2019 ABIA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The 2019 annual meeting of the Avalon Beach Improvement Association (ABIA) was called to order on May 4, 2019 at 1:00 pm by President Sandie Markland. There were 27 in attendance. Sandie introduced the board members. Sandie thanked those who gathered at the oceanfront lot for the yearly clean-up. Landscaping and litter pickup were the only areas needed at this time, due to the lot being finished with new Crush and Run and a new fence being replaced recently. Thanks to all! Sandie stated the improvements to both lots since last meeting, which included new parking signs, new ABIA property sign, new trash can, new picnic table, new split rail fence and landscaping. Sandie also stated again that ABIA is not a homeowners' association. It was created solely to accept deed to three properties --- two on the sound side and one oceanfront.

The minutes from last year's annual meeting were available for each member to review. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Munk Peacock and 2nd by Janis Farmer. Membership approved.

**SOUND LOT:**  Coast Line Landscaping will continue to maintain the lot. After replacing the spilt rail fence and re-establishing the landscape, their contract will be renewed for another year at the same cost. A new, heavy picnic table was purchased and delivered to the sound lot to replace the table lost from hurricane Michael. The sign at the sound lot had some damage, this was repaired by Janis Farmer. The date for the annual picnic was set for Sat. Oct 12, 2019 at 12:00 noon. It will be a catered event with tent, chairs and all the food provided. Save the date! Will Foxwell will be asked to be in charge of organizing the event again this year. More information will be made available later this summer.

**ELECTION:** Only one position to the board was up for re-election, current President Sandie Markland. According to the By-Laws, any name can be added to the ballot at the open meeting and proxy votes can be counted if the document is received by the association by the date stated on said document. There were seven proxy votes accepted. One proxy vote was not eligible, due to not meeting the restricted time and date. Michael Morgan wanted his name placed for nomination to the board, but not to serve as President. After a brief discussion, and the election procedure explained, Mr. Morgan withdrew his name as a candidate. Sandie Markland was reelected, unopposed.

**OCEANFRONT LOT:**

Crush and run was placed on the lot by the same contractor that was used five or six years ago.

The cross over to the beach needs to be replaced. The board will consider ideas, cost and limitations for the big project.

Seto’s towing service contract will remain for another year. Competitive companies are being looked at. Towing will be strictly enforced by the company. Authority was given to the town police to patrol and to enter ABIA lot as situation required.

Keeping the oceanfront lot attractive to the community is EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY. If you are leaving the beach area on Sunday or Wednesday evenings, take the TRASH CAN TO THE CURB! If you see the trash can at the curb on Monday or Thursday take it back to the steps. Trash pick-ups are MON and THURS. THANKS.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Carol Sterner gave the following report. Beginning Balance $45,103.06; Deposits $13,706.00; Expenses $22,475.10; Balance as of 4/30/2019 - $36,333.96; Itemized Expenses Sound Lot Maintenance $961.50; Sound Lot Picnic Table, Sign $438.11; Beach Lot Repaving $14,690.00; Beach Lot Signs, Fencing, etc, $2,575.64; Sandie Website $179.88; Sandie 2019 Newsletter 1,555.79; Carol Stamps 20.00; PO Box Rental $120.00; Insurance $577.00; Picnic $1,357.18. The Money Market Balance $25,237.34 (March); Total Money Market and Checking Account Balance $61,571.30. The Money Market account is held as a contingency fund. Report accepted as read. Members approved.

Motion was made to transfer $25,000.00 from Checking account to Money Market account by Munk Peacock and seconded by Barbara LaBonte. Membership Approved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** As of today, 414 permits have been issued, this was the best response for the permits than any previous year. Number 400 has never been issued at this time of year. Permits were available to purchase, if needed, after the meeting.

**Open Forum:** Comments about how to keep the community clean and attractive with wrecked/non drivable vehicles and household items by the street. The town will cooperate concerning the problem with complaints. Mike Morgan and Jim Caruthers had their names added to the list of volunteers who can call the towing service.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Caruthers and seconded by Margaret Peacock. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

Doris Kimble,

ABIA Secretary