



Date: January 13, 2021

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: 15 members including members of the executive committee: Chris Beaumont, Randy Watts, Ana Lausen, Josie Nuez and Security coordinator Josh Buettner and Special guests: Hon. Andre Perez, Area Representative for the Rural South and Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation and Wally Nunez Jr.

President's Welcome: Chris Beaumont opened the meeting, thanking everyone for attending.

Treasurer's Report:

Ana Lausen – gave a summary of the current financial status for the month of December and Year to Date – Please see attached.

Ana encouraged all members to remind their friends and neighbors who live in the Watch Area to contribute. We will be distributing a list of all contributors for 2020 in the coming weeks.

To donate by credit or debit card you can go to www.SACNW.org.

For cash donations please drop off at the Barrier Reef Drive office of Ambergris Seaside Realty – Josh Buettner. Credit Card donations can be made at Someplace South and the Black Orchid.

Please remember that SACNW operates on member contributions only! All contributions are used for Patrol Salaries (95%) and Golf cart expenses (5%).

All administrative costs are volunteer time and in-kind donations!

Security Report:

Josh Buettner presented the monthly Patrol Report which is listed below. Josh mentioned that this year has been the best year since SACNW began with respect to the number of incidents. Josh contributes this to the help of OIC Chris Noble and the presence of Police Officers traveling with our Patrol Officers and the tireless efforts of our Patrol Officers and Local owners. It is very important that we keep the Neighborhood Watch going, we will not be able to do it without growing our contributions. Please speak to your neighbors and friends about contributing and attending meetings when they are on the island. Josh also thanked the members of the Executive Committee for their work in keeping the Watch moving forward.

- Wednesday December 9 at 2:30 pm Patrol responded to Athens Gate where a female was unable to breath. Patrol was able to provide oxygen to the individual.
- Thursday December 13 at 9:39 pm Patrol responded to a report of an individual with severe stomach pain. Triple R was contacted and they were transported to the Polyclinic.
- Friday December 25 at 8:00 pm. Patrol along with Police responded to a domestic dispute upon arrival the individual resisted arrest and was taken to the Police Station.
- Saturday December 26 at 8:31 pm. along with Police detained a male person that was roaming the area after curfew near the Police substation and was taken to the Police Station.
- January 6 at 2:05 pm. Patrol along with Police responded to a traffic accident where a truck crashed into a fence belonging to Royal Caribbean. Reports were taken and no further action was taken.

- In December the Patrol stopped 27 persons, assisted 5 persons with gas and assisted 2 persons with golf cart issues.

Chris mentioned that we will be having a “Whenever you can” – clean up on the south side of the island. Please contact Josh Buettner, joshbuettner1@gmail.com with the area you choose to clean. Please take a picture of you and your team cleaning the area and send it to Josh so we can share with all of our members. There is a need for cleaning all areas – beachfront, roads and around all properties.

Next Hon. Minister Andre Perez spoke to the group. Mr. Perez recognized the success of SACNW and wishes to help us with our continuing success. He also mentioned that he asked Mr. Wally Nunez jr. to attend the meeting and will be the person who we can work with at SACNW to get information to the Minister. The Minister said that there has been discussion about paving the road south of Mahogany Bay but a final decision has not yet been made. A question was asked of the minister if the cabinet was looking at removing the curfew or making it shorter to help the restaurant businesses and make tourists happier. The cabinet is considering lifting the curfew and other restrictions i.e., Church’s, Gyms etc. on February 1, 2021.

A second question was asked about the possibility of COVID-19 Tests being administered at the airport when guests are leaving to meet the requirements of the United States government and other countries who require the same. The Minister is working with BTB and the Ministry of Health to look into this matter.

Chris asked the Minister to expound on The Blue Economy - the Marine resources that capture the bounties of the sea and includes capturing wind and solar power all in a sustainable way. The Minister believes that the Blue Economy can be an asset as great as tourism and will have a very positive impact on Ambergris Caye and Caye Caulker.

Old and New Business:

Wally Nunez previously attended SACNW meetings when he was on Town Council and was very good at working with our Watch.

A question asked what can be done about the development that has started next to the “Croc Pond”. The electric wiring is dangerous and rubbish is being used to fill the area. Mr. Wally has taken photographs of the area and forwarded them to the proper authorities and is looking at the plan for the area. If you wish to send a letter/photo to show your concern they can be sent to

- San Pedro Town Council - sptc@btl.net
- Department on Environment Belize Government - envirodept@environment.gov.bz,
eiaunit@environment.gov.bz
- Hon Minister Andre Perez - ministerandreperrez@gmail.com

If you see any unsightly areas in the South please take a photograph to Bob Utsman for a potential highlighting of the need to keep the island clean.

There was a question asked about the smell of burning in the area in the cemetery. Josh will instruct the Patrol to keep on the lookout for illegal burning.

There was a question regarding the dredging in the area of the Salt Life Development. Chris responded that he believes the dredging permit had ended and that the silt screens and other equipment has been removed from the sea. We do not know if a new permit has been filed.

SACNW is in need of a Secretary – if you are interested or know anyone who would be interested please contact any member of the Executive Committee. You must be a member who lives fulltime on the island.

In closing Chris thanked everyone for a great meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday February 10th at 7:00 pm. We hope that we will be able to meet in person but it depends on the relaxation of the current COVID-19 Rules. If not we will again have the meeting via Zoom.

You can also join our group on Facebook – South Ambergris Caye Neighborhood Watch
www.facebook.com/SACNW

Please email us with any questions, comments or suggestions www.SACNW.org.

SACNW Mission Statement

To deter crime, promote community spirit and create an environment that encourages awareness and continual improvement within our area.