**CLEARWATER BEACH ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  March 04, 2014

**Board Members, Present:** Wendy Hutkin, Jerry Murphy, Archanna Mane, Aaron Petersen, Beth Prast, Robert Prast.  **Absent:** Samuel Hutkin, Burt Wiand, Gary Athanason, Jay Keyes.

**Guests:** Lt. William Valteri, Clearwater Police department; Anna Gurney, Public Information Officer for the City of Clearwater.

**Police Report:** Lt. Valteri introduced himself as the new replacement Beach District Commander. He cautioned residents to lock their doors, even when working outside in the yard, as there have been some burglaries on the north end of the beach. Two additional officers assigned to the beach are awaiting their bicycles. A grant will allow a mostly educational campaign toward pedestrian/bicycle safety, particularly at crossroads; ticketing may follow.

**City of Clearwater:** Anna Gurney said more items are coming in for the swag bags to be distributed on Neighborhoods Day. She also announced the theme for the upcoming Sugar Sand Festival: Iconic Movies. Responding to concerns about the potential for increased property violations and the planned metering of the remaining free parking spaces on the beach, she suggested having a City representative speak to the CBA about parking/regulations.

**Minutes**: Following a motion by Robert, seconded by Beth, the February Minutes were accepted as posted.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Robert reported a total of 38 paid memberships. He was asked by the president to contact the insurance to check on the increased premium rate, particularly since membership numbers have declined.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Presidential:** Wendy said the board is open for additional positions.

**City Liason/Volunteer Coordinator:** Beth reported seeking the cooperation of Chapel by the Sea to help provide volunteers for the Sugar Sand Festival; their board opted out. The task was deemed too much for the CBA to assume independently, but Anna Gurney agreed to get back to us regarding structuring of the volunteer hours requested (for our possible limited participation).

**Chamber Representative**:Robert reported an application was sent to the Beach Chamber and the membership will be reciprocal

**Membership/Communications**: Wendy sent an email to more than 100 addresses, which yielded 6 memberships. Jerry offered to phone those with invalid e-mail addresses. Wendy will check with the post office for direct-mail options. A motion by Jerry, seconded by Robert, will allow up to $60 for mail solicitation of past members.

**Environmental**: Wendy circulated another letter received from 1068 Eldorado. Steve Samaha reported on his consultation with a lawyer regarding the roped-off north beach properties. Half the designated funds were used.

**Webmaster**: Archanna reported that she is working on design, and securing a web site host; there will be a new website address by the next meeting.

**Activities & Events**: Easter Egg Hunt is April 18; Neighborhoods Day picnic in Triangle Park is April 26. Following a motion by Beth, seconded by Wendy, our Adopt-a-Park volunteer day will be May10.

**Other:**

**Friends of the Clearwater Library/Recreation Center**: Anne Garris said Pickleball teams will meet on Friday mornings at the Center.

The next CBA meeting is Tuesday, April 1.

*Vicki Jackson, Secretary*