

# South Ambergris Caye Neighborhood Watch



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## **NEXT MONTHLY MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 10th, 7:00pm**

**SomePlace South CafeBar**

### **Present:**

EC - Kate Corrigan, Martin Reiser, Kevin Owen, Al Domescik, Karyn Larko, Mary Shaw, Josh Buettner

Members and Guests – 38

**President's Welcome:** Al Domscik opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending.

Introduced new owners and first-time meeting attendees: Larry from Caribe Island, Kissandra and Thomas of Pelican Reef Villas & John and Buffy from Sun Bay. Al explained the February meeting was cancelled due to the date falling on Valentine's Day and March's meeting was moved to Monday due to scheduled events at SomePlace South Café Bar.

Al thanked the Patrol officers for their hard work and the owners of SomePlace South for hosting the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary presented the Treasurer's Report. She announced the Kelly McGuire concert was a success, raising \$30,000, double from 2023. This increase was largely due to the addition of super bowl squares, live auction items, boozy wozy, the winner of the \$5k donating back, Kevin's hard work, Joe and Rhonda for hosting Kelly and the event. She reminded us although we have a cushion because of the event, SACNW has in excess of \$10,000 per month in expenses so

every donation annually, monthly or otherwise is very much welcome and she thanked everyone. If you have any questions concerning the financial report, Mary will be happy to discuss.

**Please remember that SACNW operates solely on member contributions! All contributions are used for Patrol Salaries and expenses needed to operate i.e., Golf Cart repairs, Fuel, Bank Fees etc. All administrative costs are volunteer and donations!**

**Note: Social Security is paid for the prior month's salaries (i.e., January's \$1,040 is calculated on December, 2023 salaries).**

<b>Statement of Activity by Month</b>			
January - February, 2024			
	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Total
<b>Revenue</b>			
<b>Donations</b>			\$ -
Cash Contributions	\$14,650.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$20,450.00
Fundraiser		\$ 1,802.00	\$ 1,802.00
PayPal Online	\$ 3,400.00		\$ 3,400.00
Square Online	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,100.00
Venmo Online	\$ 350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 450.00
Wix Online	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 4,720.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$21,600.00</b>	<b>\$10,322.00</b>	<b>\$31,922.00</b>
<b>Fundraiser - Concert 2024</b>	<b>\$19,356.00</b>	<b>\$10,149.00</b>	<b>\$29,505.00</b>
<b>Other Types of Income</b>			\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 90.00		\$ 90.00
<b>Total Other Types of Income</b>	<b>\$ 90.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$41,046.00</b>	<b>\$20,471.00</b>	<b>\$61,517.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$41,046.00</b>	<b>\$20,471.00</b>	<b>\$61,517.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
<b>Banking</b>	\$ 5.75	\$ 13.75	\$ 19.50
EDC bank charges	\$ 30.00		\$ 30.00
PayPal Transaction Charges	\$ 121.60		\$ 121.60
Square Transaction Charges	\$ 19.96	\$ 19.96	\$ 39.92
Venmo Transaction Charges	\$ 7.04	\$ 2.10	\$ 9.14
Wix Transaction Charges	\$ 88.04	\$ 68.46	\$ 156.50
<b>Total Banking</b>	<b>\$ 272.39</b>	<b>\$ 104.27</b>	<b>\$ 376.66</b>
<b>General Supplies for Station</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,923.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,550.00</b>	<b>\$18,473.00</b>
<b>Payroll Social Security Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,040.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,172.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,212.00</b>
<b>Quickbook Subscription</b>	<b>\$ 63.96</b>	<b>\$ 63.96</b>	<b>\$ 127.92</b>
<b>Transportation Expenses</b>			\$ -
<b>Fuel</b>		\$ 501.00	\$ 501.00
<b>Golf Cart</b>		\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
<b>Total Transportation Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 876.00</b>	<b>\$ 876.00</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,309.35</b>	<b>\$ 9,796.23</b>	<b>\$22,105.58</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$28,736.65</b>	<b>\$10,674.77</b>	<b>\$39,411.42</b>

Severance for the patrolmen was discussed. All the patrolmen have over 10 years on the job, therefore, they are entitled to two weeks' pay for every year of service. Currently, funds are not earmarked for severance, nor is there a capital improvement fund for golf cart replacement when needed. Further discussion is needed on these two topics.

### **Security Report:**

SACNW Patrol Josh Buettner presented the Security Report for September:

He reminded us that the meeting was set up to bring us together and help us get to know our neighbors. Patrol does an amazing job, is available for all kinds of emergencies and the Police are a super asset now as our patrolmen no longer have to leave the neighborhood to take anyone to the in-town police station.

### **January**

18<sup>th</sup> - 6am . male person detained for taking bottles

22<sup>nd</sup> – 730am – guest having a seizure attack at a resort, he was transported by Island Emergency to Ambergris Hope Clinic

25<sup>th</sup> - 2:45 am – male person detained for taking a chair

26<sup>th</sup> - 11:08am – Patrol and Police received a report of theft of gold jewelry. Police took over.

