

Minutes of UCCA General Membership Meeting Jan. 21, 2018  
Safety Harbor Clubhouse

Meeting called to order by President JoAnn Beiermeister

The candidates for Board positions ran unopposed, so no online election was necessary. The Board extends its thanks to all the candidates for their commitment and willingness to serve this community.

Board members present: Pres. JoAnn Beiermeister, V.Pres. Jackie Byrnes, Treas. Fran DeTure, Communications Sec. Sue Ann Cousar, Bryan Brillhart, Patricia Hoffman, Helen Justice. Absent Alice Hoffman. Over 35 in attendance.

Sue Ann read Oct. 2017 Minutes, Deb moved to approve, JoAnn seconded, all voted to approve with corrections.

Treas.Report – Fran DeTure: Checking Bank balance is \$4,774.71, with an additional \$99,778.99 in the Island Access Fund and \$366.60 in PayPal account. These balances include the contribution to the Island Access Fund. The Island Access Fund obligation ended in 2017 (per membership vote taken in 2013). There is no set time limit for when Island Access Funds must be spent. Access Fund established to be prepared to purchase property to be a community landing site for all Island property owners, regardless of club membership. Jackie moved to approve Treasurer report, Deb seconded, all in favor.

UCCA Officers elected: JoAnn Beiermeister, pres., Jackie Byrnes, vice pres. Sue Ann Cousar, Comm. secretary, Fran DeTure, treasurer, Deb Skinner, recording secretary.

Ella Jeffries is in KY with breast cancer and has GoFundMe account if anyone would like to help.

A big thank you to Karen Sirabian and all those who were involved in the UCCA Phone Directory project, particularly Marion Hall (for her lovely cover design) and Jan Neal, from Safety Harbor Club. If you are a UCCA member and have not received your copy of the new directory, please contact Sue Ann Cousar. All members receive one copy of the directory; additional copies are available for \$5 each.

UCFRD - A.J. LaVallie: a Road Maintenance Committee was proposed at Jan. 19th Fire Board meeting to maintain roads. The RMC, which must be approved at the Fire Board's Feb. 16th meeting, will provide feedback to the UCFRD regarding the safe passage of vehicles throughout the island, taking into account any impediments or easement issues. The RMC will operate under Sunshine rules and will send a regular representative to the UCCA meetings.

A seagrape had been blown down by hurricane Irma in the fire break. It was dragged up and down the fire break to clear it. It is actually responsibility of FL Parks to clear.

A new used truck is being offered to our FD from Pine Island FD. An advantage is it has clam shell top to protect equipment on top of truck. The 1995 vehicle will replace the current 1989 engine, fits in the engine bay, and is a better design for use on the island.

UCFRD has put in request for a 5-ton truck that holds 1500 gals. Since it is also a forestry vehicle, grant application will be made for a 50% share of modification expenses.

Bill Byrnes - new Chairman of Fire Commissioners: trying to invigorate volunteer staff. Next meeting is Feb. 15 (third Thursday of month) at 11am. FD needs every volunteer's cell phone number and provider so an alert will be sent to cell when volunteers are needed. Bill Byrnes replaces Zeke McDonald on the Fire Board. Bill thanked Zeke for his 15 years of service as a Fire Commissioner and for his guidance as Chairman.

Irma Debris and Road Trimming are being done concurrently, thanks to much behind the scenes negotiation. Clean Cut (tree/chipping) has completed the South end and is working on the North end. Upon completion, FEMA will inspect the island to make sure all marked debris piles are gone. Let Bill know if you don't want Clean Cut to do your property. JoAnn commented that UCCA donated some money, as well as FD, to trim back vegetation. A 15' window (height, width) is being cleared. Thanks to Bryan Brillhart of NCIC for transporting the workers back and forth every day at no cost, and to Dan Davenport who transported their equipment on his barge at no charge. Let's keep the roads clear! Garlon for newly cut Brazilian pepper is available at the fire station.

Karen Sirabian reported that Lee County is studying ALL Community Plans with an eye to abolishing all Community Plans.

Children driving golf carts – Patricia Hoffman: Even licensed drivers are overloading carts. Homeowner needs to have a separate insurance policy on golf cart of your rental home. Travis: Property managers have organized into North Captiva Property Management Association and are going to mark all their rental carts so violations can be reported. If you see a child driving, take a picture and report it to property manager (carts will be marked).

Island Cleanup will be Saturday, Feb. 17 beginning from fire station at 9am. Bill Byrnes and Brian Brillhart will co-chair, along with Dan Hrycyk. Barnacles will offer ticket to participants for rice and beans.

Island Fest will be last week of March or first week of April at NCIC.

Next UCCA General meeting will be April 22, 2018, 11:30am at Safety Harbor Clubhouse.

Minutes submitted by

Sue Ann Cousar, communications secretary