

Minutes of UCCA General meeting January 27, 2008, 11:00am at Fire House

President Fran Deture called the meeting to order and welcomed newest Board member, Gary Fisher. A sign-up sheet was passed around and 36 people signed as attendees of the meeting: Karen Wildeman, Rosie & Rick Johnson, Bob Cousar, Jake & Kay Steeger, Maxine Otis, Marcia Andrews, Linda Deture, Ron Simmons, Louis Silverstein, John Fuller, Arthur Mason, Lawrence Diorio, Red & Kristie Anders, Bill & Jackie Byrnes, Darryl & Joanne Damico, Peter Aldrian, Beverly Horsley, Barbara Miklavcic, Jo Ann Beiermeister, Mark Muller, Rusty & Marcia Reed, Kate Demarco, and Board members Fran Deture, Sam Horsley, Dave Tompkins, Sue Ann Cousar, Ann Murphy, Gary Fisher, Marian Fuller, Carolyn Creagh.

It was moved and seconded to approve minutes of the last UCCA general meeting held on Dec. 16, 2007. Fran introduced the new officers: Fran Deture, president; Sam Horsley, vice-president; Sue Ann Cousar, secretary; David Tompkins, treasurer (assisted by Fran Deture); Sam Horsley, head of nominating committee, assisted by Carolyn Creagh and Marian Fuller. Fran presented a financial summary: \$3,409 in checking account and \$63,462 in money market account. Service awards were presented to Barbara Miklavcic and Maxine Otis for their years of service on the Board.

Dave Tompkins reported no changes, no news on the Community Plan. Fran reported that the BMI barge is still in Safety Harbor; liaison for the Sheriff's department has ticketed the barge and called and informed them. Canoe Launch: Plans were mailed to Fran on Jan. 25, by Stemick. Fuzzy Jeffers has agreed to build dock if no one else does.

Projects for 2008: Membership drive will begin with Newsletter in late Feb. Form to be filled out will be basis of '08 Phone Directory. April will be cut-off date for info.

Island Clean-up will be Feb. 16 at 10:00am at the Fire House. Receive and fill a garbage bag and receive a UCCA tee-shirt. Fuzzy will provide a dumpster. Beans and rice provided to volunteers compliments of Barnacle Phil's Restaurant.

A discussion ensued on the future plans for Barnacle Phil's: rationale for a Barnacle Bay Club is to host guests who arrive by boat. An "enhanced restaurant" - many boat slips could allow many visitors to the island. The Bait Shop already is renting out golf carts to boaters, with plans to purchase more. General feeling against "day trippers" expressed, and the subject was already dealt with and disposed of 8 years ago. A committee of two, Fran Deture and JoAnn Beiermeister, will talk to Burt Trapanese and Dan Gorton, prospective/acting owners of Barnacle's. If zoning of property is a question, Mark Muller, Ann Murphy, and Arthur Mason will assist.

Phone Directory: Advertising in phone book needs to be in by April.

St. Patrick's Day fund raiser: There is a conflict for Sat., March 15 at Barnacle's - a wedding. We could move the date to Friday, March 14, but need to confirm that the band, Brother Love, is available on 14th. Menu: corned beef and cabbage or barbeque; child's tickets will be available too. Beer offered for \$3, wine \$5. Tickets \$25 will include gratuity and tea. Dave Tompkins and Ann Murphy will contact artists. Mark Brillhart is re-building a golf cart for \$3,000 and raffle tickets will be sold for \$20 each [350 tickets] at various locations around the island.

Recipe book: Ron Simmons submitting a painting for the cover, already collected 100 recipes, will sell for \$20 at St. Pat's fund raiser. Taking advance orders could help determine number of books to print. A sheet was passed around for people to indicate how many cook books they wished to buy.

Future project: Dave talked about possibility of making a DVD of old pictures of island and islanders from the 70's. There was much input of ideas and suggestions, much enthusiasm for the project.

State beach access was not discussed although it had been originally on the agenda.

The Community Plan website is going to expire; should we continue the website? Discussed, moved and seconded to continue funding and Peter Aldrian agreed to oversee it.

Road Commission: Peter Aldrian asked that property owners keep their vegetation cut back at the road to facilitate passage of our new, longer fire truck. Fire Chief Richard Pepper is working on getting a burn permit for a couple of burn days to burn yard trimmings. He is sending out letter to all property owners about safety issues. Roads kept clear are like a fire break. There were several comments about big pieces of trash included in "shreddings". Golf carts are no longer getting stuck in sugar sand; no recent golf cart fires. Much discussion about shredding and disposal of yard prunings. With a burn permit we will have another option. Every house should have their house number/address posted (county ordinance) for emergency purposes. NCIC gives renters only an Island Club number; however Fire Department receives a list from them every year to identify houses.

A petition was passed around to request voting precinct change from Captiva to Pine Island to facilitate voting for island residents.

Trash on road: Bill Byrnes said majority of trash dropped by workers and visitors. His idea: have rental agencies, contractors assign someone to pick up trash on a regular basis. Mark Muller suggested and is willing to head some other trash pick-up days. Mark and Bill will co-ordinate.

Kristie Anders reported there is a flamingo in Pine Island Sound. Also that Col. Grosskruger of Army Corps of engineers is in charge of water release from Okeechobee and has been laying ground work for projects that will improve our estuary conditions under the WRDA bill. It was suggested to write our congressmen to ask that Col. Grosskruger's tour of duty be extended another year for him to see his projects started. New command assignments made in the next six weeks.

Fran pointed out new snook regulations: 28" minimum to 33" maximum length, season is March and April, September through November, closed other months. There are more patrols on duty and penalties are severe. We should encourage adherence to regulations.

Russ Matson is starting a new water taxi service out of Four Winds Marina called Captiva Charters; 3 boats a day.

Over the Waterfront Restaurant will be opening with D memberships available for dining privileges for \$100. Gary Ianelli is overseeing operations with Dave cooking. Reservations necessary.

Announced that Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7:15am on March 23 at the east end of the airstrip.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Sue Ann Cousar, secretary