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Date: September 8, 2021

Location: SomePlace South and Virtual via Zoom

Present: 19 members including executive committee: Chris Beaumont, Randy Watts, Josie Nunez, Ana Lausen. Mr. Coy represented the Patrol and SP Town Councillor Jose Castellanos.

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Welcome: Chris Beaumont opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending and thanking the owners of SomePlace South for hosting the meeting.

**Chris noted that tonight's most important agenda item is the nominations for the SACNW Executive Committee for the next year 2021 /2022. The only requirement is that you live fulltime in the Area. If we do not receive any nominations this evening, we will keep the nominations open for several weeks. Chris hopes that members will step up and bring fresh ideas to the Executive Committee.**

Treasurer's Report:

Ana Lausen gave a summary of the financial status for the months of July and August and Year to Date – **please see attached.**

It was noted that another \$1235 was received from the sale of additional items from the Yard Sale putting the total Yard Sale income over \$4,000.

Ana encouraged all members to remind their friends and neighbors who live or own businesses or property in the Watch Area to contribute.

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 the Black Orchid and SomePlace South.

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

**Please Remember that SACNW operates solely on member contributions! All contributions are used for Patrol Salaries and Golf Cart expenses.**

**All administration costs are volunteer time and in-kind donations!**

**Security Report:**

SACNW Lead Patrol Officer Coy presented the Security Report:

- On September 1 a Special Unit with the SPPD worked with the Patrol on the beach side because of a recent increase of Playadores in our area. Playadores walk the beaches of Ambergris Caye looking for illicit drugs that have washed up. A recent development has been that the playadores are being assisted by small motor boats, allowing them to move in and out of the area much quicker. These individuals are not breaking any laws so it has always been difficult for the patrol and police to stop this practice. The Police and our patrol have set up a private What's App group to stay in contact with each other to monitor the Playadores'

movements. The recommendation from Mr. Coye and the Police is for our members not to interact with the Playadores. If you see them or other suspicious activity, contact the Patrol.

- 47 persons were escorted out of the area during the month of September.
- Chris reminded the members that mediation of disputes between residents is not the job of our Patrol. That is the job of the Police.
- It was also noted by Kevin Owen that many of the private security guards that are protecting the resorts are also in constant communications with our Patrol for another level of protection for our members.

**The Patrol would like to remind all citizens to keep your Speed at 15mph or less to help avoid traffic accidents. A freshly grated road tends to increase the speed of many drivers.**

#### **Old and New Business:**

Josie Nunez showed a photograph of a large crocodile that was sighted around 6 am behind the house that sits just north of the Hol Chan Condo complex. ACES were notified and they visited the area after dark although they didn't find the crocodile. They believed that a large crocodile is moving from the lagoonside to the beachside in that area. Please make sure that you and your guests do not enter the water during feeding time which is from 6 pm to 6 am. ACES and SACNW recommend rental houses have signs on their piers warning guests about the dangers associated with crocodiles in the area. Also, we encourage all fishermen when cleaning their catch to put the remains in a plastic bag and dispose of it in a trash receptacle. Crocodiles will feed on the remains if they are tossed into the ocean.

Terry Colbert let the group know that he called SPTC and spoke to Mary in the Trash Removal department and requested that the trash in the South be picked up ASAP as there has been no pickup in the past two weeks. This is beginning to cause problems with raccoons. Mary told Terry that they have two trash compactors currently under repair and they hoped to get them back up and running ASAP. As it worked out the trash was picked up the following Saturday and we are back to our regular weekly pickup.

#### **Nominations for 2021/22 SACNW executive committee:**

Please consider putting your name forward for a position within the SACNW EC. The current board have been running the organisation for several years and it is time for other residence to give their time to continue the great work that the SACNW as been doing. We are the safest neighborhood on the island and most likely the country because of the work of current and previous members of the EC.

The SACNW is a well respected organisation that is a model for other neighborhood watches throughout Belize.

Listed below are the positions within the EC and the responsibilities associated with those positions.

Nominations to be emailed to **southacnw@gmail.com**

#### **SACNW Executive Committee**

All members of the executive committee must live on the island full time, attend EC meetings and 1 general meeting every month when possible, and oversee all SACNW activities.

**President** (1 seat) Avg weekly hours: 10

- Hold SACNW general meetings
- Attend President's Neighborhood Watch meeting with the Mayor
- Liaison between San Pedro Town Board, area residents and businesses regarding SACNW activities and donations
- Oversees all SACNW activities and business
- Committee member for every committee formed under SACNW

**Vice President** (1 seats) Avg weekly hours: 5

- Performs President's duties when the President is unavailable
- Liaison between San Pedro Town Board, area residents and businesses regarding SACNW activities and donations
- Committee member for every committee formed under SACNW

**Treasurer** (1 seat) Avg weekly hours: 5

- Report status of finances at each general meeting
- Keep records of all donations
- Keep records of all expenses
- Make bank deposits
- Purchase items requested by Substation
- Pay bills
- Payroll –Mondays
- Monthly Social Security, Income tax filings
- Liaison between San Pedro Town Board, area residents and businesses regarding SACNW activities and donations
- Committee member for every committee formed under SACNW

**Secretary** (2 seats) Avg weekly hours: 7

- Take minutes of each meeting, type and forward to members
- Keep contact lists, email lists up to date
- Answer emails
- Write letters to potential donors and letters of appreciation for donations received
- Liaison between San Pedro Town Board, area residents and businesses regarding SACNW activities and donations
- Committee member for every committee formed under SACNW
- Special correspondence and projects

**Security Council Head** (1 or 2 seats) Appointed by elected EC. Avg weekly hours: 20

- Oversee the day to day operations of the Patrol Station
- Approve or disapprove of hiring, raises/promotions and dismissal of employees
- Ensure employee manual is up to date and relevant
- Be on call 24 hours a day to assist with security issues
- Liaison with San Pedro Police station
- Liaison between San Pedro Town Board, area residents and businesses regarding Neighborhood watch activities and donations
- Committee member for every committee formed under SACNW

In closing Chris thanked everyone for a great meeting.

Please email us with any questions, comments, suggestions or EC Nominations 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 within our area.***