



SACNW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 9th 2020

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Time: 7:00 pm

Present: 9 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.

Treasurer Report:

Ana Lauson - gave a summary of the current financial status both month of November and Year to Date - **please see attached.**

We continue to operate financially on a month to month basis.

Josh mentioned that the most money we have ever generated was in the very beginning of SACNW. That was when we had less than 50% of the amount of homes and businesses we have today. Recently when asking some members if they would donate this year the answer was "we have not made any money on rentals this year so we cannot afford to donate." Please remember that your property is being protected if you have renters or not. If everyone would donate something we would never have to have these discussions again. Please remind your neighbors and friends to donate, we have a great group of experienced Patrol officers we need to keep employed.

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 Buettner - presented the monthly Patrol Report - please see attached. Josh also discussed the need for a new Oxygen tank regulator and new facemasks as every time

someone receives Oxygen the face mask must be discarded. Anyone who may be planning a trip to the island it would be appreciated if they could bring a few masks with them. They are available at most pharmacies in the United States.

- Saturday Nov 14th 5.10pm - The Patrol assisted the Police to detain a person for not wearing a mask and for resisting arrest/ trying to escape.
- Tuesday Nov 17th 8.10pm - The Patrol assisted a caretaker with health problems. She was taken to the Polyclinic.
- Tuesday Nov 24th 3.20pm - Patrol assisted a caretaker with first aid and took them to the Polyclinic
- Friday 4th December 9.30pm - The Patrol was called to assist a tourist that had jumped into the sea and injured himself. He was taken to the Polyclinic then to Belize city.
- Saturday Dec 5th - The Patrol along with the police detained two persons and escorted them to the Police station. The persons had crashed their golf carts, no one was injured.
- Monday Dec 7th 8.27pm - The Patrol found an abandoned golf cart in the area that later turned out to have been stolen.
- 38 suspicious persons escorted out of the area
- 4 people were assisted with golf cart mechanical problems mostly due to the flooded roads.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

- Chris began the open question time with a follow up from last months meeting regarding Golf Cart Gas usage. Ana put together a summary of the cost of gas for the past 3 years. While there has been an increase in gas expenditure each year it was not excessive. The EC will continue to closely monitor the gas usage going forward.
- A member asked what was happening on the island with respect to COVID. A brief summary of the current spike in cases on the island was discussed. Another member suggested that those interested in seeing the daily COVID information go to facebook and like the Government of Belize Press Office facebook page and they will receive the daily COVID updates via facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/GOBPressOffice/>
- A member asked a question regarding Crocodiles on the Ocean side of the island. It was explained that yes there have always been crocodiles in the Lagoon as well as the Ocean. Beware that you should not swim in the Ocean from Dusk to Dawn. Attached to these meeting minutes is a copy of a sign that was made by ACES that could be used as a sign on a dock or as a print out that could go into an informational packet given to Renters. If you see someone swimming in the Ocean between Dusk and Dawn please warn the person or call the Patrol.
- 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.

In closing Chris wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday season and looks forward to speaking to everyone in the New Year.

Our next meeting will again be via Zoom and is planned for 13th January 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.