

Date: December 8, 2021

Location: SomePlace South

Present: 45 members including executive committee: Chris Beaumont, Randy Watts, Ana Lausen, Josie Nunez. Also attending were Police Superintendent Chris Noble, SP Officer in Charge Basil Reyez, PO Gabourel, Town Council Deputy Mayor Ernesto Bardalez and Town Council member Jose Castellanos.

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President's Welcome: Chris Beaumont opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending and thanking the owners of SomePlace South for hosting the meeting. Chris thanked Steve the owner of Staxx for supplying a microphone and speaker for the meeting.

Treasures Report: Ana Lausen presented the November Treasures report. – **ATTACH REPORT**  
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 Black Orchid and SomePlace South.

For Cash or Check Donations please drop off at 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:

During the month of November, 21 suspicious persons were escorted from the area.

**November 28 at 8:00 pm** the Patrol and Police found a door open at an unoccupied house. All was found in order.

**November 29 at 7:20 pm** the Patrol was informed by the Police department that a male, who resides in the area, was wanted in connection in regards to a report of a sexual assault on a female tourist. Patrol along with Police detained the suspect. The female tourist was leaving the island so did not press charges and the suspect was released.

**December 1 at 2:00 pm** the Patrol were alerted that a man had stolen a bicycle in the DFC area and may be heading to our area. Patrol along with Police apprehended the suspect in our area and the suspect was taken to the Police Station.

**December 3 at 5:00 pm** the Patrol assisted three tourists with a golf cart problem.

**New Business:**

Chris introduced new Executive Committee Members Martin Reiser and Richard (Dick) Huebner.

Chris informed the members that Kelly McGuire and Joe and Rhonda Lawrence have offered the SACNW a great fundraising opportunity when Kelly plays at Athens Gate in early February. The details are to be confirmed but at previous concerts of Kelly's in the area we have raised several thousand dollars helping with sales, organisation and promotion. Anyone wishing to help put this event together please contact Josh Buettner.

Jose Nunez spoke about the success we are having with our new Social Media postings. Chris asked the members to please take photographs of happenings in the South and send them to the EC. This can be anything from a Crocodile crossing the road to a beautiful sunrise or sunset.

**There will be a South Area clean-up on Saturday December 11 at 7:00 am. We will organize at the Patrol Station, bags and gloves will be provided. SomePlace South will provide Water and Coffee to those members who participate.**

#### **Guest Speakers:**

Chris introduced Deputy Mayor Ernesto Bardelez. Mr. Bardelez spoke of several initiatives that the Town Council has underway. Repairing the roads in the neighborhoods across San Pedro, removal of derelict vehicles (currently underway), improvement of Parks and improvement of Trash Pick-ups. A member asked when Lions Park was scheduled for renovations. He replied it is scheduled for March of 2022.

Chris introduced Superintendent of Police Chris Noble. Mr. Noble's responsibilities include Ambergris Caye, Caye Caulker, St. Georges Caye and several smaller islands. A member asks if the person who allegedly assaulted the female tourist could be named. Mr. Noble responded that because the female did not press charges, he cannot release the name of the suspect. It is very important that anyone who is the subject of a crime press charges so that the person responsible is brought to justice. Mr. Noble thanked the SACNW for leading the way in having a successful Neighborhood Watch and how well Community Policing works in our area. He said our organization is the standard he uses when talking to other communities about starting a Neighborhood Watch.

Chris introduced Assistant Superintendent and officer in charge of San Pedro Basil Reye. Mr. Reyez spoke about the need to adequate resources for the high season. The success of SACNW allows him to use less staff in the South so he can place more staff in other areas of the island. He mentioned that the constant monitoring of who is coming into and out of our area is one of the reasons we have much less crime than other areas of the island.

#### **Old Business:**

A member inquired about the status of registering for 5013C Nonprofit status for SACNW that was mentioned would be worked on at a previous meeting. Randy replied saying that it has been investigated but the process for setting up a 5013c is complicated and time consuming and the EC needs someone who has done it previously to help with the project. If any member has experience and time to help, please contact Randy Watts at [wattseagle@aol.com](mailto:wattseagle@aol.com).

A member asked the EC to review the policy of publishing the dollar amount that members contribute to the SANCW in our monthly minutes. They felt that it was negative and could be seen as shaming

members who contributed less than others. Chris agreed to review with the EC and apologized if it had been seen as shaming members. The EC is happy and excited with all and any size of contribution.

A member had sent an email to the EC asking for our road to be discussed at the December meeting. As far as the EC is aware there are no plans to pave our road. The deputy Mayor said that improvements and repairs to our road were in the town council's plans for 2022. The council is currently working on some of the subdivision roads.

A member commented that an associate of Flint from Salt Life had been visiting residents asking for donations to "fix" the roads. The Deputy Mayor promised to look into this as he was only aware of an agreement that the Town council and Flint had to fix the roads. There is no SACNW plan to raise money to fix the road.

In closing Chris thanked everyone for a great meeting.

Please email us with any questions, comments, or suggestions [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.***