

## STINSON BEACH VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

February 2, 2013

Stinson Beach Chapel

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Online at [www.stinsonbeachvillage.com](http://www.stinsonbeachvillage.com)**

- I. Call to Order:** The SBVA monthly meeting was called to order by Mike Matthews at 10:10 a.m. in the Stinson Beach Chapel. Board Members in attendance were: Mike Matthews, Sam Matthews, Belinda Zell, Chris Ruppe, Terry Bryant, and Donna Andrews. (**Quorum was met**).
- II. Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes for the January 5, 2013 Meeting were approved by email by the SBVA Board Members and are posted on the SBVA's website.
- III. Treasurer's Report:** Sam Matthews gave the report. The cash balance as of December 31, 2012 was \$9,036.02. There were deposits and interest of \$ 345.04, disbursements of \$212.50.00, leaving a Cash balance as of January 31, 2013 of \$9,168.56. The SBVA's solicitation letter sent out in 2012 has resulted in 57 responses. Of those responses, in January, the SBVA received 1 family contribution of \$45.00, 2 family contributions of \$50.00 and 2 family contributions of \$100.00. Total contributions received to date are \$6,315.00. Sam circulated the Budget to the SBVA Board via email prior to the meeting. Donna Andrews moved that the budget be approved with Mike Matthews seconding the motion. The Board voted to approve the budget. (**Treasurer's Report Attached to Original Minutes**)
- IV. New Business: No New Business**
- IV. Old Business:**
- 1. SBVA Board Nominations:**

There were three positions on the Board still open for nominations: a Coordinator position, the SBCC liaison, and the Publicist. Dawn Agnew was nominated as the Publicist leaving the other two positions open for nominations. The SBVA membership voted for the current slate of officers with Dawn as the new Publicist, and all were voted unanimously into office. The SBVA Board will consider nominations for the other two positions in the future.
  - 2. CHP Officers Chris and Neil** were introduced to the SBVA Membership. They asked the members if there had any issues that the membership would like to discuss. Both officers are stationed at the Corte Madera office of the CHP and handle all Marin County calls south of Tomales.
    - A.** Terry Bryant asked them if they knew about Caltrans committing to providing electronic signage by the Hwy 101 off-ramp. This summer the parking lot at Muir Beach may be closed. Terry went on to say that Captain Harris from the Sheriff's Department or one of his representatives has promised to attend the SBVA's March 2 meeting to further address this topic. In addition, Terry has a call into Linda Dahl, Director of Parks and Open Space and to Supervisor Steve Kinsey in hopes of getting them to also attend the next SBVA meeting.
    - B.** Terry pointed out that Stinson Beach's busy season begins early; usually the first weekend of the year when the sun comes out resulting in major traffic and parking issues in the village. He asked the CHP officers to please monitor cars speeding through the village as well as cars zooming through the stop signs, a situation that is extremely dangerous for pedestrians walking alongside the highway through town. Chris Rardin stated that for most of the holidays, the CHP is at maximum staffing levels and, they can afford to send a CHP officer to Stinson Beach to monitor traffic. Unfortunately, reduced staffing levels and budget restrictions combined with the CHP's need to cover the highways means that they will not always be available to send an officer to Stinson Beach to control traffic situations on peak traffic days.
    - C.** On another note, the CHP officers asked everyone that when reporting an incidence to please be specific and not generalize. (i.e. state the actual address where the incidence occurred). The CHP telephone number is 415 924-1100.
    - D.** Dawn Agnew asked if the CHP could post the rules for bicyclists. Chris Rardin responded by saying that Caltrans was responsible for bicyclists' rules and regulations. Dawn asked about controlling motorcyclists who speed through the village. The answer: get their license plate number and call it in to the CHP.
    - E.** What about getting a crosswalk

at the Dipsea Trailhead? Dawn Agnew made a motion that the SBVA write a letter to Caltrans requesting a crosswalk at the Dipsea Trailhead and cc the letter to the GGNRA. Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **F.** Terry Bryant announced that no striping is planned for the bus stop.

**3. Marin County wide Plan Amendments update: Sam Mathews reporting:** The SBVA sent a letter to the Marin County Planning Department addressing vacation rentals and invited the County to come to Stinson Beach to address the villagers, because this topic presented itself in their staff reports. The County responded by saying that they were not ready to hold a public forum on the subject and will contact the SBVA in the fall when they were most likely to be prepared to address the topic. It is important that the SBVA has addressed this issue and that we are on the County Planning Department's "radar". The next LCP Amendment hearing is Feb 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Marin Civic Center.

