

Minutes of UCCA meeting Oct. 25, 2015

Safety Harbor Clubhouse

By Bill Fry

Convened 11:20

Minutes: seven Directors present - Bill Fry dialed in by phone, Sue Ann Cousar absent (at hospital with husband Bob), 20+ Islanders present.

Fran reported that \$800 St. Pat's profits went to ALS; \$830 was 50/50 profit, \$10K in January, and \$6752 from remaining half of St. Pat's profits or \$17,580 total. Jackie stated we would defer approval.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account has \$12,889.90 and Island Access account has \$73,196.82

Elections: Helen Justice stated that she and John Mejia are the nominating committee this year. Three seats up for election (Sue Ann not running, Bill Fry undecided, and Ann Murphy uncertain).

Nominations due to Helen or John by end of November for Election Buddy process in December, if necessary. Winners announced at the next January meeting on 17 January 2016.

Newsletter: Karen Sirabian stated that islander contributions are gladly accepted for UCCA Newsletter, asked for submissions to be 300 words or less.

UCFRD: Bob Kinniry, Acting Chief, provided update; Chief Pepper's recovery from knee surgery was progressing well and he appreciated their thoughts and prayers. Increased firefighter/paramedic staffing has been in place for 12 months now and working well. His last newsletter input was about kayak safety. Discussed key lockboxes (\$255 each although quantity discounts were likely) for homes to preclude firefighters axing doors when responding on a call and the owner isn't available. Jo Ann asked about lockbox safety (who would have the key? Bob: the senior Paramedic, who will also have the keyring for the narcotics drawer; are they secure and visible from the road? Bob: the lockbox would be visible for the firefighter as they approach the house. Bill Byrnes updated everyone on the new lists of Club #, Address, and House Name for NCIC, SHC, and working on Barnacles, as a cross-reference list when the Station receives a 911 call that provides Club # or House Name (without address). Bill also plans a last ride-around to check houses for street address numbers on houses around the island in the next few weeks, provide that list to the UCFRD, and UCFRD will send to Code Enforcement requesting assistance. Jo Ann asked how many calls year-to-date? Bob said about 130, almost all medical calls, with a Contender evacuation boat dispatched for a water rescue (sailboat owner hit on the head with boom) and a Contender patient evacuation. Jo Ann asked Bob to remind firefighters about excessive speed in utility vehicles (both on straight aways and cornering) and asked why they don't use golf carts for routine rounds? Bob stated that firefighters have all of their equipment on their responding vehicle, ready to respond directly to a call (rather than returning to the Station and changing vehicles).

Roads: Bob Kinniry, changing hats (physically to Friend of the UCFRD cap) and read his letter to the Board (forwarded Thursday night). Gave background from the early 90's as a founding Board member on the UCCA when he led the efforts to clean up multiple illegal dump sites on UC. Bob said that owners should be reminded that they are responsible for maintaining road easements (either physically or

financially). Letter included links to Lee County Code (Brazilian Pepper eradication) and UF Extension Service (methods to eradicate).

Brazilian Pepper Eradication: AJ LaValle began presentation about chemical eradication methods and answered multiple questions about methods. Suggested that there needs to be a partnership on the island (owners, volunteers, Road Company, etc.) to focus on permanently solving the problem, rather than trimming every 2 years (and paying for that temporary solution over and over).

Island Girl Landing: Fran updated everyone about his discussion with Charlie Skinner (said that IG would stop landing at Barnacles in 2 weeks) and Pineland Marina/Island Girl principal ?? O'Connor (said that it would be end of December before IG would move landing). O'Connor stated that the old Biggar property between Point House Trail and Seair (Ancient Beach) had an existing deep channel, narrow (4') dock that they would begin using. Pineland Marina will begin clearing road and parking area in the next few weeks and further details from Island Girl will be forthcoming (date landing shifts from Barnacles to Seair, impacts on loading passengers/cargo & parking, and likely changes to boats/schedules).

Pine Island Plan: Fran provided an update and a 2-page hand-out to the Board, and Karen Sirabian (for website posting and a newsletter article).

St. Pat's Fund Raiser: Jackie provided short update on intent to change format (more appetizer/drink than meals), location (not Barnacles), and called for volunteers to work various committees (to be determined between now and January UCCA meeting).

Public Comment: Karen Sirabian pointed people to her newsletter article on LCEC/Cape Coral disagreement about permits for Pine Island/Barrier Island underwater electric cable modernization and Cape Coral study to pull-out of LCEC and provide electric services to Cape Coral residents directly (disagreements still on-going after latest meeting 23 October).

Next meeting at 11:15am on 17 January 2016 at Safety Harbor Clubhouse.

Adjourned at 12:35pm

Bill Fry