

**DBBA**  
**Minutes for Fall Annual Meeting**  
**5 September 2020**

**Roll Call**

Board members present: DeFilipis, Bob; DiMarco, Donna; Gilbert, Brian; Hennesey, Tom; Roudi, Mike; Santamaria, John; Skinner, Jen; Slazyk, John; Tirone, Emil; Tomesco, John; Ward, Donna.

Absent Mercantonio, Kim; Resnick, Maryann.

A quorum is present at the meeting -Needed 23, present 27.

*(LY 2019 total members/households eligible for voting 113. A quorum is present at 20% as per DBBA BYLAWS Art VI-Sec. 6).*

**Reports of Board of Governors**

Board president Emil Trione extended greetings and welcome to our new members.

A motion was passed to waive the minutes from the last meeting (Spring 2020) which did not occur due to Covid-19 restrictions.

**Beach Report- Brian Gilbert and Tom Hennesey**

Colin Regn, Atlantic Lifeguard Alliance discussed the 2020 season and took questions from the membership. Overall the season was a successful one. As per membership requests we were able to add a second stand mid-season by rotating staff between the two stands.

A member observed that we had an increase in surfers to our beach. Colin said that the increase is in part due to our limited swim zone, leaving more room for surfers outside the swim zone. Also, Normandy Beach has four fully operational stands, adding numbers of surfers to Deauville Beach from Normandy. In addition, for a variety of reasons, the Covid-19 pandemic has led to an increase in people using the beach this season.

If we want to increase our swim zone, an increase in staff is needed to cover a larger area. A larger staff means increased lifeguarding costs. A desire to increase the swim zone and life guard coverage is an issue that has come up for the past few seasons, especially since we have been increasing our membership after Sandy. Brian Gilbert indicated that the only thing holding us back from having what we want is our income. In the last 5 years there has been a \$10,000 increase in lifeguard service fees. Also, minimum wage will be incrementally increasing to \$15.00 an hour by 2025. We will need to adjust our income to accommodate the increase in lifeguarding expenses. The last membership dues increase was 4 year ago.

A member observed the presence of large groups on the beach this season contributing to incidents of loud music, profane language, and crowding. It was suggested that these large groups may be coming from the marina. We did have a large increase in badge revenue this season from the marina. While we limited our daily badge sales this year in anticipation of pressure from other beaches due to Covid-19

restrictions, we did not limit marina badge purchases. Donna mentioned that the increase revenue was welcome, however some members were concerned about the resulting consequences.

Brian mentioned that Brick will offer a dune buggy permit @ \$35.00/season which runs October 15<sup>th</sup>-April 15<sup>th</sup> 2021. A suggestion was made to offer a DBBA permit.

Brick Township continues to rake the beach mornings in season. A suggestion was made to call the township to see if we are still included in their beach raking.

A motion was passed to extend the lifeguard service on weekends through the end of September, 2020.

A thank you for board members Tom Hennessey and Brian Gilbert for finishing the beach entrance walkways.

A member asked about replacing the light post at the end of the entrances/walkways. These lights had been there prior to Sandy. A call to the township is required to see if they would be willing to replace the light.

A member inquired about the presence of a flag pole at the end of the Kupper entrance. Brian and Emil spoke to the fact that this is not a permanent structure and has been there for at least 20 years (replaced after Sandy).

Street parking issues on Jeanette Drive have been investigated by Tom Hennessey. Tom reports that that prior to Sandy, Jeanette Drive was 26-28' wide paved asphalt with concrete curbs and sidewalks, both sides of street with allowed parking. Part of the sidewalks were on private property. The storm washed away 10 of the 12 homes on the street including the street and sidewalks. Brick decided to rebuild the road in 2015, and the plan was to allow sidewalks to be constructed so that public sidewalks would no longer be on private property. This means that the current road way is significantly more narrow than in the past. If the township continues to allow for both sides of the street parking, the association is concerned about emergency vehicles access and other potential problems on the narrow street. The township will bring this up at the next Public Safety Committee meeting. Tom will monitor this.

Brian and Tom mentioned the need for beach maintenance, specifically weeding and erosion mitigation. The board will seek estimates for this work.

### **Rules and Regulations Review**

Several members expressed a concern about dogs on the beach. It is our current policy that dogs be allowed on the beach during the season ONLY before 9 am and after 6:30 pm daily. Service dogs are exempt from this rule. Members are concerned about dog waste on the beach, particularly at the beach entrance.

A motion was made to reverse the current policy and not allow dogs on the beach at any time during the season. The motion did not pass and the current policy stands.

### **Treasurer's Report- Donna DiMarco**

125 Class "A" members paid dues for 2020.

This year's income was a break even contrasted with last year's deficit of \$19,000.

Donna raised the possibility of a significant increase in costs associated with our current insurance policy which will expire September 15, 2020. Our insurance carrier USLI has informed us that they will no longer cover us for general liability and umbrella policies. They will continue with the D&O and crime policies. Our insurance agent is working on getting coverage with a different carrier but it is likely we would see a significant cost increase for insurance for 2021. Our current policies cost the DBBA total of \$4737 for the 2019-2020 coverage period. New quotes show an increase for our total insurance costs for the 2020-2021 year up to \$13,421 – which is an increase from year to year of \$8,684.

Our agent went out to various other markets on our behalf and we will continue to research this. If anyone in the general membership has a contact that could help us research new policies, please let Donna know.

A motion was approved to accept this year's treasurer's report.

### **Nominating Committee- Emil Trione**

The committee presented the new slate of officers for the DBBA Board 2021.

Emil Trione, President  
Brian Gilbert, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Donna Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Donna DiMarco, Treasurer  
Jennifer Skinner, Secretary

The slate was approved by majority vote.

Emil spoke about current board positions open due to resignations from long serving board members Bob DeFilipis and Mary Ann Resnick.

The board expressed its gratitude to Bob and his wife Suzanne who was also a longstanding board member, and to Mary Ann for their years of service and devotion to the DBBA.

Kimberly Mercantonio has also resigned her board position.

This leaves 3 open positions which the committee is currently seeking to fill.

A member expressed the desire to see more transparency regarding the nominating process.

Emil asked that a motion be offered to waive the 15-day notification of this meeting and slate of officers as required by our bylaws due to the Covid-19 emergency. The motion was accepted and passed.

## **New Business**

Emil announced that a resident of Normandy beach whose property is adjacent to DBBA beach property has offered to buy this small parcel from the association. The board will continue to discuss this offer and will report to the membership as we decide to seriously consider the offer as per our bylaws. See below:

### *DBBA Bylaws Art. XIV*

#### *Sec. 1*

*The Board of Governors shall not be authorized to sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise encumber the real property owned by the Association (property) without the affirmative vote of the members. (Continued)*

#### *Sec. 2*

*If any proposed sale, lease, mortgage or encumbrance of the Property shall be approved by a majority of the Board of Governors, notice of the proposed sale, lease, mortgage or encumbrance shall be given to all members by the Secretary at least fifteen days before the date of the Annual or special meeting called for that purpose. Said notice shall be given by ordinary or electronic mail to the last known address of the member.*

#### *Sec 3*

*A two thirds vote of the members present or represented by proxy at said meeting shall be required to authorize the sale, lease, mortgage or other encumbrance of the Property.*

#### *Sec 4*

*If any proposed sale, lease, mortgage or other encumbrance of the Property is approved by the Board of Governors and the Association members, the members individually and/or collectively shall have the right of first refusal as to any such sale, lease, mortgage or other encumbrance.*

Emil adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jen Skinner