**2018 ABIA Annual Meeting Minutes**

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Avalon Beach Improvement Association (ABIA) was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Mary 5, 2018, by President Sandie Markland. There were 26 people in attendance representing 16 ABIA properties. Sandie introduced the Board and thanked those who gathered at the ocean front lot this morning for the annual clean-up. Minor repairs were made to the sand fence. Landscaping and litter pick-up, clearing sand from the steps and filling in the large hole at the south front entrance were all completed in a short time. Thanks to all!

**Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were approved on a motion from Pete Markland**

Sandie briefly covered the topics listed on the printed agenda, and outlined the nature and function of ABIA, Inc., with emphasis given to the fact that we are NOT a homeowner’s association.

There was a short discussion of a proposed change in the ABIA by-laws regarding the codified time of the annual meeting. The meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. in 2017 and 2018 rather than the prescribed meeting time of 7:00 p.m. Attendance has improved with the afternoon meeting which indicates there should be some flexibility in meeting time. **On a motion by Mike Morgan, seconded by Howard Kimble, the phrase “…, at the hour of 7 o’clock p.m. …” is stricken from Article II, Section 1, first sentence of the ABIA by-laws.** The document will be revised and the new edition posted on the ABIA website at the earliest possible date.

Coastlines Landscaping has provided excellent service in the maintenance of the ABIA sound lot and their contract has been renewed for another year.

The Annual ABIA Members’ picnic is set for Saturday, October 6, 2018, at noon on the sound lot. Will Foxwell has graciously agreed to make all necessary arrangements again this year.

Two Board positions were up for election this year. Both Janis Farmer and Carol Sterner have agreed to run for reelection and property owner Mike Morgan indicated his willingness to serve as well. There was some discussion of adding additional seats to the current Board --- increasing the current number of five members to six or seven. A majority of those present determined there was no need to make this change. An election by written ballot with each member household instructed to choose two candidates was conducted. ABIA members Terry Lowry and Munk Peacock agreed to serve as election officials. The final election tally: Mike Morgan 10, Janis Farmer 12 and Carol Sterner 14.

Farmer and Sterner will retain their positions on the Board. Sandie expressed appreciation to Mike Morgan for his willingness to serve the community and encouraged all to be actively involved with ABIA --- no need to be on the Board to do so.

There was discussion about having additional stabilization work done on the ocean front lot early next spring. The same contractor who performed the work 5-6 years ago will probably be contracted to perform similar duties in the spring of 2019. **On a motion by Munk Peacock, seconded by Mike Morgan, $3-5,000 is authorized for ocean front parking lot stabilization by minor grading/placement of crush and run.**

Sandie will work on securing a new sign for the ocean front lot (this project was approved during the 2017 annual meeting). She will also look into signage which will encourage members to park appropriately in the lot rather than occupying unnecessary space.

ABIA has entered into an agreement with Seto’s for beach lot towing. Our former contractor, ABC Towing, has left the beach. Seto’s has been authorized in writing to tow unpermitted vehicles from the lot at will and has been provided with a list of individuals authorized to call for towing.

KDHPD has been authorized in writing to enter all ABIA owned lots and, when necessary, enforce all applicable laws, ordinances, etc.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Carol Sterner provided detailed information on Checking and Money Market Balances, as well as income and expenses for the prior fiscal year (ending 04-20-18). This report was accepted for file and is available to members upon written request.

 **Secretary’s Report:** ABIA instituted a policy change this year which prohibits the return of requested permits when the applicant fails to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. This policy was clearly stated on the 2018 newsletter. In 2016, ABIA received 68 applications without a stamped return envelope --- in 2017 there were 49. To date, we have received less than 10 without the required enclosures and only five of these are still pending. Emails were sent to the applicants to advise them of the deficiency. As of today’s date, 397 memberships/permits have been issued. Due to family matters affecting the Secretary, ABIA President Sandie Markland processed membership applications and permits this year.

**Open Forum:**

* Members discussed the proposal to add a stoplight and crosswalk at the intersection of Avalon and Highway 158. This is a state issue and not much has been reported on it in the past year;
* The completion of the multi-use path along Bay Drive has been delayed until early summer due to severe winter weather;
* Our liability insurance coverage was explained to the membership in response to a member question;
* Dog waste and cigarette butts continue to be a problem on the beach;
* Keeping our ocean front lot and dunes safe and attractive is the responsibility of all members. Members are asked to take the trash can to the curb when leaving the beach on Sunday and Wednesday evenings and return the can to the lot when visiting the beach after trash pick-up on Mondays and Thursdays during the summer. Once a week trash pick-up is on Mondays from November through March.

**On a motion by Jim Carruthers, seconded by Mike Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Kimble

ABIA Secretary