



SACNW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 4th 2020

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Time: 7:00 pm

Present: Approximately 15 members including members of the executive committee: Chris Beaumont, Randy Watts, Ana Lausen, Josie Nunez and security coordinator Josh Buettner.

President's Welcome: Chris Beaumont opened the meeting, thanking everyone for attending. This included a short explanation of how Belize and the South End have fared so far during the pandemic.

To summarize: San Pedro as a whole and particularly our area in the South has coped very well with few cases of COVID-19. Our patrol officers have kept us safe with the assistance of the local police department who have been riding along with the patrol on a daily basis.

Treasurer Report: Ana Lausen provided the October 2020 financial report.

Balance as of September 30, 2020	\$25,985.79
Plus Contributions	\$8,950.00
Less Expenses	\$11,688.89
Balance as of October 31, 2020	\$23,246.90

To donate, if by cheque, make payable to "South Ambergris Neighborhood Watch" or Atlantic Bank will return them.

Donations may be made at Someplace South, dropped at the patrol station or website donations can be made at www.SACNW.org

Remember, SACNW operates strictly on member contributions, so please help to financially support our patrol. 95% of the donations go towards Patrol salary. The remainder goes towards cart rental and fuel.

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

Security Report: Josh presented the security report for October

- Wednesday 21st 1.25pm.
Patrol stopped and detailed a suspicious person in the area. He was handed over to the Police and immigration
- Tuesday 27th 12.56PM
Patrol was informed by a caretaker that \$70 had been stolen from his house. He was advised to make a report to the Police.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

- Maureen Utsman asked about the amount of money being spent on fuel for the golf cart. \$724 for the Month of October seems high. The EC responded that the fuel costs are for the golf cart donated by the Colmar foundation and occasionally Mr Coyes cart as it is used for SACNW patrols on some occasions. Receipts are always provided to the treasurer. The patrol has in the last few months been conducting more patrols by golf cart due to the presence of the police officers, sometimes up to 8 per day to the end of the island which is over 6 miles round trip. The EC agreed to work to provide a more transparent system to monitor fuel costs.
- Another issue raised relating to fuel usage was the patrol giving out gas to stranded tourists/motorists. This does happen occasionally and EC to work to provide a better system to enable the patrol to charge for this service.
- A member suggested that the latest guidelines for coming to Belize be attached to these minutes. This was agreed to be a good idea by all attending the meeting.
- The position of secretary is open within the EC of the SACNW. If anyone would like to volunteer to take on this responsibility please respond to this notice.

The zoom connection cut off at 7.35pm. Thank you to those we were able to attend, it was lovely to see everyone.

Our next meeting will again be via Zoom and is planned for 9th December at 7pm. Hope you will be able to join us.

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. *We need fundraising ideas and volunteers from time to time to assist the EC in a number of areas.*

SACNW Mission Statement

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