

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF CAPE MAY BEACH, INC.
General Meeting
February 9, 2004

President, Jay Witmoyer called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. The membership recited the Pledge to the Flag.

Jay read a news article that appeared in the Star and Wave on February 8, 1979 announcing a cherry pie-eating contest at the Property Owners Association meeting on February 19, 1979.

Jay offered congratulations to Bob and Maureen VanOrden on the birth of their 1st grandchild and also to Ed and Dot McGehean on the birth of twin grandsons.

Claire Nagel introduced Millie Saraduke Chairperson of the Blind Association of the Jersey Cape. Millie has been blind for 20 years and offered a very inspirational talk on blindness and how the Blind Association helped her and others deal with their visual impairments. Judy Ferruzzi, a volunteer from the Blind Association, assisted Millie. The blind association recently was destroyed by fire and they are searching for a solution to this problem.

The minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2004 were read and approved. Moved by Ward Burnside, seconded by Irv Shoemaker.

Treasurer, Vivian Burnside made her report indicating funds on hand as of 1/31/04 totaling \$9,776.32. Her report was accepted as presented on a motion made by Berniece McLaughlin and seconded by Anne Savidge.

Linda Witmoyer gave the Membership Committee report. Nine new life members for a total of 83 life members, 62 individual members, and 109 joint members for a total of 363 as of this date. Last years' total at year-end was 356.

In Vice President Ginny Bianchi absence, Jay announced the up coming speakers. March 8th will be Assemblyman Jack Gibson, April 12th Matt Pelligrine, Park Naturalist from Cape May Point State Park. On May 10th following a potluck dinner, Mayor Larry Starner will address our membership and at our welcome social on June 19th, Herman Tolz will discuss the history of property values in the area.

Marsha Kahn, Chairperson of the Spring Celebration scheduled for May 15th announced her committee is busy at work planning this event. In addition to a brief ceremony unveiling our new sign, the committee is planning an extensive plant sale, vintage transportation display, local artisans, Grandma's attic, a historic display, crafts and food. Marsha indicated the committee is reviewing the date to decide if this event should be held prior to Mother's Day.

The Whale of a Day Family Festival is off to a good start as reported by Chairperson Roz Shoemaker. Vendor invitations have been mailed and some already returned requesting reservations. Ad book solicitations have been mailed and Cape Savings Bank has paid for the printing of the flyers.

Lee and Mary Ellen Spruell, Co-Chairmen of the Cox Hall Creek Focus Group announced that a meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on March 27, 2004 at 9:30 to present the recommendations of the Engineering Consultants as to possible approaches to the Cox Hall Creek issue. The Association will mail notices to all members announcing this meeting in early March.

Jay announced that Emma Hindley has agreed to chair the Harvest Ball on October 9, 2004 and Elise Rohana will co-ordinate the Pig Roast on August 14th.

It was reported that the Welcome Social to be held on June 19th needs a Chairman. Lee Norrbom and Nancy Barnes volunteered to Co-Chair this event.

Ward Burnside reported on his participation in COCA. All local governments must participate in the state wide long-range plan to qualify for grants and permits. COCA continues to focus on issues of Water Shed, Economic Development, Taxes, Beaches Bay and Waterways, Transportation and Open Spaces.

The Chair thanked Ward and Jim Welsh for their efforts in replacing ceiling tile in the ballroom.

Thirty-three man-hours of work were donated by Ethel Simpson, Vivian Burnside, Lee Norrbom, Linda Witmoyer and Maria Link to organize the closet, kitchen, and bar room. Jay expressed thanks to these willing workers for their efforts.

New Business was opened for discussion. Ernie Savidge reported that the fire company will be meeting in the near future to establish the Fire Tax level for the coming year.

It was suggested by Jim Welsh that a donation be made to the Blind Association from the Property Owners Association. This suggestion will be directed to the Board for consideration.

The next meeting will be a potluck dinner on March 8, 2004 at 6PM.

No further business appearing the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ward Burnside and seconded by Russ Robbins.

For the Secretary,

Jay Witmoyer