

Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.
Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting
Board of Directors
February 15, 2016

The Executive Session Meeting of the Board of Directors of Citizens Restoring Congamond was called to order by President Deb Herath at 6:49 p.m. on Monday, February 15, 2016, at 3 Shore Drive, Southwick, Massachusetts.

A quorum was established with the following Officers and Directors present:

Deb Herath	President
Rob Tatro	Secretary (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)
Ann Gustafson	Treasurer
Jerry Crane	Immediate Past President
Steve Schmid	
Sharon Jones	
Sandie MacDowell	
Rick Seaman	
Chris Tatro	(arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

Officer absent:

Kevin Maloney	Vice-President
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New Business

Deb Herath explained that the annual membership renewal letter was being prepared and should be ready to mail by mid-March. She will check with Kevin Maloney regarding the printing of the letters. An envelope-stuffing party is planned for March 21.

Deb moved to maintain the current annual dues of \$30 for 2016. The motion passed 7/0.

Deb suggested that the membership drive not include an open house this year since it was not very productive last year. Instead, it was suggested that we target those at boat slips and marinas and encourage volunteers to go door-to-door to visit those who do not respond to the mailing. Steve Schmid will look for a trifold brochure that was used to promote CRC in the past.

Treasurer Ann Gustafson reported that there is \$4,107.06 in the checking account, \$3774.56 in savings, and \$20,579.86 in the investment account, which can be used only for lake treatment. There is also approximately \$2,000 in a PayPal account, but this will be moved to the savings account.

Jerry Crane moved that \$3,000 be moved to the investment account. The motion passed 9/0.

Deb noted that the first membership meeting for 2016 is planned for April 19, although the location has not yet been determined. The agenda will include the 2016 budget, fundraisers, comments from the First Selectmen from Southwick and Suffield, and the Southwick Police Chief/Harbor Master. No other speakers are currently planned.

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Jerry explained that the Tree and Shrub sale is planned for Mother's Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8. Much needs to be done before then, including arranging for a site, getting plants and shrubs, arranging transportation, determining pricing, etc. Rob, Ann and Sandie volunteered to help, but more volunteers will be needed.

Jerry announced that CRC has applied for a \$40,000 grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to be used for bathrooms at Babbs' Beach. In addition, he will be making an appeal to the Suffield Rotary club for additional funding. Suffield First Selectman Melissa Mack is pushing to get Babbs' Beach open as soon as possible, and has provided \$50,000 in town resources to expedite this effort.

Deb explained that the triathlon fund raiser will not be held in 2016 but in 2017 as there is too little time to prepare for one this year.

Deb mentioned that she attended a meeting in Southwick last week regarding the North Pond land acquisition and that the Southwick selectmen are in favor of the purchase but don't currently have sufficient funds. She also explained that CRC will not be handling the funds raised for the acquisition since another non-profit organization has agreed to do this, although the agreement has not yet been finalized.

Rob Tatro reported that the horseshoe pits at Babbs' Beach are ready to go as soon as the snow melts.

Deb noted that the pontoon boat fundraiser will not be held this year since we missed the boat show and other fundraisers will require all our time and effort.

Hospitality Chair Sharon Jones reported that she has a singer and band in mind for the 2016 Christmas party and she and Sandie MacDowell are checking out several possible locations.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Deb's home.

There being no further business before the Board, Rob moved to adjourn. The motion passed 9/0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Rick Seaman
Acting Secretary

Date: 2/16/2016