26<sup>th</sup> -11:45pm Police and Patrol responded to gun shots being heard. Police were requested for assistance whereby town core officers along with crime scene took over the matter

### **February**

1<sup>st</sup> 3:33 p.m.. Disorderly conduct was reported at a local store, subject turned over to the police

2<sup>nd</sup> 5:09pm – Responded to road traffic accident involving a golfcart and bicycle. Police took over the matter

4<sup>th</sup> 9am – A male person was suspected of carrying drugs. Drugs were found on his person. Police took over the matter.

5<sup>th</sup> – 2:40 – male person was found to be trespassing at a resort and was detained.

10<sup>th</sup> 8:30am– Responded to complaints of 2 females having a verbal issue. The matter was turned over to police

17<sup>th</sup> 3;30am – removed a male and female person having fun in public area

17<sup>th</sup> 8:50pm – Detained an intoxicated male for harassing a tourist within the area

29<sup>th</sup> 5;50pm – Responded to worker who had fainted. RRR was called and worker taken to Polyclinic

## **March**

5<sup>th</sup> 5:03pm– Detained a male person for obscene and threatening language towards a patrol officer. Police took over the matter.

13<sup>th</sup> 9:05 am Detained 2 male persons collecting funds for a sports team without a valid permit. Police took over the matter.

13<sup>th</sup> 1pm – Detained male person for domestic between son and mother. Police took over the matter

15<sup>th</sup> 6:25pm –A guest at a resort was stung by a stingray. They were transported by RRR to the clinic

90 persons were searched

21 suspicious boats were monitored 2 searched

1 vehicle searched

70 people removed from area

## **Security Q & A**

**Q.** What would happen if the SACNW was not here?

**A.** Chaos would be back. SACNW provides peace of mind and assistance not only in emergencies but for general assistance.

**Q.** What is the balance between patrol and police

**A.** Patrol monitors and Police can take action. Patrol can identify everyone who lives here, Police goes by letter of the law. Assist residents and tourist and if there is a situation to monitor and contact proper authorities

**Q** What is SACNW'S phone number?

**A.** +501 610 4911

**Q.** Can injured people be transported to Ambergris Hope Hospital rather than Polyclinic?

**A.** Yes, and they have been.

**Q.** If I see something strange or suspicious should I call?

**A.** Yes, please call and tell them what you see. They will respond as needed.

## **Fundraising – Kevin Owen presented**

“Josh, Bob, Jerry. Joe and Rhonda were the founders of SACNW. They put this together at a time when caretakers carried guns and laws were not followed. When they set it up, people asked how can we help, what can be donated, and back then \$3500 bzd worked. Today, the yearly budget is \$200K. No-one other than the patrolmen are financially compensated for their involvement in the organization. He presented a board, which showed a list of donors from 2022 – 2023. Some people are not individually mentioned as they donate through their resort HOA fees. He encouraged everyone to take a look – if you are donating and don’t see your name, talk to us; if you don’t see a neighbor or friend, encourage them to support the patrolmen. If you personally aren’t contributing, please let us know why so we can address your concerns.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Poker Run** April 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 - starts at SomePlace South at noon

**Murder Mystery Dinner and Theater** April 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> at The Black Orchid -. \$50 from every ticket sale on April 27 will be donated to SACNW so come support our neighborhood watch and enjoy the show. ACES and SAGA will receive same on the other nights. See JudyAnn Horton for ticket purchase.

**Formal apology** - Al Domescik formally apologized to the membership and to JudyAnn for not allowing her to speak at the December meeting with regards to the road paving issue. At that particular meeting we wanted the focus to be on much needed donations and not to turn into a debate about paving the road.

## **Roads**

It is our understanding that town council does eventually intend to pave the road south. The time table for this is uncertain and most likely won’t happen until all roads in town are finished.

**Clean up** - Pete of Ocean Edge is committee chair for this event which will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024, - Meet Saturday at the Police hut at 7am -- bags and gloves will be supplied. Pete asked for hands and feet to help clean up our southside. Kristen owner of SomePlace South offered sodas and water.

**Neighborhood put luck** – Al asked for someone to chair a committee for this event and Patty volunteered.

**In Closing:**

**President Al Domescik** expressed his thanks to all attendees and encouraged members to send in suggestions for community get-togethers. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

**Social Media:**

**Facebook:** SACNW Facebook Page

**Web Page:** SACNW Website

**DONATION INFORMATION:**

**Bob**, long-time south end resident, let people know how easy it is to donate. He donates through the reoccurring donation feature on the **SACNW website**.

**Donations via Venmo:** The Venmo QR Code can be found on the SACNW website and on Sand Filled Bottles with SACNW information labels placed in various bars in San Pedro.

**Credit Card donations** are accepted at Black Orchid and SomePlace South.

**Cash or Check Donations** can be dropped off at the Barrier Reef Drive office of Ambergris Seaside Realty, addressed to Josh Buettner, or given to Mary Shaw.

**Time and Talent** – Community member involvement is always welcomed

**Contact Information:**

Please email any questions, comments, or suggestions to [info@sacnw.org](mailto:info@sacnw.org)

**SACNW Mission Statement:**

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

