

**South Ambergris Caye Neighborhood Watch  
Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2022  
SomePlace South CafeBar**

Present: Eighteen members including executive committee, Chris Beaumont, Randy Watts, Martin Reiser, Ana Lausen, Richard Huebner and Josie Nunez. Also attending was Superintendent Reyes from the San Pedro Police Dept.

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**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. Chris also mentioned that the books are always open if anyone has any questions about how their donations are being used.

**Treasures Report:** Ana Lausen presented the May Treasures Report.

**SACNW May 2022 Financials (BZ\$)**

**Income**

Contributions 4,320

**Total Monthly Income 4,320**

**Expenses**

Chase CC Fees 31

Banking – Other 2

Total Banking 33

General Station Supplies 134

**Payroll Expense 11,261**

Social Security Expense 1,008

Total Payroll Expense 12,269

Water 100

**Total Operating Expenses 12,402**

**Net Ordinary Income -8,082**

**Bank Balance May 31 \$38,426**

**Ana thanked the Police Department and San Pedro Town Council for paying 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/donate](http://www.SACNW.org/donate) or directly through [PayPal](#). Login into your PayPal account and SEND to [sacnwbelize@gmail.com](mailto:sacnwbelize@gmail.com).

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

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:

Sunday May 22 – Patrol responded to a noise complaint at Miramar Resort where a female was escorted from the area.

Wednesday June 1, 2022 @ 3:44 am, Patrol responded to a noise complaint near the Black Orchid Restaurant where checks were made, no noise was heard outside of the home. The complainant told the Patrol that the noise was coming from his neighbor in the Duplex they share. The complainant was told that this is a matter that needs to be handled by the landlord.

Wednesday June 1, 2022 @ 4:25 pm, Patrol responded to a homeowner who said persons were attempting to break into a house, checks were made, and a window was found partially open. No one else was found at the house.

Thursday June 2, 2002 @ 9:10 pm, Patrol responded to an attempted theft of two golf carts near Hol Chan Resort. The attempt was unsuccessful, and no one was found in the area.

Saturday June 4, 2022 @ 11:40 pm, Patrol and Police detained a golf cart driver without insurance and a drivers license.

Thursday June 6, 2022 @10:45 pm, Patrol responded to a traffic accident near Victoria House where the victim was assisted and RRR was contacted and transported the driver to the Polyclinic.

25 suspicious persons were removed from the area during the month.

**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 a new initiative he is heading up to make sure all trucks, cars and golf carts are insured. You will see a higher number of Traffic Stops on Ambergris Caye during the next month.

**New Business:**

Kevin Owen told everyone about the new website ([sacnw.org](http://sacnw.org)) he designed for SACNW. The new website is very intuitive and is easy for anyone to set up a recurring donation or a single donation at any time. It is also easy for you to sign up to receive emails from the executive committee. There also is a section of the website dedicated to special events. We are currently looking to have Kelly McGuire return for another fundraising event in February, date, and location to follow.

Kevin also mentioned that we will be voting for new Executive Members at the September Meeting. If you would like to nominate a member or would like to join the Executive Committee, please let us know by sending an email to [sacnwbelize@gmail.com](mailto:sacnwbelize@gmail.com).

**Note: We are currently in need of a secretary.**

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. We have noticed another large sign go up at the corner near the Lions Park access road. 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 continue to follow up.

We are pleased to report that Town Council had taken action by removing a good bit of the garbage pile near the Croc Pond. They have also promised to comeback and put up a No Dumping sign as well as have police officers issue tickets if someone is caught dumping trash in the area.

A member asked when our road would be graded again because it has not been done for over two months. Member Pauline McKee has volunteered to write a letter on behalf of SACNW to be delivered to Town Council of the urgent need to have the road south of Mahogany Bay properly upgraded. The letter is being delivered to Town Council this week.

**We welcome and encourage all our members to attend and participate in our monthly meetings. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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