a ramp.

### Crosswalks:

- Walking across the road to the beach accesses is an issue, we need crosswalks and beach access flashing lights like CB. They're supposed to be working on getting some of these up at some of the crosswalks. This is being worked on, it may take 2-3 years before it's done.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM

Next Meeting – 06/07/2022

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Kiwaha, Secretary