

Minutes Vecinos de Akumal Norte Board Meeting March 07, 2022

Board members Present:

Dan Freeman
Helmie Atarie
Tandy Muir-Warden
Peter Swenson
Lynda Kerney
George Pritchard
Monica Estrada
Beryl van Lierop
Ingrid Datica?

Absent

Also in attendance
Jorge Gonzalez Pacheco
Rocio Cue
David Zucker

Communication Committee Members: Lynda, Lisa Wilson, and Monica Estrada

The Communication Committee works with and on behalf of the Board of Directors to enhance and broaden communication from Vecinos to the community, and from the community to Vecinos.

2022 Goals in order of priority

1. Redesign, update and improve website
2. Perform a community introspective survey
3. Improve dissemination of information regarding Vecinos activities and accomplishments

Tom Miller (owner in Luna Azul) is a survey expert and will help. Need to keep our members informed not overwhelmed. Suggestion to include question whether Sargasso has affected your property in Akumal

Finance Committee Members: Tandy Muir-Warden, George Pritchard, Carmina Garma, Dan Freeman, Neil Canter

Goals:

1. To ensure that the Association meets all Mexican requirements for fiscal operations
2. To have a transparent financial system that meets the needs of the Association and its membership

Process : **All** Committees to submit forecasts for approval that were not contained in the 2022 budget but approval is not authorization to spend since sufficient money may not yet be in bank. Emergencies sometimes can happen and will be authorized by Dan. Cash Sheet is seen daily by Dan, \$85,000 to \$100,000 pesos is spent monthly

Issues: Communications is looking for a client relationship management software (license fee monthly 120 dls) This is potentially a good investment if the software can consolidate the membership and financial operations, it will expand our functionality.

Also Hosted web service: Maybe sign a six month or 1 year contract to see how the response is.

Invoices for the annual dues will be sent to all members later this month .

Charter Committee Members Tandy Muir-Warden, David Zucker, Lisa Wilson, Jamie Cost, Carmina Garma, Jon Kantor

Ad hoc member Henning Bartsch

Goal:

To update the governing charter of the Association and include new provisions relating to election of board members and voting procedures before the next annual meeting (february 2023?)

Committee will consult with all those involved in the February election and meeting to identify problems and solutions, and will involve a Lawyer as needed

Will verify what wording in the charter is necessary to comply with the laws of Mexico.

If provisions are irrelevant they will be removed

Revisions should be ready by November for the next elections.

Probably Pablo Diaz will help and might involve him. He will join membership (if and when he provides info)

Security Committee Members: Jorge Gonzalez Pacheco, Peter Swenson and Ingrid Datica

Ingrid will be in the transition process

Caseta camaras need to be moved to a better place

New contract between Vecino's Caseta and Jamie Macedo will be needed. Ingrid is working on it.

Internet Mundo will install by the end of March

Need Job Description for pluma committee

Eric needs to be added in the committee. Jorge will invite him back in.

Peter Swenson will send his Meeting Minutes to Secretary and President

Sargasso Committee Members: George Pritchard, Nancy Poor

Purpose: Review all ways to eliminate the sargasso from the beach. There are 3 options Barriers, Boats and mechanical removals and Advantages and Disadvantages of these 3 options to be reviewed

The 3 ways:

- Barrier: 84 people out of 250 residents have promise to pledge.
- Small satellite boats used by Mexican Government
- Manual removal.

Manual removal : High impact buildings Meeting with Playa Caribe, Reef, Luna Azul, & La Bahia seeking a unified process. Also looking at other options like chemicals to stop the smell unfortunately the product is low in inventory.

Barrier there should be an approval from Semarnat maybe not till 2023.

Return on investment for proposed barrier is being assessed in La Bahia.

Also questions re impact on Turtles: reports that Barrier installed in Jade Bay authorized by CEA killed 90% of the baby turtles

Boats Mexican Government will place 3 large boats in Mahahual April 09. 2022

1 large boat outside and 9 boats inside (9 kilometers of barrier in the whole state)

Forecast for 2022 is a lighter sargasso season

Some suggested ideas:

Ask for Funding for Sargasso expense, see if this will work for this year to continue for future years. (maybe survey the idea with all members as a Special Project).

Buy a truck to be used in sargasso season collection and use it for other things like trash and recycle.

Maintenance Committee Members: George Pritchard Peter Swenson, Dan Freeman and Jon Wiberg

To review projects contracts, design of repairs

Will do an outline of the most important items needed

Repairs that are done and design and repairs for long term

Contract management

Government Committee

Special Project. Helmie Atarie contacted Ivan Hernandez

Aerial Map is needed and a special drone will allow the consultant to match coordinates. The survey and flying of drones will be done from the street side and would take approximately 2:30 hours and will not need access through properties. Monica Estrada will be available as an escort.

National Guard Committee

Vecinos meet with General (is from Estado Mayor) and Comandante

Vecinos went through Higher level of command

General will send ATV for Akumal. Dan will write a nice letter telling General that now they are more funded he can pay water and electricity. (Board agreed is not a good idea to stop supplied them with water and electricity because Government will not do it).

Other Issues:

Need to publish something to the community like President Briefing on Website and Facebook

Post Annual Meeting and Extraordinary Meeting Minutes

Problem with Sewage Properties

Building across the street from La Joya

Best solution is to turn to the agency CAPA, Semarnat, (please be aware that this is a major problem). Is best to approach the building that are violating and discharging their sewage in the mangrove.

Information update

Vecinos President sent a letter to the US Ambassador to Mexico since he has approached Quintana Roo concerning Security. Tulum was not included in the Security Meeting, explaining about the Experimental National Guard program in Akumal

The Vecinos President will send a Thank you letter to General of National Guard

Vecinos President will approach Gerardo Orozco about 100 acres neighbors and their sewage plan