

# Croatan Civic League — September Board Meeting Minutes

## Meeting and Attendance Confirmation

Mike Kelly called the meeting to order and confirmed quorum. The meeting began at **6:34 PM on Monday, July 7th**.

### In attendance:

- Present: Mike Kelly, Bob Lougen, Frank Borum, Pat Costigan, Jim Ferrera, Cheryl Garvey, Katie Ripberger, Mike Fantozzi, Eileen Wren, Connie Agresti, Amber Torgerson
- Observing: Kirk Falk
- Absent: Bill Garvey, Amanda Robinson

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## 1. Treasurer's Report — Pat Costigan

- Accounts stable; no emerging issues.
- Current balance: **\$42,630**.
- Estimated spend remainder of year: **\$7,500–8,000**.
  - Primarily for Annual Meeting and December Social

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## 2. Membership — Bob Lougen / Jim Ferrera

- **46** new members from 2024 end-of-year campaign; dues ≈ **\$3,035**.
- Member households: ≈ **264–265** (≈ **51%** of properties; ≈ **472** people).
- Risk: Jim Ferrera believes that without continued canvassing, up to 50% of the 46 could lapse.
- **Annual Dinner (Oct 26, Warriors Tap House):** Invite new neighbors as a recruitment event. CCL to cover meals for invited new members (confirm policy).

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## 3. Website Update — Bob Lougen

- Add website note that any new members joining from 1 October to 31 December will have their dues covered for 2026.
- Enable RSVP for Oct 26 Annual Dinner.

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## 4. Security / CAC — Connie Agresti

- **School zones:** Officers issuing citations for traffic and parking violations.

- **No lifeguards** currently at Croatan; **hurricane season** ongoing.
  - **E-bikes:** complaints rising. Task group reviewing regulations (beach ban, lights at night, helmet rules, speedometer requirement possible). Safety concerns with youth speeding.
  - **Dogs on beach:** Reminder of leash rules and cleanup.
  - **Fire hydrants:** 20 identified in Croatan (1 out of service). Most rated **1500+ GPM**; one at 1000–1499 GPM. Concern about hydrant spacing (<800ft). Connie to engage Fire Chief. (Update: CVB map shows 24 in Croatan and two on Gen Booth Blvd.)
  - **Parking lot:** Free after Oct 1; closes at 5:30 PM.
  - **Street closures:** Board requested earlier City communication. CAC meets at Rescue Squad #14.
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## 5. VBCCO — Jim Ferrera

- **District voting:** Discussed 10-1 vs 7-3-1 models.
    - **Will there any debate or other information seminar prior to voting?**
  - **Insurance:** Directors & Officers insurance policy acquired.
  - **Other topics:** e-bike safety, golf cart parking enforcement.
  - Next VBCCO: Sep 17, Bow Creek Rec Center. Jim away; no alternate secured.
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## 6. Welcome Wagon — Cheryl Garvey

- Delivered baskets to new neighbors. Positive feedback letters received.
  - Highlighted strong new interest in community involvement.
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## 7. Landscaping — Cheryl Garvey

- New contractor (First Colonial) praised.
  - Entrance plan: red, white, and blue pansies for 250<sup>th</sup> Years of U.S.
  - Hazard: low pine branches on Croatan Rd hitting delivery trucks.
  - Lumos fiber project ongoing; easement impacts likely. Advise residents to photo-document property. (Note: Needs more follow-up. This will be a big issue.)
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## 8. Social & Events — Amanda Robinson, Katie Ripberger, Mike Kelly

- **Town Hall (Oct TBD at Aquarium):** Update on beach/Weir project; Rosemary Wilson to attend.
- **Oct 6:** Board meeting (location TBD).
- **Oct 26:** Annual Dinner at Warriors Tap House (5–8 PM). Theme: **Oktoberfest** (brats, pretzels, beer cheese; alt. vegetarian options). Trivia to return, but shorter.

- **Halloween Party (Nov 1).** Officer coverage already requested for Halloween night.
  - **Nov 3:** Board meeting & elections. Need 2 new board members.
  - **Nov 30:** Pictures with Santa (Croatan Beach, 2–4 PM).
  - **Dec 1:** Board meeting (location TBD).
  - **Dec 7:** Holiday Social (Chicho's).
  - **Jan 5, 2026:** Board meeting.
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## 9. CCL Future — Strategic Planning

- Intent is to anticipate the challenges for the future, to include new board members, expanded membership, and future events.
  - Committee establishment to reduce work by individuals. Committee chair should determine requirements.
  - Committee for transitions
  - Social Media Accounts – Facebook – Instagram?
  - Surveys after events
  - Spring Fling assistance
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**Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM**