

GNHA Membership Meeting

May 23, 2026/9:00 am
Clubhouse

BOG PRESENT: Shari Whittaker, John Thompson, Cheryl Kardys, Secretary (non board member), Steve Licitra, Joan Lanzo, Jeremy Rose, Tom Misenti, Browning Garrison, Emilio Pizzoferrato and Dan Anselmo via remote

Shari called the meeting to order at 9:02 am

Minutes:

A motion by Tom Misenti and seconded by John Thompson to accept the August, 2025 minutes. UNANIMOUS

Treasurer:

John Thompson reported the following:

\$39,742.68 Checking
\$45,154.84 Savings
\$ 322.00 Bingo
\$78,000.00 CD (will renew in 2 weeks)

Budget:

Shari Whittaker reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 budget.

Discussion included:

Perry Landscaping - contractual obligations as explained by Shari

Expenditure report (2025-26) availability as explained by Tom

Payroll - increase explained by Tom and Shari

Beach - as explained by Tom to included new lines/buoys and sand barrier fence

Police - as explained by Shari which included the interest in monetarily contributing to the police by Giants Neck Beach Association

Bookkeeping - explained by Shari, John, and Joan which includes the possibility of retaining another firm which has the ability to dedicate more time to GNHA

Jetty - expense will include an inspection as explained by Emilio

AED machines - obtained through a grant as explained by Shari and monies dedicated will remain in the capital fund

External audit - Shari explained that an external audit was not performed and, in place thereof, a policy/procedures audit would be better benefit the association.

Clubhouse - explained by Steve to include kayak rack repair

A motion by Bruce Cohen and seconded by Cheryl Kardys to accept the 2026-2027 budget as presented. UNANIMOUS

Committees:

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By-law - Steve briefly reviewed the changes to the GNHA By-laws as prepared by the committee. Steve further informed the membership the proposed new bylaws were reviewed by the attorney. Shari and Steve asked the membership to review the proposed bylaws and submit any questions/concerns to them within 2 weeks as this will enable them time to forward any information to the attorney.

Ordinance - Terrence informed the membership that the committee is working on the new GNHA ordinances, giving the example of: "No political or solicitation are permitted on any GNHA owned property." He further stated the proposed ordinances and enforcement will be presented to the BOG.

Public comment: Bruce Cohen asked whether there was an ordinance to the number of cars parked on a property. Susan Wilkos asked if something could be done regarding trash cans left out after trash pickup. David Sinsicallo questioned if there's an ordinance regarding no smoking on the beach. Shari explained there is currently no ordinance in place and that could be addressed in the ordinance committee. A question arose regarding liability insurance for the BOG members. John informed the membership there is an insurance policy in place. Tom Misenti informed the membership that the lines are in the same place at the beach. Tom further informed the members that Giants Neck Association retains ownership of a small part of the beach, therefore, they are able to drop off by the chain area. GNHA will continue to enforce the rules of no parking or dropping off at the wall or entering the turnaround without a pass/or sticker. Shari further informed the members that GNHA and GNH have a good working relationship. Gina Anselmo inquired if GNA was going to allow golf carts. At this time, no golf carts are allowed in GNA.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55am.

Cheryl L. Kardys
Secretary