

**Laffites Cove at Pirates Beach Nature Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 12, 2013**

The Laffites Cove at Pirates Beach Nature Society (LCNS) held a Board of Directors meeting on January 12, 2013 at the Galveston Country Club. Jim Murphy, President called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. All Directors were present: Jim Murphy, Jim Walters, Bonnie White, Brenda Dawson, Scott Weaver, Phil Glass, and Mort Voller. Susan Gonzales with CKM was also present. The board reviewed the Financial and Collection report.

The Board reviewed the minutes. Upon motion duly made by Scott Weaver and seconded by Mort Voller, the minutes were approved.

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Mort Voller gave a Preserve Maintenance Management report. There was routine maintenance and debris pickup during the previous month. A Students Conservationism on America group will have a workday in the preserve in the coming month. Chinaberry cleanup will occur as well as a review of the lost trees and some planting will take place. Watering, particularly watering lines to trees, needs to be resolved before planting. The McCartney rose needs to be controlled.

Signage: new signs will be installed, and the artwork is currently being reviewed.

Scott Weaver gave the Canal related Maintenance/Management report – There are several buoys at the entrance to the canals that need to be replaced. We still need to find a contractor.

**Old business:**

Bonnie White discussed the recent action by PPOA to appoint Doug Little and Ron Pearrow as point contacts for discussion with LCNS on issues that have been troublesome to both sides in the past, such as preapproval to boat docks modifications, jet ski lift locations/etc. and LCNS participation in the ARC process. Bonnie White and Jim Murphy agreed to represent LCNS in the informal discussions with Doug and Ron to discuss the division of responsibilities of ACC and Deed Restrictions. The PPOA ARC has representation of the areas of Pirates Cove, Pirates Beach, Pirates Beach West, and Laffites Cove with three members being residents of Laffites Cove. It was discussed whether LCNS wanted a representative on the PPOA ARC. The LCNS has the right to enforce, not the obligation. Under the PPOA, Lee Slataper and Doug Little are reviewing the deed restriction violations. PPOA would like to hear from LCNS what qualifies as a violation.

Scott Weaver brought up the issue that this Board and the PPOA Board, years from now, can change any agreement made. Also he asked “does the LCNS have the right to review ACC issues?” The permit is part of the LCNS covenants.

Bonnie White volunteered to research previous legal work on this issue. Jim Murphy will check with Susan if CKM has a copy of that body of work. Motion made by Bonnie and seconded by Mort that we suspend any dock application process in an attempt to resolve differences with PPOA pre-approving dock construction. The motion passed.

Mort and Bonnie led a discussion of the 5' setback requirement as separate from the 20' flow easement.

Email list. Brenda Dawson discussed the current system with Rex Ross. He stated he inherited a system that is cumbersome to use, and they discussed the effort required to upgrade. Brenda will work with Rex about developing a cost to upgrade.

### **New business:**

**RESOLVED THAT**, the standing date for LCNS board meetings going forward will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each odd month starting 8:00am at the Galveston Country Club. Motion by Jim Murphy, second by Brenda Dawson, and approved by Board.

Elections.

2013 Annual Meeting, Saturday, March 23, beginning at 9:00am at the Galveston County Club for election of officers followed by a LCNS Board meeting. Two positions on the Board will be filled for a term of 3 years. Mailed notice is required for notification about this members meeting

Canal shelf research.

Scott Weaver is considering funding a project without expense to LCNS on his property. Concept is EcoMatrix used in Louisiana and Florida, made of recycled plastic.

Motion by Scott and seconded by Mort for any interested Board member to visit demonstration system for research (in Louisiana). Group will report back on findings. Motion passed.

**Open forum.** General comments by four residents present on communication system problems, on-going coordination difficulties between the PPOA and LCNS, and a discussion of the canal profile including "slumping" that was inhibiting boathouse access.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Jim Walters, Secretary