

# MICA General Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2011

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The meeting was opened with a general welcome from President, Martin Ivers.

Vince Zodiaco was asked to lead us in the salute to the flag.

Visitors and new members to the meeting were asked to stand and introduce themselves; Jonathan Ivers was visiting from California, Michael Hunt of Kala Point, the late Alma Taylor's great-grandson, Andrew Lantz, and new residents Tim and Alice Tibbles.

MICA Secretary, Kris Burns, was asked to present the September meeting minutes. The minutes were read and approved.

MICA Treasurer, Owen Mulkey shared his most current treasury reports, the MICA General Account balance having \$1,409.08. Recent expenditures made include the annual \$56 post office box fee, and a \$250 donation to the Nordland Garden Club. The Cemetery Account stands at \$1,580.75 with accounting entries for two grass mowings, and barkdust for Billie Fitch. The CD value is \$35,000 with a due date of November 17, 2012. A MICA member made an inquiry regarding the cost of a cemetery plot. "It is \$400 - to be buried in a box, or two in a can", Owen said.

The MICA membership has 174 members listed, with 66 current in their dues.

Martin proceeded with the general meeting asking for the following reports and receiving these responses:

OLD BUSINESS        None

NEW BUSINESS       None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Saltwater Report:**        No report

**Mystery Bay Moorage:** Hank Hazen asked, as a member of this committee of two, along with Rick Kirkwood, that we sunset the committee, because the plan is complete. A motion was made to do so, seconded, voted on, and passed. The Moorage Committee is closed.

**Friends of Fort Flagler:** New board members were noted. Patti Ivers spoke to issues concerning the park. She and Karen Russell are handling membership, making a reference to 80 members last year and only 20 currently paid up for this year. This beautiful hike and bike state park needs local support – 99% of the work is done by volunteers to maintain the park and do remodeling and improvements. Summer concerts are each supported by \$5 donations at the door. There will be a George Yount family dance in February for a nominal fee, featuring music by The Grangers. And, the Halloween Party at the park was wonderful!

Mention was made of the Discovery Pass being a necessity, even for local residents, with a change coming to allow one pass to work interchangeably between all your vehicles.

And the last associated item, Ranger Mike Zimmerman will be writing a community letter for community signature, addressing our current concern for the outlined state park cutbacks and constraints.

**MIF:** Bob Barrett reported MIF is suffering from a lack of financial income. Their CD's were rolled into a lower fee account, as the CD's principle wasn't funding the bills. "We need a yard sale for scholarship funding."

The next date for the CPR class has not been finalized – possibly will schedule for January or February.

**Nordland Garden Club:** The Garden Club is gearing up for their December 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party and potluck dinner. Bring a wrapped gift marked for a man or a woman for the gift exchange.

**UGN:** There were no general announcements, as Paul Heinziger is no longer living here.

**E Board:** Pete Hubbard said there are new links coming for Emergency Preparedness information etc. on The Island-Net. "Encourage your neighbors to join the net. It is a good free tool."

He also made mention of the island traffic triangle sign board, using an assortment of slide in "slash boards" at the end of the Marrowstone Island internet address, to take you to various links like MICA Game Night, Community Events etc.

**Nominating Committee:** (Not mentioned)

**Other Announcements:** Another bid was made for volunteers to tutor area 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with deficient math scores. The AAUW's pilot project was very successful last year.

The general business meeting was closed and we moved on to our speaker for the evening, Jeff Randall, of Power Trip Energy Corp.

#### SPEAKER

In brief, he outlined his background and training, his number of local completed projects and panel installations. Using a computer PowerPoint presentation to talk about residential solar installations and photovoltaics, he schooled us with the basics; explaining watts, kilowatts, sun orientation to the sight, shading, roof pitch and materials. He outlined creative applications to optimize energy – multiple roofs, roof racks, micro inverters. Of course, the panel size dictates the energy production.

Basic Points he covered:

- Price - Financial investment versus financial return – stating unsecured fixed rate bank financing is available.
- Incentives – Electric grid-tied PV systems can sell power back to the grid, there is a 30% federal tax credit for 2 kw or larger, no sales tax until 2013 for new projects under 10 kw.
- Advantages - You are less affected by utility rate increases, reliable panels are manufactured locally, and these systems have no moving parts. If you drive an electric car you should have a residential solar system, because charging your car batteries uses power you could be producing. PSE gets 55% of its power from coal & natural gas, 40% from hydro. We are 1–1 ½ years away from the PUD switchover.
- Equipment – Using the best available.
- Warranty - 20-30 year warranty on the modules, 10 year warranty on the inverter.
- Credentials and References - How to choose a reputable GC or electrical contractor.

In paraphrasing his conclusion, he said, “no one is negated by using solar power, no salmon die, there are no “greenhouse gases” produced, and your energy dollars stay local and in state.

Mr. Randall said, “Goldman Sachs cannot steal the sun.”

His information and the PowerPoint highlights are available on the Power Trip Energy website at [www.powertripenergy.com](http://www.powertripenergy.com).

## CONCLUSION

With thanks to our speaker, the meeting was adjourned.

Kris Burns,  
MICA Secretary