

SACNW Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024

SomePlace South CafeBar

Present:

EC – Al Domescik, Martin Reiser, Kate Corrigan, Karyn Larko, Mary Shaw
Members and Guests – 12

President’s Welcome: Al Domescik opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, thanked everyone for coming.

Al presented the new rain gear donated by several EC members and thanked Lara Goldman for donating her time and talent to silk-screen the SACNW emblem on the front and “Patrol” on the back.

Treasurer’s Report: Given by Mary

Mary announced the SACNW website has been updated and thanked Al for the update. The website now has a Financial Info tab and she directed everyone to visit the site for detailed financial information.

Mary also addressed a question posed to her several meetings ago, “Why is the EC asking someone to donate money for new uniforms when you just told us there is a \$56k surplus”. She acknowledged the legitimacy of the question and offered the following information:

- We currently have \$60,000 in reserve.
- So far this year, donations received were less than expenses in three months – July was \$12,000 in the red due to Mr. Coc’s resignation and subsequent severance pay.
- We are required by law to escrow severance pay. Three patrolmen x \$9,000 = \$27,000.
- Our golf carts are struggling – repair costs over the last several months have increased significantly over prior months despite monthly maintenance. The road condition is taking its toll on the carts and we need to be prepared to purchase a replacement.

Al reminded everyone of the financial struggle in 2023 where by year-end, we weren’t sure we could make payroll. Both Al and Mary thanked members for the continued support of the patrol.

Security Report: Presented by patrolman Mr. Dominguez

Reporting period: September 12 to October 9

Wednesday September 11: At 6 pm patrol and police responded to a bush fire at Mile 4. Fire was put out by officers.

At 9:35 pm, information was received of an intoxicated male driving reckless within the area. The vehicle was stopped and a search conducted on the person. Officers found a small plastic bag containing a white powder suspected to be cocaine. A check was made of the vehicle and a green leafy substance suspected to be marijuana was also found. The suspect was detained and escorted to the police station.

Saturday, October 5: At 9:30 pm, patrol and police responded to a domestic disturbance at mile 2.5 where police detained a male person.

During this time, 15 suspicious persons were stopped and searched.

Annual SACNW Kelly McGuire Beach Party:

- Mark your calendar for Saturday night, February 15, 2025, from 4 pm to 9 pm. Event moved to an evening due to feedback received.
- Alcohol is needed for the Boozy Woozy event. Please consider stopping at the duty-free store at international if you are traveling and donating a good bottle of alcohol.
- As always, we need volunteers, so please contact Dawn at DawninBelize@gmail.com if you'd like to help

Neighborhood Clean-up: It's time for another group effort and the EC is looking for someone to organize the event.

Road Condition: Road was graded last week but the grading stopped just north of Las Brisas – reason unknown. Members are frustrated with the false information received by town council on road paving. Most agree consistent, proper grading is an acceptable solution; however, there are many spots where the road has been eroded to the point that the salty sea water is now covering the road. Neighbors South of Las Brisas are having to wash sea water off their vehicles in an effort to minimize the damage to their vehicles.

Donations: As always, please consider dropping off AAA batteries, bug spray, cleaning products, instant coffee, sugar, creamer, Gatorade etc.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 13

Closing: Al thanked everyone for coming and thanked Kristen, owner of Someplace South, and her staff for hosting the meeting despite being closed for renovations.

Adjournment: 7:20 pm.