

South Ambergris Caye Neighborhood Watch



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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, December 13th, 7:00pm

SomePlace South CafeBar

SACNW Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2023

SomePlace South CafeBar

Present:

EC - Martin Reiser, Al Domescik, Diane Sheehan, and Mary Shaw.

Members and Guests – 24

President's Welcome: Al Domescik opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending. Al thanked the Patrol officers for their hard work and the owners of SomePlace South for hosting the meeting. Advised that questions are welcome at any time.

Treasure's Report: Al Domescik presented the October Treasurer's Report

SACNW October Financials

Income

Contributions	<u>\$15,500</u>
Total Monthly Income	\$ 15,500

Expenses

EDC Bank Charges	\$ 279
QuickBooks	\$ 64
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 343</u>

Payroll Expense

Salaries	\$14,488
Social Security Expense	<u>\$ 1,040</u>
Total Payroll Expense	<u>\$15,528</u>

Transportation Expense

Transportation Expense	\$ 707
Golf Cart repair	<u>\$ 3,250</u>
Total Transportation Expenses	<u>\$ 3,957</u>

Other Expenses

Water

Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 19,828</u>
Total Income	\$ -4,329

Total in Bank	\$24,000
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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!

Security Report:

Oct 16 at 1:00 am

Patrol and police were called to a bicycle accident where on arrival the person was already assisted to the clinic.

Oct 20 at 3:36 pm

Patrol and police were called to a resort where a worker at the resort was intoxicated and harassing guests on the beach. He was escorted away and was advised that he would be detained.

Patrol escorted out 34 suspicious persons for this month and assisted 5 guests with cart problems.

A black golf cart was left by Royal Caribbean with cart problems but was left almost 2 weeks unattended. Someone tried to steal the battery. The cart rental company was called more than 5 times and was advised that the Patrol will not take responsibility for the safekeeping of the cart. The cart has since been removed.

New Business:

Carts: Both carts have been repaired and are operational. The plan moving forward is to take each cart in for routine maintenance every other month to try to keep them running without these major expenses.

Road: The road continues to be a problem and we continue to work with the Town Council to keep the road in drivable condition. We have been in routine contact with the road crew but the constant rain prevents them from grading the road. There is another round of rain expected so they will wait to grade the road until after that rain. Once the rain stops, and the road dries out, they will be able to grade again. We have asked that they go all the way south with the grader.

Poker Run: Due to the rain the Poker Run was rescheduled for this Sunday, November 12th. Sign up is at noon and begins at Someplace South. The route is: Someplace South, Playa de Sala, Stax, Lighthouse Beach Villas, Happy's, and back to Someplace South. You get a poker card at each stop to complete your hand, best hand wins. Please support this event. It is a fun day.

San Pedro Christmas Collection: Someplace South will host a lip-sync competition on November 19th to support this year's Christmas collection. There are still a few spots available for the competition if anyone is interested.

Kelly Maguire: The date for this year's Kelly Maguire Concert is set for Sunday, January 28th on the beach at Lighthouse Beach Villas from 1pm-5pm. There will be

food, fun, and friends. The event will feature a 50/50 raffle with the winning ticket pocketing \$5,000 BZD in addition to a hopefully large silent auction and raffle items. For the \$5,000 raffle we will sell 100 tickets at \$100 each for a total of \$10,000. The winner splits the pot with the Neighborhood Watch. The winner of the big raffle does not need to be present to win. The silent auction will be set up online as well as in person so you can bid on items from the comfort of your snow covered home if you are not able to make the party. Donations for the auction and onsite raffles, including hotel stays, flights, and gifts, are still needed. A Facebook page will feature all the donations for the auction and onsite raffle. We will also be selling Super Bowl squares at \$50 a square. More details to come on this.

Potluck Dinner: Al asked if people would be interested in a potluck dinner for the neighborhood. There were several people interested. This would not be a fundraiser; it would just be a get together with our community. It was discussed about the 1st or 2nd week in December and maybe on a Monday so we could use Someplace South as a venue, since they are closed that day. However, it was also mentioned that we might think about asking to use the palapa at Caribe Island Resort. These events were held there in the past and if we held the event there we could do it on the weekend when the kids could come. It was suggested that we might have Santa there for the kids. More details and discussion to come.

Questions:

When would the next litter clean up be scheduled?

We will come up with a date for that soon.

Trash bins: The animals have been getting into the newly placed roadside trash cans and making a bit of a mess.

We will try to come up with a solution.

Green Dump: Complaint that it isn't a green dump but just a dump.

The land is privately owned and the Town Council has worked out a deal with the landowner for use of the property. We do express our displeasure with the use of the site and will continue to do so.

Judy Ann asked to speak about the association. She emphasized that she and her husband, Tom, have been here quite a while and before the patrol there was quite a bit of crime. She reminded everyone that the patrol had escorted about 30 people out of the area last month, which comes to about 360 a year and there are 169 homes down south. If everyone would donate \$50 a month or more we could meet our operating expenses.

Is there a neighborhood association anywhere else on the island?

We are aware that there was one up north but we do not know if it is still active. If any neighborhood would like help setting up a neighborhood watch we would be happy to speak with them.

In Closing:

President Al Domescik expressed his thanks to all attendees. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Social Media:

Facebook: SACNW Facebook Page-- <https://www.facebook.com/SACNW>

Web Page: SACNW Website-- <https://www.sacnw.org/>

Donation Information:

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.

For Cash or Check Donations, please drop them off at the Barrier Reef Drive office of Ambergris Seaside Realty, addressed to Josh Buettner.

Contact Information:

Please email any questions, comments, or suggestions to 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.

Security Report: