

# South Ambergris Caye Neighborhood Watch



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*Safest Neighborhood in Belize*

## **NEXT MONTHLY MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**

**SomePlace South CafeBar**

## **SACNW Meeting Minutes**

**August 9th, 2023**

**SomePlace South CafeBar**

### **Present:**

EC - Randy Watts, Kate Corrigan, Martin Reisner, Kevin Owen

Members and Guests – 25

**President's Welcome:** Randy Watts opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending. Randy thanked the Patrol officer for their hard work and the owners of SomePlace South for hosting the meeting. Personally, thanked all who attended and contributed in \$\$ and time to make the fundraiser a success. Advised that questions are welcome after each segment.

**Treasure's Report:** Randy presented the July Treasure's Report

**SACNW July Financials**

**Income**

Contributions	<u>\$13,340</u>
<b>Total Monthly Income</b>	<b>\$13,340</b>

**Business Expenses**

EDC Bank Charges	\$ 176
QuickBooks	\$ 64
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 240</u>

**Payroll Expenses**

Salaries	\$11,323
Social Security Expense	<u>\$ 1,040</u>
Total Payroll Expense	<u>\$12,363</u>

**Transportation Expenses**

Transportation Expense	\$ 565
Golf Cart repair	<u>\$ 6,049</u>
Total Transportation Expenses	<b>\$ 6,614</b>

**Total Operating Expenses** **\$ 19,217**

**Total Income** **-\$5,877**

**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:** SACNW Patrol Officer Mr. Coye presented the Security Report:

**During the month of July:**

50+ people were stopped, searched and escorted out of area

**Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> 4pm** – Police and Patrol responded to a fight at Caribe Island. Both individuals were detained and taken to the Police station.

**Tuesday July 18 7.30pm** Patrol and Police responded to a burglary at Caribe Island. Police took over at the scene.

**Friday August 4<sup>th</sup> 8.50am** - Police and Patrol received a report of a person who left a store without paying. Police took over the matter at the scene.

**Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup> 12.05pm** - Patrol and Police responded to a traffic accident where the driver was detained and escorted to the police station

**New Business:**

**Meeting held with Mayor Wally on August 8<sup>th</sup> –**

**The Road South of Mahogany Bay – 4.5 miles**

Request maintenance as needed until a permanent solution is scheduled. *The mayor is in the process of receiving a grant and 2% loan to pave the road south of Mahogany Bay and finish paving the Road north – the funds will be available in February of 2024. In the meantime, we will be able to have the road graded on a more regular basis.*

**“Green” Waste Dump at Mile 3**

Request that only “Green Waste” is placed in the dump. Adjacent homeowners are complaining about smell, bugs, and garbage being dumped on the road outside of the dump. *The mayor is aware that not all the waste being dumped is green. He is working with his councilors to improve. He also would like to know if anyone other than SPTC is using the dump. If you see a local contractor using the dump, please get the name or tag number or call the patrol.*

**Trash Barrels on the Road**

Request to have Trash Barrells along the road at reasonable intervals. Request that Trash be picked up by SPTC in the local communities and at homes further South than they are now picking up. *The mayor has barrels to give us – we need to let him know how many we need, and we will have to build enclosures for the barrels to keep the animals out.*

### **Harmouch Property at the Croc Pond**

Concern that the construction debris currently being dumped on the lot is an eyesore and hoping it will not end up in the lagoon. They have already chopped all of the mangroves along the edge of the lagoon.

*The mayor will check the site and get in touch with the owner regarding this eye sore.*

### **Gas Vouchers**

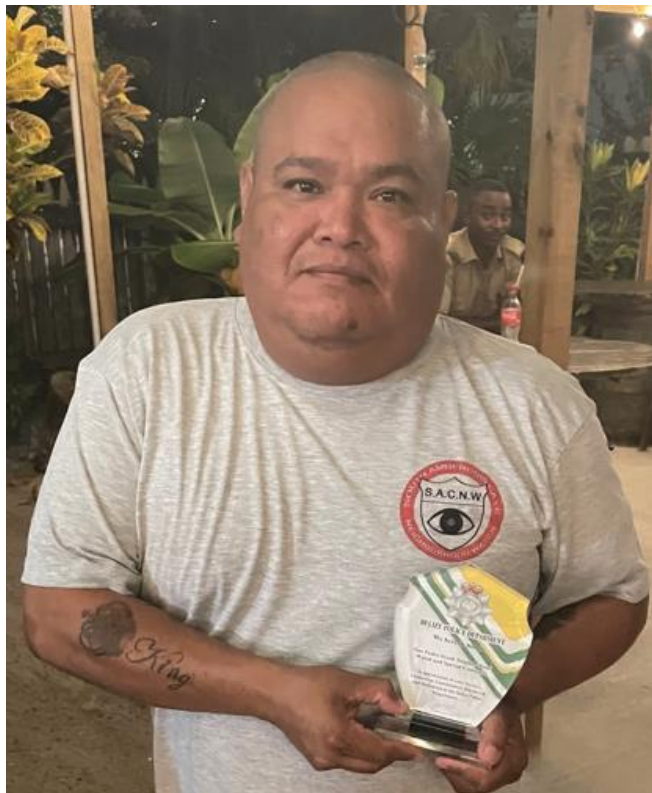
The process for receiving gas vouchers has been a problem. Need a there a better way to accomplish this so that our Patrol members don't drive to town for the voucher and it is not ready.

*The mayor will let us know what day of the week we can go to the maintenance garage to fuel our golf cart.*

### **Update on Hospital**

The mayor had a meeting today with Minister Andre Perez to get an update of when building will begin. No update as of yet.

**Excellence Award** – President Randy presented the Patrol with **an award** from the San Pedro Police Department *"In appreciation of your service, leadership, commitment, Handwork and Dedication to the Belize Police Department"* . Patrol Officer Coye accepted the award on behalf of all the Patrol Officers.



**Trash Clean up** – Planned for August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7am start at the Patrol Station. A call out for workers if anyone knows any strong guys that might want to work. A home owner has offered to pay an hourly rate of BZ\$10 per hour.

**Poker Run** – Last Poker Run raised a whopping BZ\$3,931.90. Our Thanks was extended to Kristen of Someplace South for organizing, all establishments that opened their doors to this fun and fundraising event and lucky winners who both donated funds back to SACNW. **Next one will be September 3<sup>rd</sup> starting 5pm** further details to be posted on Someplace South and SACNW Social Media Pages. Black Orchid will be a welcome addition on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be making special drinks and nachos. Sales from nachos will go to SACNW. Hoping to see you there!

**Police department** – Super Intendent Cowo confirmed they did a comparison of the statistics from last to this year. They have noticed that there has been an increase of burglaries in the center and north of the island. They asked that we continue to be vigilant, it is suspected that construction workers are the most likely suspects, committing the burglaries. Take note of who is in or working in your home. Last month they sent 26 persons to jail, all from Town center and the North.

Superintendent Cowo invited anyone to call him if they have any information or issues. Phone number 611-8683.

We were notified of upcoming events affecting the town.

August 26<sup>th</sup> - Color Beach Festival. DJ's and there is often paint throwing and fun antics happening. This is a new festival was held in Corozal last month, was considered a great success so the committee committed to its next in San Pedro.

**Also**, in August an Investment Summit that will be on the north of the island with persons coming from central America and USA.

The Police will be working with Playa de Sala for a fund raiser again this year. The cadet camp will be this month they are hosting 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21 August expecting to host 30.

The month of September is expected to be a challenging month due to the Holiday Celebrations.

**EC Elections will be held next month at the September meeting**

*We need people to fill 3 vacant positions.*

*Please submit nominations and attend the meeting to participate in the voting.*

*Filling these positions is critical to keep SACNW running.*

**Stepping Down**

President – Randy Watts

Treasurer - Ana Lausen

Shared Secretary - Molly Colt

**Nominated**

President – Al Domescik

**Nominations needed to fill these positions**

**Treasurer (8-10 hours/month)**

**Shared Secretary (less than 5 hours/month)**

**Vice President (less than 5 hours/month)**

**Social Media**

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

Web Page <https://www.sacnw.org/>

**In closing**

Randy Watts thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned @7:45 pm.

**You can now make donations via Venmo.** The QR Code for Venmo is on our website as well as on Sand Filled Bottles with SACNW information on the bottle label have been placed on many bars in San Pedro i.e., Someplace South, Sandy Toes, etc. The QR Code can be scanned, and anyone can make an immediate donation to SACNW.

**To Donate by credit or debit card** you can go to [www.SACNW.org](http://www.SACNW.org).

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

**For Cash or Check Donations**, please drop off at Barrier Reef Drive office of Ambergris Seaside Realty – Josh Buettner.

Please email us with any questions, comments, or suggestions to [www.SACNW.org](http://www.SACNW.org).

**SACNW Mission Statement to deter crime, promote community spirit and create an environment that encourages awareness and continual improvement with our area.**