

MICA General Meeting Minutes September 17, 2012

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order by MICA President Barry Lerich. Mike Zimmerman led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Past MICA Secretary Kris Burns read the minutes of the March 12 meeting and these were approved as stands. Current MICA Secretary Debbie Williams read the minutes of the May 21 meeting and these were also approved as stands.

TREASURER REPORT:

MICA Treasurer Owen Mulkey shared his most recent treasury report. The MICA general account balance is \$2,499.88, reflecting \$764.26 in the MIEP fund, and the cemetery account showing a balance is \$212.32. However, the cemetery account is actually approximately \$180 in the whole because of \$420 mowing fees, and with approximately another \$420 needed for more mowing this season.

Bill Anliker paid for the mowing and will be reimbursed with part of the monies from the \$35K CD due in November. Owen reminded us to pay our dues for MICA. The dues are \$15/family or \$10/individually.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Ranger Mike Zimmerman reported that Friends of Fort Flagler (FOFF) will again be sponsoring the annual Halloween Extravaganza and Carnival, to be held October 26 and 27, 2012. The two-night event, promises to be as big and popular as last year with a spooky haunted house, a trick-or-treat street, the theater carnival and a welcome center with food and warm drinks. Mike needs volunteers for the setup, decorating, event operations, and take down. He reminds us that no experience is necessary. Handouts were available for volunteer information and contact numbers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee: Barry Lerich informed us that a third member needs to be on the Nominating Committee with Ken Collins and Pete Hubbard. Martin Ivers volunteered for this position.

Salt Water Committee: no report

Friends of Fort Flagler (FOFF) Committee: Chris Prescott spoke about the success of the series of six fabulous concerts held at Fort Flagler Battery Bankhead this summer. It began with the Julie Duke Band in June, the Eric Miller Band and the Blackberry Bushes in July, and Shady Grove and Chantilly Lace both in August. The series culminated with The Winterlings in September, held at the newly restored hospital building, complete with the 1942 WWII-era searchlight used to spot enemy airplanes, which put a definite shine on the event. Chris reported a net profit of \$1,400 from the concerts.

Chris Prescott also commented on the restoration of the hospital building at Fort Flagler. He reports that they are still working on the kitchen and that all-in-all John Maki, who has led the hospital in its renovation effort, and his crew, have invested over 4,000 man hours in the restoration. In June of this year, the Jefferson County Historical Society presented the Mary P. Johnson award to Friends of Fort Flagler for Historic Structure Restoration of the 1905 Hospital.

Marrowstone Island Foundation (MIF) Committee: Owen Mulkey reported that two scholarships of \$700 each have been awarded, with one more scholarship to go.

Nordland Garden Club Committee: Ellen Lerich commented on all the sprucing up of the grounds of the Garden Club and that the kitchen work has been completed, the faucet fixed, and new paint applied.

Marrowstone Island Food Growers Committee (MIFG): Rita Kepner announced that the Food Growers committee meets the second Monday of every month, usually at Marrowstone Vineyards. Last month's topic was bee pollination and the importance it has to the island. Lisa Painter enthusiastically welcomed new members to join and to sign up to be on the mailing list.

Marrowstone Island Emergency Preparedness (MIEP): no report in Pete Hubbard's absence. Owen Mulkey said the next meeting would be Thursday at 10:00 at his home.

Cemetary Report: none

The general meeting was adjourned.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chris Prescott introduced guest speaker, Brady Scott, Aquatic District Manager of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Scott was joined by others on the Mystery Bay Management Planning Team with the purpose of presenting the NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) Waterways Management Award and to share a summary and status update of the Mystery Bay management plan to members of MICA.

Mr. Scott began by explaining how Mystery Bay is a prolific shellfish area, the site of tribal shellfish beds and commercial shellfish operations, and is also a popular harbor for boats owned by local residents and also transient boats that come into the area. The number of boats in Mystery Bay have increased over the years, creating an impact to the health of shellfish operations. In 2009, the Department of Health had to close a majority of Mystery Bay until a solution and balance between boating and shellfish could be found.

The Mystery Bay Management Planning Team was formed including local, state and federal agencies, four treaty tribes, commercial shellfish interests, and a local community organization to develop a plan to address this concern, the goal being to manage boater usage in a manner that ensures year-round harvest of shellfish and balancing the public recreation. This group worked together diligently and in 2010 presented a draft of a management plan to the community and stakeholders. At this point, numerous unauthorized buoys were removed and notification was made to inform transient boaters of the importance of docking or mooring within the State Park. The Department of Health developed a strategy for exempting shoreline residents' boats from the marina threshold counts, Jefferson County and the Department of Natural Resources developed plans to ensure future mooring buoys are properly permitted, and the Jefferson County Marine Resource Committee and the stakeholder group began to develop a monitoring plan.

In the spring of 2010, shellfish harvesting was reopened. To date, this plan has been regarded as a complete success. Mr. Scott recognized team members and many of those team members commented on how the group came together and worked together to make this a success. The NASBLA Waterways Management Award is a national award and reflects well on Marrowstone Island and all the stakeholders. The Mystery Bay Management Plan will serve as guidelines for other area concerns similar in nature.

MICA Member Bob VanEtten, and long time member of the Salt Water Committee, commended the group on their success. Ranger Mike Zimmerman also commented on a voluntary no-anchor zone and a plan to encourage boaters to dock or moor at Mystery Bay

State Park which has a pump-out station and an additional station coming this spring, with the Department of Health funding the new float. He also reported that Mystery Bay will have new toilet facilities in the spring.

MICA President Barry Lerich thanked Brady Scott and his team for presenting the purpose and summary of the Mystery Bay Management Plan to the MICA group this evening.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Williams, MICA Secretary