

**Minutes**  
**Croatan Civic League Meeting**  
**Monday, October 2, 2023, at 6:30 PM**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present:** Mike Kelly, Bob Lougen, Jan Nielson, Amanda Robinson, Connie Agresti, Kathy Donahoe, Mike Fantozzi, Jim Ferrera, Cheryl Garvey, Katie Ripberger, and Amber Torgerson

**Absent:** Frank Borum, Jan Perriello, Jen Resio, and Bill Wren

1. Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM by Mike Kelly, CCL Pres. Quorum present.
2. Approval of September meeting notes – unanimous.
  - Newsletter articles must be sent to Kathy Donahoe by COB, Friday, October 6.
3. Treasurer’s Report (Jan Nielsen) 6:40
  - Security Costs for September came in as expected at \$1,625.
  - Security increased \$4550 over budget due to rate increase for the officers.
  - Total Balance of funds as of September 30<sup>th</sup>: \$36,571.17.
  - EOY Balance Projection is estimated at \$31,000, slightly lower than budgeted forecast of \$32,000. Cost of Fall Social and Meeting will affect final numbers.
4. Annual Meeting / Election of Directors 6:55
  - Terms expire for the following Board Directors: Bob Lougen, Amanda Robinson, Frank Borum, Kathy Donahoe, Mike Fantozzi, Cheryl Garvey, Katie Ripberger, Bill Wren.
  - Also, Janice Nielsen and Jim Ferrera (Temp appointments in 2023)
5. Fall Social Event (Katie Ripberger / Amanda Robinson) 6:55 – 7:30
  - “Jeans and Jewels,” Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:30 at Hunt Club Farm
  - Cost \$45/person; \$75/couple
  - 80/90 People expected at most. 112 Seats: 14 Tables x 8 Seats
  - Confirmed: Hunt Club Farm, Room cost \$1,631.
  - Confirmed: Catering with Mobile Pignic \$1,897
  - Confirmed: Bartender, supplied by venue.
  - Confirmed: Music \$600 if required.

- Amanda and Amber working on playlist in lieu of DJ; possible live piano during dinner (Katie working.
- TBD: Beer, Wine, and Signature drink TBD (Moscow Mule?) \$1,500
  - ABC mixed used license in progress: Katie submitted application to ABC.
- TBD: Soft Drinks and Water.
- TBD: Dessert
  - Ask people to bring or get from Restaurant Depot?
- Table decorations cost \$220.
- 25' extension cord needed
- Ice provided; coolers needed.
- Allowance for unexpected expenses \$1,000.
- Total cost estimate is \$6,628 for a 4-hour event.
- **Planning meeting to be held during 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October.**

6. Security/CAC (Connie Agresti) 7:30 – 7:50

- It's getting darker.
- Storms will bring surf and rip-tides.
- Scarecrow event on Virginia Dare.
- Be on lookout for porch pirates.
- Anticipate security patrol costs to increase from \$12,500 to \$20,000 for 2024.
  - Security budget and income are kept separate from general fund.
  - How do we deal with cost increase of 38%?
  - Connie to draft options moving forward for security.

7. VBCCO (Jim Ferrera) 7:50 – 7:55

- From the September meeting:
  - Election process is coming up in November.
  - Survey in VBCCO newsletter regarding plastic bag waste in our waterways.
  - Possibly will join the National Civic League.
  - Discussion on Underground Utility Line request list.
    - To get on list: Everyone on street has to sign off and then the street is put into a prioritized list.
    - Should we get this word out to Croatan? Would it be possible for everyone to agree?

8. Speed Table Update (Frank Borum) - NA

9. Membership (Bob Lougen) - NSTR

10. Website Update (Bob Lougen) - NSTR
11. Logo Wear (Katie Ripberger)
  - Some logowear left. Should we raffle off at Fall Social?
12. Welcome Wagon (Cheryl Garvey)
  - 4 baskets on-hand.
13. Landscaping (Cheryl Garvey)
  - Will look at trimming bushes at entrance.
14. Social and Children's Programs Remaining (Amanda Robinson / Katie Ripberger)
  - Ice Cream social on 9/8 hosted by Tyler Volpe and Patty Peters was a HUGE success!
    - Cost of about \$150 - ice cream and paper goods and leftovers from past.
    - Food truck presence enhanced event.
  - October 6<sup>th</sup> is Croatan Star Gazing event.
  - Halloween Party: October 28<sup>th</sup> at 432 Maryland Court.
  - November Santa Photos - TBD
  - Bike the Lights and Lights contest - TBD
15. Beach Erosion (Mike Kelly)
  - 130,000 cubic yards of sand to be placed on beach in early 2024.
  - Contract awarded soon -November/December?
16. Short Term Rentals – (TBD)
  - Need to stay alert for new proposed legislature in FY-24 session (February.)
  - Expect real estate industry to try to slip in something that will take away towns, cities and counties ability to limit/control.
17. New Business
  - Rosemary Wilson Town hall on October 12.
  - Connie Agresti is on the Beaches and Waterways Commission.
  - Cheryl would like to discuss volunteers not paying for events at a future meeting.
16. Adjourn 8:20 PM

**Next meeting: Monday, November 6, 2023, at 6:30 PM**  
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