

**Kiawah Property Owners Group, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting, April 2, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Kiawah Property Owners Group (KPOG) was held at the Sandcastle on Kiawah Island at 9:00AM, Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Board Members in attendance were President Art Morgenstern, Vice President Arie deZanger, Treasure Pete Silveston, Secretary Ron Ritchie and Board Member Charlie Smith. Board Member Bob Oakman was in attendance via teleconferencing. Also present was Past President Diane Lehder. Member guests were Wendy Kulick, Kelly Bragg, Nick Mihalas and Greg Vanderwerker. Talk Editor Barbara Winslow and Membership Chair Kathy Heikes were also in attendance.

The minutes of the March Board Meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Pete Silveston reported that the current balance in our checking account was \$12,863.09 while the savings account showed a balance of \$103,167.03 . Our CD currently stands at \$107,098.06. He also stated that he had approximately \$4,000 in advertising revenue that had not yet been deposited and some \$2,024 in invoices that had to be paid.

Kathy Heikes was delighted to report that the current membership stands at 1821, a higher figure than was true at the same time last year. Follow up letters are being issued to last years members who have not as yet signed up this year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

By Laws – Art Morgenstern reminded the Board that one outstanding issue has yet to be finished regarding the modifications to the by laws and this center around the issue of long term renters. His plan is to talk to KICA to see how they handle this issue and he will report back at the next meeting. He also brought to the attention of all that the current by laws state that any issue that needs to be decided outside of a regular board meeting must have unanimous approval. Given this fact he asked all Board members who will be away from the island for more than a few days to assign their proxy to another Board member and then E-Mail who they have designated to all individuals on the Board. However, for any significant item e.g. the allocation of funds over \$5,000, the proxy would not apply.

Annual Meeting Minutes – Evidently the minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting had never been approved by the Board. Art will ensure that these minutes are distributed to all Board members prior to the May meeting so they can be approved at that time. In addition, Ron Ritchie will prepared the minutes for the March, 2008 Annual Meeting and here again they will be distributed to all Board members for their review prior to the May meeting.

Free of Information Act – Due to traveling out of town Jay Bender has not yet written the letter to the Town informing them that we believe they are in violation of the act and requesting them to make the necessary changes to be in compliance. Art will pursue this to ensure the letter is sent this month.

Safety/Security – Bob Oakman reported that traffic at the Main Gate (some 219,444) was 65% higher than what was recorded at this entry point vs. March, 2007. One of the reasons cited for the increase was the fact that the Easter Holiday occurred in March this year. Traffic at the V-Gate was also up some 15% (93467 vs. 89530). The incidents of raccoons exhibiting signs for distemper continued at the high levels noted in February.

Roads – Diane Lehder reported that the KPOG sponsored presentation by the Coastal Conservation League on March 26<sup>th</sup> went very well with approximately 50 citizens in attendance.. The perception was that the League presented a very fair and balanced presentation.

On this subject Charlie Smith voiced the concern that Kiawah had not been as active as it should be in pressing this issue with our elected representatives at the county level. He pointed out that Seabrook had been much more aggressive in pursuing this issue. He also raised the question as to whether a serious attempt should be made to consolidate the efforts of both towns under one umbrella. Should KPOG take the lead in this effort? While no decision was made on his question all were in agreement that this organization should continue to supply a steady stream of information to our members on this subject.

Related to this discussion it was pointed out that on April 10<sup>th</sup> SCDOT will hold at Public Hearing to solicit input on what environmental factors should be included in the environmental impact study on the I-526 extension. The fact that this hearing will occur will be posted on our FYI List. Charlie, Diane, Barbara and Greg were asked to collectively put together the content of the message to be posted.

## NEW BUSINESS

Board Assignments – Art Morgenstern announced that the following assignments had been determined for Board Members:

Town Council – Ron Ritchie

KICA (including Mornings with Joe) – Pete Silveston

Roads – Charlie Smith

Safety/Security – Bob Oakman

Membership – Katie Kotz (assisted by Kathy Heikes)

Editorial Board – Arie deZanger, Talk Editor Barbara Winslow, Katie Kotz and Art Morgenstern

Art also suggested that each Board Member contact at least two people on the volunteer list and ask them to assist where appropriate in carrying out their assignment. Once a Board Member has contact somebody on the volunteer list and they have agreed to help

their names should be communicated to all the other Board Members to ensure that any one volunteer is not contacted more than once.

KICA Web Site – Art asked Kelly Bragg in her role as our paid consultant on data issues to ensure that the current list of officers, the by law changes, the 2008 meeting schedule and the photo of current Board Members is posted on the KICA Web Site.

Software –Kathy Heikes and Kelly Bragg made a very detailed presentation to the Board on the need to upgrade our current software which is “simplistic”, is limited in its abilities and is a system that is being phased out and hence is no longer receiving technical support from the vendor. The system they recommended was the Siebel CRM On Demand. The suggested software is able to generate the reports and forms needed for membership and statistical gathering and KPOG will now also have the ability to do a complete backup of the database. They asked the Board to approve the following expenditure of Funds:

Up to \$5,000. for the vendor to transfer all the data on our current system to the new software

\$100. for for an external hard drive for backup use

\$100. to set up the mass E Mail software

A three year support contract at a fixed rate of \$2,274. per year.

Art Morgenstern suggested that we should not proceed until we had a finalization of the actual contract language including specific guarantees as to what they will provide and the appropriate warranties. Subject to these stipulations being satisfactorily addressed Ron Ritchie made the motion that the Heikes/Bragg proposal be adopted. This was seconded by Charlie Smith and subsequently approved with no dissent.

During the course of the extended discussion on this subject it was pointed out that KPOG currently we cannot send mass E Mails unless specific authorization to do so is granted by the member. It was suggested that we alert our members of this limitation and ask them if they desire to receive messages from KPOG they will have to both request and confirm this through the new E-Mail systems Kelly Bragg is developing.

Insurance Renewal – Ron Ritchie was asked to pursue this matter and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:15AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Ritchie  
Secretary