## **VI. Community Reports:**

**A. GGNRA, Tamalpais District:** No report

**B. Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Committee: Leslie Robinson reporting.** BLAC met in November. There are **12** members. Leslie represents the Stinson Beach Village and Kiren Niedenberger represents the Seadrift Association. Other members include representatives from the GGNRA, Marin County Parks, Gulf of the Farrallones, the community of Bolinas, the Bolinas Rod and Boat Club, Pt. Reyes National Seashore, Audubon Canyon Ranch, Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory, the College of Marin, and members at large. Ed Huber is the chair of this committee that was formed to protect the lagoon. The community of Stinson Beach really needs to participate and become involved in saving the lagoon. In March, BLAC will hold a public meeting hoping for input from all represented participants as to what they would like to see happen to the lagoon; for example, restoration. Leslie asked the SBVA for help in communicating the needs of the Stinson Beach community. Chris Ruppe asked Leslie to come to the monthly SBVA meetings and give regular BLAC reports that will be put into the minutes. Sam suggested that Leslie hold this public meeting at the SBCC...and bring food that will attract SB residents. Regarding Kent Island, the non-native plants are in the process of being removed, but trees will not be removed; they are waiting for the island to flood and for the trees to die.

**C. Bolinas-Stinson Library Society:Belinda Zell reporting.** Kerry Livingston needs help cutting back the Mexican sage. A monthly collage workshop will be held on Feb 5, and a dream interpretation workshop is coming up in March on Monday nights, facilitated by Mimi Calpestri. There are many up-and-coming One Book One Marin events about the effects of no gravity on astronauts: ex: how do they go to the bathroom? You can read all about it in [Packing for Mars](#), by Mary Roach who will be holding a book discussion on March 19. Astronomer Paul Salazaar is doing an introduction to the night sky on Tuesday, February 12 at the Stinson Library. Claudia Chapline and Larry DiStasi are doing a joint reading of their memoirs at Claudia's gallery on Feb 17. Anne Walsh announced the launch of the BSBLIS fundraiser letter that has not been sent out in three years. (Go to [marinlibrary.org](http://marinlibrary.org) and click on Stinson Beach for more planned events sponsored by the library).

**D. Bolinas-Stinson Union School District: Pamela Lichtenwalner reporting:** This year the Bolinas Stinson School has received First 5 grant money for a feasibility study to see if Preschool for All is a viable possibility at our school. There is going to be a "launch party/informational meeting" on the Bolinas Campus on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to discuss what Preschool for All means, how it benefits the child, answer questions, and to ask people to apply for a place on the feasibility study committee.

**E. CSA 33-Village Green 1 & 2: No report**

**F. Seadrift Homeowners Association: No report**

**G. Stinson Beach Community Center: Donna Andrews reporting.** **1.** Future SBCC dates to remember: Spaghetti Bongo on February 8, and March 8. **2.**The design for the Stinson Beach Memorial will be presented to the community at the SBCC's annual meeting on February 5, at 6:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvre and drinks will be served, and Donna will give the SBVA report. **3.** The floors were redone in the SBCC and tree work is scheduled. **2.** If anyone is interested serving on the SBVA

Board as the Stinson Beach Community Center representative please contact Donna for a job description and the Board if you wish to be nominated for the position.

**H. Stinson Beach Disaster Council, Fire Protection: No report**

**I. Stinson Beach Historical Society- Chris Ruppe Reporting:** The next SBHS meeting is scheduled for February 12 at 5:00 PM.

**J. Stinson Beach Medical Center- Barbara Boucke reporting:** Currently the Stinson Beach Clinic hours are Monday and Thursday: 9-5 p.m. Steven Segal is the new general manager and will begin in March.

**K. Stinson Beach Montessori School: No report**

**L. Stinson Beach Water District: Barbara Boucke reporting:** Barbara invited everyone to attend the SBCWD monthly meeting held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at 9:30 a.m. She also announced that there would be a 7% increase in the garbage rate. Jim Zell, SBCWD president, and Larry Baskin are working on a long-term contract with Redwood Sanitary District.

**M. Stinson Beach Community Church: No report**

**N. West Marin Senior Services: Beth Carusillo reporting:** The seated exercise class taught by Anna Gottreich and held at the SBCC is being moved to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. A Tea and Social sponsored by West Marin Senior Services will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at 12:00 PM. Finally, every year the Whitecaps (a Stinson and Bolinas elderly group) get together during the holiday season in Pt. Reyes. The Whitecaps are doing a second get together on Valentines Day at 12:00 p.m. For reservations please call 415 663-8148 which is the West Marin Senior Services Office.

**O. Flood Advisory Board: No report from Kenny Stevens**

**VIII. Committee Reports**

**1. Standing**

**A. Traffic: Terry Bryant reporting:** See the CHP report above.

**B. Flood Mitigation: No report**

**C. Compliance Review: No report**

**2. Ad Hoc**

**A. Keep the Beach Clean: Donna Andrews reporting.** Donna stated that there have been several successful beach cleanup days where individuals working off their traffic fines do the trash cleanup. Donna announced that a grand opening ceremony (with refreshments) is planned sometime in the near future to introduce the public to the All One Ocean boxes that will be placed in various strategic locations on the beach.

**IX. For the Good of the Order:**

1. The 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dipsea Race will be held this year on Sunday, June 9, 2013. The race begins at Lytton Square in downtown Mill Valley and finishes at the south parking lot of Stinson Beach Park.

Donna Andrews motioned to adjourn. Terry Bryant seconded the motion.