

CCA Member Meeting Minutes 5/23/2019

Meeting called to order 6:01 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation by Will Freund, Lead Educator on-site at the Wild Life Center
Programs Available

<https://www.ncwildlife.org/Learning/Education-Centers/Outer-Banks>

Facebook page best source – Outer Banks Center Wildlife Education

Outdoor skills – fishing, fish sticks

Archery for adults and kids

Crabbing

Kayaking

Biologist in training

Citizen Science Series of lectures and activity

Shore Bird Survey

Turtles

ECO Explore

Outdoor Photography

Averaging 20 programs a week – free for all, but spaces limited.

See calendar of classes on website and please sign up in advance when possible.

Approval of Minutes 3/28, 4/10 and 4/25 - Copies of minutes made available prior to the meeting. Motion made by Al Marzetti, seconded by Roger Crafe and unanimously approved

Director and Committee reports

President - Barb introduced new officers elected by the Board to one year terms

- Barb Marzetti – President
- Gerri Adams – VP
- Gary McGee – Treasurer
- Ed Cornet - Secretary

Old Business

Betsy Wheeler reported on the Health Center Community Survey – results to be posted on Facebook page and sent in newsletter. Excellent response from the community. The results are very supportive of the need for a health center.

New Business

Barb Marzetti reviewed the highlights of the most recent County Board of Commissioners (BoC) Meeting. She recommended that all should look at the YouTube video posted. The BoC approved a resolution to remove any plaintiff in a lawsuit, or their spouse, from serving on any County Advisory Board. At least four in Corolla may be affected.

Barb described the interactions between CCA and the County regarding Occupancy Tax spending over the past several years. She noted that once CCA began to seriously question the County on the legal basis of some of their expenditures the County began to cut-off discussions. A year ago CCA and its members developed a detailed ten-year proposal for OT spending and sent to the County asking for an opportunity to discuss. To date there has been no follow-up from the County. This left CCA with no choice but to ask a judge to resolve the dispute.

Ed Cornet presented a summary of each element of the CCA legal complaint. The facts of the case are excerpts from the County's audit reports, BoC meeting minutes and internal County correspondence. These should not be in dispute. The complaint asks the judge to provide an opinion on whether or not the past expenditures of OT that CCA has questioned were done in accordance with a reasonable interpretation of the law. The complaint asks the judge to restore misspent OT funds to the Tourism Development Authority so that they may be spent on legal projects, such as beach nourishment. The complaint asks the judge to impose guidelines for future legal expenditures.

Barb and Ed answered questions.

Barb announced Next Meeting June 27th with speakers from the Wild Horse Fund

Motion to adjourn made and seconded

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Ed Cornet