

SACNW Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2022
SomePlace South CafeBar

Present: Eighteen members including executive committee, Chris Beaumont, Randy Watts, Martin Reiser, Ana Lausen and Josie Nunez. Also attending were Superintendent Reyes from the San Pedro Police Dept. and a member of the Fire Department.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Randy and Susan Watts led a moment of silence for SACNW Member and longtime resident of the South, Duane Allen, who passed away on Tuesday. Please keep his wife Judy in your prayers.

President's Welcome: Chris opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending and the owners of SomePlace South for hosting the meeting. Chris outlined the sequence of the meeting and asked to hold questions until the new business portion of the meeting.

Treasure's Report: Ana Lausen presented the March Treasure's Report which included additional income from two fundraising events held last month.

SACNW March Financials

Income

Contributions	18,700
Fundraisers	<u>1,220</u>

Total Monthly Income **19,920**

Expenses

Chase CC Fees	145
Banking – Other	<u>2</u>
Total Banking	147

General Station Supplies 134

Payroll Expense 10,936

Social Security Expense	<u>864</u>
Total Payroll Expense	11,800

Transportation Expense

Fuel	50
Golf Cart repair	<u>35</u>
Total Transportation Expenses	85

Water	80
Total Operating Expenses	<u>12,246</u>
Net Ordinary Income	\$7,674

Ana thanked the Police Department and San Pedro Town Council are paying for a portion of our gas usage in the golf cart each week.

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. [If you are donating through this link – PLEASE SEND SACNW AN EMAIL TO SACNW.ORG NOTIFYING THE EC OF YOUR DONATION SO CREDIT CAN BE GIVEN TO YOU.](#)

Credit Card donations are also accepted at 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 Patrol Leader Coye presented the Security Report:

During the month of March, 25 suspicious persons were escorted from the area and were searched. The Patrol also took two dogs who were lost to SAGA.

March 23 @12:30 pm.- The Patrol responded to a traffic accident. A tourist lost control of his golf cart and his wife fell off the cart. She had some bruises on her hand but needed no further assistance.

April 11 @ 4:00 pm – The Patrol found a house with the front and back door open. The owner was contacted.

April 13 @ 1:15 am – Patrol responded to a call that a boat was sited at a private dock and a golf cart was on the beach. There were 6 males on the dock who were questioned by the Patrol and Police. The group was unloading several containers and showed the officers documents for the items in the containers.

Guest Speaker Superintendent Reyes:

Mr. Reyes thanked SACNW and congratulated us for being the standard bearer for Neighborhood Watches in Belize. The Police Formation is currently talking to neighborhoods across Belize about starting a Neighborhood Watch.

Mr. Reyes also spoke about the liquor laws that will be in place during the long Easter weekend. He mentioned that the Police and Patrol will also be monitoring the illegal consumption of alcohol at stores that have a license to sell alcohol, but it cannot be consumed on or near the store location. The owners of these stores who allow the drinking on premise could have their license to sell alcohol revoked.

New Business:

A member asked if anything was being done to control the number of signs that have been going up on the road south in our neighborhood. He noticed another large new sign go up near his home promoting a business located in the Mahogany Bay Resort. Chris explained that Town Council announced a new program to take place in April where anyone who has a sign on public property along the roadside would have to get approval from Town Council for their sign or it would be removed. The EC of SACNW will follow up.

A member asked when our road would be graded again because it has not been done for over two months. Chris explained that the owners of the Salt Life Development had previously agreed to grade our road but don't appear to be actively developing at this time. We will contact Town Council and ask them to grade the road after the Easter Holidays.

Chris also brought up the issue of the new "Green waste" Dump located at the 3-mile marker. Not only Town Council trucks are using the new dump and several trucks are unloading items that are not green waste. Chris suggested that our members should take pictures of those trucks and send them to Town Council Garbage Collection 622-5447 via WhatsApp.

Chris reminded our members that most of us came to Belize because of the beauty of Belize and its people. Please remember that the pace here is much slower than the countries we came from. It takes longer to get answers to our questions so please be patient with our EC members as this is not a paying job. We are willing to serve to make our neighborhood a better place to live. If you would like to join the EC please let us know as we currently in need of a Secretary.

In closing Chris thanked the 15 members who showed up for our last neighborhood clean-up. It was a success with over 40 bags of trash removed from our beaches and streets. He also thanked the San Pedro Town Council for removing the bags and taking them to the Garbage Transfer Station.

The SACNW EC would like to remind all members of our community who attend our meetings to ask questions of our guest speakers and EC Members in a kind and professional manner. Please show respect that each of these speakers deserve. The guest speakers and EC members are giving up personal time to come and inform and educate our members of important matters concerning our community. We welcome and encourage all our members to attend and participate in our monthly meetings.

Please email us with 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 with our area.