

**Minutes of UCCA General Membership Meeting  
Fire Station, July 10, 2021, 10:00am**

Directors present: Pres. Jackie Byrnes, Vice President Richard Gross, Communications Secretary David Bolme, Treasurer Helen Justice, Swin Swinford, JoAnn Beiermeister, Sue Ann Cousar; Bill Fry (Zoom), and Erin LaVallie.(not present). Various UCCA members attended in person and via Zoom but names were not captured by the acting Communications Secretary, Sue Ann Cousar.

Posterity video of the meeting is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRjuBk4A0MQ&t=2298s>.

**Recording Secretary:** Jackie Byrnes announced that JoAnn Beiermeister was no longer interested in being the Recording Secretary; nobody on the board volunteered to replace her in an official capacity but Sue Ann Cousar said she would take minutes today.

**Review of Minutes:** Deferred since there was some contention about the drafts.

**Financial Report** by Treasurer Helen Justice:

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| - Beginning Balance General Fund  | \$ 29,971.32   |
| - Plus 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Membership Dues  | \$ 481.05      |
| - Plus Sale of 2 Donated Bikes  | \$ 500.00      |
| - Plus Memorial Donation  | \$ 50.00       |
| - Plus Phone Book Sales   | \$ 10.00       |
| - Minus Insurance   | \$ 1,222.00    |
| - Minus Printing of Newsletter  | \$ 334.67      |
| - Minus UCFRD Road Donation   | \$ 15,000.00   |
| - Ending Balance General Fund   | \$ 14,455.70   |
| - Net Loss  | (\$ 15,515.62) |
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| - Beginning Balance Island Access   | \$101,313.12   |
| - Plus Interest Earned  | \$ 2.52        |
| - Ending Balance Island Access  | \$101,315.64   |
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| - Beginning Balance Community Fund  | \$ 5,404.54    |
| - Plus Interest Earned  | \$ .14         |
| - Ending Balance Community Fund   | \$ 5,404.82    |
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| - Total Bank Accounts/Assets  | \$120,826.02   |
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| - Helen Justice explained process for her, Jackie Byrnes & Rich Gross to be added as signatories to the UCCCF checking account, with a document on UCCA Letterhead, signed by Jackie Byrnes and Rich Gross. |                |
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| - David Bolme moved to approve, second by Swin Swinford. Vote was 7 to approve, Bill Fry voted Present, Erin LaVallie was absent.   |                |

**UCFRD Update:** Chief Denison updated the community on service calls to date by the fire department. Bill Byrnes thanked Swin Swinford and David Bolme for spearheading the online donations from the community for the new tractor and accessories. Bill Byrnes spoke about Seair Lane road curb project and how it has held up well. Working with FGCU on study of our roads. Asks community to send any pictures of post hurricane flooding to the fire district so the pictures can be sent in for the study.

## BOARD INITIATIVE UPDATES

**Island Fest:** JoAnn Beiermeister working with Erin LaVallie but probably won't be having an Island Fest in 2021 at all, due to COVID. Will target March 2022.

**Website Update and Communications:** David Bolme updated UCCA logo on the website and email/letterhead templates. Weather forecast and radar widget added to website, a Town Hall meeting banner link to the Town Hall page (first one was with Lee County Sheriff's Office for 2 hours with hot button issues on what they can and can't do, with a detailed topic index without having to listen or search through the 2 hour video for topics of index ... 21 views for over 3 hours of viewing time), corrected a bug impacting new email subscribers being added, a new YouTube video channel for UCCA, 146 member households (64 subscribed to electronic newsletter rather than by mail), 24 have updated their "house name" in their membership profile, 21 first time members in 2021, 92 member households have accessed member-only online content, club memberships (24 not associated with any club, 49 NCIC, and 30 in SHC), and 525 email accounts subscribed to the website email blog.

**Road Signs:** Jackie Byrnes has gone around the island to make a list of where road signs need to be replaced, added, and refurbished. Will add signs at the gulf-end within Jose's Hideaway.

**Bylaws Changes:** Bill Fry stated that three Special BoD meetings for the Board have been scheduled to begin discussing possible changes to the bylaws that haven't been updated in nearly 10 years. The three dates are 31 July, 21 August, and 25 September; all from 12PM-3PM. As a reminder, if the board agrees to propose agreed to changes to the members for vote, it takes a 2/3s vote of the voting membership to approve any changes. All three meetings are open to members and anyone that has comments can send them to any director but Helen Justice reminded the members that they are not allowed to make any comment during the meeting.

**Accessway Update:** Rich Gross is proposing a chemical (a food additive that isn't toxic) to reduce airborne dust on our roads, pulling moisture out of the air. By the time the product arrived on-island in mid-May, just before the rainy season started. AJ LaVallie said water would need to be sprinkled on the roads and a water trailer has been modified to do that. Swin Swinford asked Rich Gross to work with David Bolme to add an update page to the website about the product, where it is being testing, etc.

**Conservation Efforts:** Swin Swinford discussing with Sanibel/Captiva Conservation Fund about their potential support of conservation efforts on North Captiva. We need to show some fund raising and desired projects on North Captiva to keep SCCF interested in providing more support to our Island. Land Conservation is a tough time with all of the prices that are continuing to rise to 10 year highs but SCCF does have a land conservation fund, if we can make a good case with them for their support. We as a community need to start identifying parcels to take off the market sooner rather than later. Ann Caroline Brown Taylor asked if SCCF would be interested in doing an Island presentation about conservation easements and the tax benefits to private owners. Swin Swinford has also spoken with Rick Fox at SHC about eradication of iguanas, both in SHC and around the island.

**Safe Harbor Update:** Swin Swinford will have the first Town Hall meeting via Zoom on 21 July; UCCA email subscriber communication going out shortly. Goal is to educate the community on the process for the proposed zoning variance or changes for 10 bungalow/tree-house structures between Ancient Beach and the Airstrip. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, County gave Safe Harbor Marinas (SHM) a 2<sup>nd</sup> Insufficiency Letter and SHM hasn't responded yet. Once SHM does respond, the County has 30 days to complete their review and Swin Swinford checks the County portal every few days to keep track of current status, as well as planning a 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Hall meeting to get more community members informed that hadn't connected during the last two meetings. Planning to follow up with an Islander survey to determine what the consensus views of Islanders are. Then goal is to have a 4<sup>th</sup> Town Hall with SHM running the meeting for them to respond directly to Islanders.

**LCEC Grid Modernization:** Swin Swinford has had discussions with Tricia Dorn to replace all of the underground lines and boxes around the island. Tricia Dorn has committed to participating in a future Zoom Town Hall with the UCCA and Islanders.

**Island Waste Management:** Swin Swinford discussed the waste issues on the island from horticulture waste and “junk” dumped on vacant lots that will likely only be solved with more security cameras on the island. As an island, we need to start thinking about how to improve our island, especially before 100s of new homes could be built on the island. Rich Gross suggested creating a whole-island HOA to become our governing body to work all of these issues and many others.

**Palm Tree Removal at Kayak Launch Site:** Jackie Byrnes will have Rick Fox at SHC take care of the removal.

**Dark Skies:** Melissa Heberle presented about Lee County Development Code ordinance that requires “dark sky” compliant exterior lighting on the island. Working on an educational flyer and planning home visits with suggestions on improvements to comply with the ordinance. Focus on future education, both to owners and renters. Swin Swinford recommended that owners and property managers consider installing timers on exterior lights that renters may turn them on and just forget to turn them off.

**Other Business:**

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Swin Swinford