

Sandy Beach Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021

Present: Ed Ryle, Chair, Connie Gillman, Terry Conner, Andy Parker, Denise Parker, Karen Brady, Corinne Houle, Todd Dyer, Beach Manager

Absent: Tom Mathews, Jenn Parsons, Pam Wray

The meeting was called to order @ 6:08 PM.

Move to accept the minutes from the November 19, 2020 meeting: Karen Brady, second: Terry Conner. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: Cash balance: \$13,833.94.

Correspondence: Ed Ryle received correspondence from Denise Raap regarding the 2021 budget. Commissions were asked to maintain the same budgets. Jennifer Parsons' term as a Commissioner was renewed.

● **Old Business:**

● Restoration project: The Commission has asked Gary Gillman to build two more racks for the 2021 season. Five more picnic tables were also requested. Many old tables will have to be removed. Also discussed was covering the large drain pipe which is now exposed after the sand has washed away. Terry Conner will evaluate the situation. Other restoration ideas were: planting another tree, working on the storage area for patrons and improvements to the concession area. Todd Dyer will contact Tom Mathews regarding the first phase of the plan he had outlined for the snack bar. Commission members will take care of the plantings.

● **New Business:**

- Bantam Lake Charter proposal: Todd Dyer reviewed the activities by the Charter group the past season and the proposed changes to their activities for the 2021 season. Todd Dyer will invite Ian MacRae to the March 18th meeting to discuss the proposal and answer questions from the Commission.
- Budget - The new mandatory minimum wage will effect the beach budget. The Commission discussed raising entrance fees to cover wage increases. The Commission will begin now to determine projections for the 2022 budget. Capital needs will also be discussed. Todd Dyer will prepare a list of beach annual expenses.
- Beach Manager update - The cabin needs work: the roof needs cleaning, the outside walls need staining. Beach fees need to be set for the season. Past year's staff will reply about returning by March 15th. The need for new hires will be decided after that information is in place. The Commission should begin to market the beach once protocols for this season are determined.
- Committees - Andy Parker spoke with LHRR President Beth Murphy about the mandated changes for races. No ceremonies, no spectators, limited participants, staggered start, no congregating, masks, distancing, grab and go food, and prizes mailed out were some of the differences in November. The Commission will discuss the feasibility of the Triathlon taking place in July.

Move to adjourn: Karen Brady, second: Terry Conner. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:10 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18 @ 6 PM at St. Anthony's.

