

Marrowstone Island Community Association (MICA)

Minutes of Meeting

March 18, 2019

Board Members Present: Carol Gonnella, Bud Ayers, Susan Petek, Patti Ivers, Ward Mefford, Sandy Barrett

Call to order: 7 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Barrett

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Treasurer's Report: Susan reported MICA Checking: \$1944.; Cemetery \$20,288.; Cemetery CD \$12,248

There are 98 paid members. You can renew or sign up at the Strawberry Festival in June.

Cemetery Report: Bruce Carlson reported that spring clean-up will be starting soon. He felt that we should purchase liability insurance and will check what other cemeteries carry.

Presentations:

Jefferson Land Trust: Richard Tucker, Executive Director and Carrie Clendaniel, Preserve Manager, gave a brief background on purchasing the Fife Property. They were appreciative of the Marrowstone Community for closing the gap providing the funding to purchase this property. They had 170 responses to their survey focusing on ecological value/social/ reducing trails/low impact to environment/ protecting wildlife and plant life. The preserve was given a new name Cayeqw. Phase 1 trail will begin at Flagler Road and precede along Vista Ranch – only pedestrian trail and dogs on leash. The parking area located off Flagler Road will begin in April and late June will be celebration of trail opening. There will be a trail in memory of Greg Lalish. Sign-up for stewardship can be done on-line at www.saveland.org You can also see updates on JLT's website.

Broadband Internet Service: Doug Sheffield introduced committee members that have been working on getting better internet service to the island. Committee members are Bud Ayers, Ken Collins, Gary Rowe, Len Marmod. They have gathered information from Marrowstone Island Wireless, David Brader, PUD, Century Link, and found out that there is funding for internet for rural areas through State and Federal grants. They also reported results of survey that was taken over many months. There were 300 respondents. Ken Collins reported that PUD would be putting in a switch at mid island north of Nordland Store. The project is on the books for Marrowstone Island soon.

Fort Flagler Update: Vigo thanked everyone for coming to the fundraiser featuring Celtic and Cajun Music and food. They did not expect the big crowd and did run out of food but next year they will plan for more. He asked for volunteers for an upper campground clean up on April 6. There will be a membership drive. Membership is \$15. He announced that new bridges were built for Caldwell trail. He also informed people that the Fort received some funding to restore the buildings and foundations are being done on several houses.

Indian Island Magazine – Rocky Pulley, Commander, will be leaving in June. His replacement is Don Emerson. He reported that Bldg 69 will now be a Conference Center and Training Area,

5 new missile magazines, and proud to announce that they won a safety award last year and in line for this year. He also reported on the economic impact statement for Jefferson County. There will be a Job Fair for civilian jobs that they would like to keep in Jefferson County. Fair will be on March 29, 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Bring your resume because some jobs will be offered on the spot. The Deer Run will be on July 27. Owen Mulkey thanked Rocky for their ambulance support. He also explained Giant Voice which was upgraded and islanders will be hearing morning Reveille and Taps at night. He will be at our May meeting to introduce the new commander.

Marrowstone Island Foundation (MIF) – Volunteers needed to run for the MIF Board. The Board consists of 9 members. The continuing board members are: Bud Ayers, John Gonnella, and Janet Welch. Mike Zimmerman and Stan Drake are up for re-election. Bruce Carlson and Martin Ivers are appointee candidates and will run for election along with Paula Anderson, Bob Barrett, Nicole Blasucci, Laura Luttrell. Ron Rempel and Steve Burns also threw their hats into the ring. Janet Welsh asked that all candidates submit a 50 – 75 word Bio for Islanders to read. Voting will take place at the Nordland Store on Monday, March 25. Bud announced that John Gonnella will conduct another CPR training class April 2 and 4. More will be announced on Nextdoor and Island Net.

In Our Midst: Casey McNerthney presented a slide show of his father and mother, Pat and Wendy McNerthney.

Citizen of the Year: Mike Zimmerman introduced Vigo Anderson as 2018 Citizen of the Year for Marrowstone Island. There will be a May 11 dinner for Vigo and the COY will ride in the Rhody Parade. Vigo accepted the honor and thanked everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Patti Ivers, Secretary