

Draft Minutes
DBBA Spring Annual Meeting
Upper Shores Library
112 Jersey City Ave., Lavallette, NJ
28 May 2022

Roll Call

Board members present: Emil Trione, Donna Ward, Donna DiMarco, Jennifer Skinner, John Santamaria, Glenn Murray, John Slazyk, Mike Roudi, John Tomesco, Tom Hennessey

Absent: Ken Wasik, Mike Miller

Quorum

A quorum was NOT present for the meeting. 27 members were needed (20% of previous year's total membership); 24 members present.

President's Call to order and Remarks

President Emil Trione began the meeting. The resignation of board 1st vice president Brian Gilbert was announced. Brian has been a longtime board member and his contributions to the association will be missed. The board thanks Brian for his past service to DBBA. The vacancy will be filled at the upcoming election at the Fall 2022 meeting.

The minutes from the previous Fall 2021 annual meeting were presented. The minutes were provisionally accepted however, due to a lack of quorum they will need to be presented at the next meeting for full approval.

Reports of the Board of Governors

Committee Reports

Beach report- John Tomesco and Colin Regn, CEO Atlantic Lifeguard Alliance, LLC

Our summer season will commence on Saturday June 18, 2022.

Atlantic Lifeguard Alliance has been contracted again this year as our lifeguarding service. There is not much change in coverage from last year. The biggest issues concerning guard services for the 2022 season are rising labor costs and employee retention. John T. and Colin worked to keep our costs down with only a 5% increase over last year.

Placement of guard stands will be determined by the guards daily depending on beach conditions (i.e., tide/sandbars/rip currents). We will have a badge checker on weekends only. Hours for lifeguards will be daily 10-5pm. The badge checkers will cover Saturdays and Sundays, 930am to 330pm.

Due to a recent tragic event involving a nearby beach, members are again reminded that the digging of holes on the beach must be limited in size to no deeper than the digger's knees.

Lightning strikes- Atlantic Lifeguard Alliance follows the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) standards for lightning safety protocols. Any strike determined to be within a 10-mile radius of the beach will cause the guards to close down the beach. Lightning can occur even when the skies are clear and there is no indication of bad weather. Atlantic lifeguards are trained to consult a weather concierge

service and various weather apps to determine whether there is a lightning risk. In addition, Brick Township this year is installing lightning detectors for all public beaches with warning sounds that can be heard at our beach. Members are required to obey lifeguards when asked to leave the beach in case of a lightning danger.

As per Colin, 2 extra services will be available to our members this season. A yoga instructor will provide a once-a-week class to anyone interested in beach yoga. A surf school instructor will offer surfing lessons to children and adults. These will be tip-based programs. More details to follow.

Treasurer's report- Donna DiMarco

The treasurer's report was presented and provisionally accepted.

A member asks if we could scan a copy of our Liability Insurance Policy to the DBBA website for reference.

Beach Maintenance/ Beach Conditions – Tom Hennessey

The board has hired a contractor to address some of the beach erosion and the steep incline at the entrances to the beach. The work will commence in the next few weeks and will be done by the start of the season.

We have a volunteer beach/ dune cleanup set for opening day Saturday, June 18th @ 9:30 am for anyone interested in participating.

We are continuing to pursue the township for help with purchasing the entrance mats.

Member Bill Bunting has volunteered to help with keeping our US flag in compliance. We will look into getting a low voltage light for the flag.

Jennifer is working with Tom Hennessey on plaque display for dedication plaque for Robbie Zamperi.

Nominating – Emil reminded membership that we have a nominating committee for board openings (John Slazyk, Glenn Murray and Emil). Anyone interested in joining the board should contact any member of the committee. See DBBA website (www.dbbanj.org) for contact information.

Communications- Jennifer reports that we still have issues with member communications via email. The main issue is keeping up with new members contact information. Members are encouraged to use our website at www.dbbanj.org as well as our member's only Facebook page to keep up to date on DBBA news.

DBBA merchandise- show your Deauville Beach pride with a great T-shirt or hat!!! Thanks to Glenn Murray and Jack Ward we have brand new DBBA merchandise for purchase by our members. The virtual store is located on our website <https://www.dbbanj.org/merch>.

Unfinished Business

Mats for beach entrances- we are moving forward with the purchase of mats for our two beach entrances. The board is pursuing what we believe is an obligation on the part of the township to provide funding for the mats, since it has come to our attention that the township paid for these at Normandy

Beach. The mats are costly. The township has argued in the past that they will not provide this funding because our entrances are “private property”, however after some research we have determined that DBBA owns only part of the Deauville entrance, the rest is subject to the conservation easement. We will get some advice from a land use attorney before pursuing the township further on this matter.

New Business
Members Comments

A member asks if we reconsider selling badges in person, instead of mailing them. From the board’s perspective, mailing the badges is the most efficient way of distributing the badges, but will consider the suggestion.

NEXT MEETING:

The Fall General Membership Meeting will be held on 3 September 2022 @ 10:00 AM. Location: Upper Shores Library, Lavallette Branch, 112 Jersey City Ave., Lavallette, NJ

Meeting Adjourned