

KIAWAH PROPERTY OWNERS GROUP, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, MAY 5, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Kiawah Property Owners Group (KPOG) was held at the Sandcastle on Wednesday, May 5, 2010. President Laurie Burpee called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Board Members attending were: President Laurie Burpee, Vice President Greg VanDerwerker, and Board Members Diane Beck, Steve Lapp, and Peter Mugglestone. Absent from the meeting this month due to out of town travel were: Secretary Karen Watson and Treasurer Art Jones. Also in attendance were: Database Manager/Membership Chair Joyce Keegel; *TALK* Editor Barbara Winslow; Joe Bunting, COO of KICA; past KICA Board members Art Morganstern and Pete Silveston; and member guest Gregg Bragg.

The minutes of the April 7, 2010 meeting were approved with two corrections.

Treasurer's Report. In the absence of Treasurer Art Jones, President Burpee reported a total current account balance of \$234,755. The financial report will be posted to the KICA website.

Membership Report. Joyce Keegel reported that total membership stands at 1,781. The second mailing for membership sign up has been sent and the response has been encouraging.

Report on new Membership Chair. President Burpee reminded everyone that Joyce Keegel has asked to be relieved of the Membership Chair duties and that the matter was discussed in last month's executive session. KPOG Secretary Karen Watson has agreed to assume this responsibility. She will receive assistance from Joyce Keegel and Kelly Bragg during the transition. Board Member Peter Mugglestone will assist with data base management.

In a related matter, President Burpee asked Peter Mugglestone for a report concerning the rules and regulation regarding bulk E-mailings for communications with the membership. Mr. Mugglestone explained the issues and stated that KPOG is in compliance.

Report on a new matter. President Burpee asked for comments and suggestions concerning a KPOG member couple that has moved off Kiawah to Cassique and still wish to receive KPOG's *TALK* newsletter and related communications. After discussion it was decided that the couple could, as non-members of KPOG, pay the appropriate fee and receive *TALK*.

Safety and Security Report. Mr. Lapp presented the report for April 2010. It was a fairly quiet month and no significant events occurred.

Report on KICA Board Meeting of May 3, 2010. President Burpee reported that the first meeting chaired by new KICA Chair Kelly Bragg went very well. He noted that there was a greater amount of open discussion of items by the Board members at this meeting than in the recent past. Bragg will emphasize a theme of community / participation / and volunteerism and will work to achieve greater involvement by Kiawah property owners, residents and nonresidents alike.

The KICA Chair Bragg, and Board member Williams will be studying the 80% transition formula (total operational control transfers to the property owners when 80 % of all lots are sold to Type A members) and will report their determination to the full board.

S.C. Senate Bill S. 30 appears to be dormant, but a companion bill H. 4808 has been introduced into the S.C. House. The house bill also has the potential to affect Kiawah's property transfer fee that funds the Association's Contribution to Reserves (CTR) Fund. KICA Board and staff are working with the Community Association Institute (CAI) and Representative Stavrinakis to achieve improvements in the bill.

Other items of note:

- 1/ There was a vote to more explicitly define who can be a guest of a property owner Vis a Vis use of the Sandcastle. This was done because some property owners have been renting their properties and allowing the renters to act as their "guests".
- 2/ KICA expenditures are currently less than budgeted.
- 3/ Permits for the proposed bike path along Ocean Course Drive where it crosses Cinder Creek have been approved.

Report on Town Council Meeting of May 4, 2010. Greg VanDerwerker reported the following:

1. The first reading to the 2010/2011 budget was passed. As an aside, Mayor Wert noted that if the 2009/2010 budget ends with a surplus then the excess monies will be given to Johns Island charitable groups since all donations had been cut from the budget for fiscal reasons.
2. Unanimous approval for up to \$25,000 in expenditures to repair the erosion effect of unusually high tides at the base of the Kiawah River Bridge. If the repair work can be done under the current repaving/bike path permit the expected cost will be \$9,500. The higher allotment is for the contingency that a new permit might have to be secured which will increase the cost considerably.
3. Carolina Waste Services, the lowest responsible qualified bidder, was unanimously awarded the solid waste contract.
4. CERT Team is being formed. The Town is contributing \$5,000; the Kiawah Island golf Resort is making a contribution via in-kind services.
5. The KICA Safety and Security Committee is revisiting the issue of off-leash dogs on the beach. Report will be forwarded to Town Council.
6. Still awaiting the Fire Department report concerning the River Course Clubhouse fire.
7. Still awaiting the Johns Island Roads report from LPA as consultants to Charleston County. Expected to be released at the end of May.
8. Oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is being monitored for any possible future effect on Kiawah's beach.
9. A plaque was awarded to Councilman Steve Orban in recognition of his devoted service to accomplishing the Kiawah Island Parkway/bike path project.

KPOG Website Report. Peter Mugglestone reported on the progress updating KPOG's. A prototype for the new website is up and running at: <http://www.KiawahPOG.org>. Mr. Mugglestone asks that everyone continue to visit the site and submit comments/suggestions/requests, etc. using the form provided on the site.

Report on the 80% Transition Formula. Mr. Burpee reported that the idea of forming a transition formula task force that would include representation from KICA, KPOG, and the Town of Kiawah Island did not receive majority support at the KICA Board meeting. Board Chair Kelly Bragg and Board member Jim Williams will meet with Mark Permar, and after discerning the details of the formula they will educate the entire Board about this issue.

Kiawah Island CERT Team. With regard to last month's request from Kiawah's CERT Team requesting a donation to assist with purchasing equipment, President Burpee stated that he felt the KPOG's mission did not support offering cash grants to charitable organizations. Its mission entails the dissemination of information and acting as an advocate for its members.

After brief discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that KPOG assist the CERT Team in its efforts by endorsing their goal and supporting them through articles in KPOG's newsletter and other information vehicles.

Member/Guest Comments: President Burpee opened the floor for comments. KPOG Past President Art Morganstern stated that he believes the Board needs to examine the Bylaws before extending any type of membership to residents of Cassique. He also noted that, although he has met with KICA concerning the January, 2010 non-advisory motion he submitted to the KICA Board, he has not yet received a formal reply from the Board.

Barbara Winslow also commented about extending membership to residents of Cassique.

President Burpee called for any further business. There being none it was moved, seconded, and approved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg VanDerwerker
Acting KPOG Secretary