

**Marrowstone Island Community Association  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date:** August 25, 2024

**Present:** Jessica Lowe, President

Radha Newsom, Vice President

Bob Jaffe, Secretary

Colleen Ebken, Member-at-Large

Jackie Canterbury, Member-at- Large

Gary Rowe, Past President

Absent: Nancy Nuereberg, Treasurer

**Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM**

1. Topics: Candidates Community Meeting September 17 – Radha
  - A. Potluck- starts at 6:00 PM. Set food up indoors and eat outdoors. MICA has plates and utensils.
  - B. Board members arrive at 5:30 PM to help set up.
  - C. Candidates will include
    - Adam Birnbaum and Matthew Roberson (House District 24, Position 1)
    - Steve Tharinger and Terry Roberts (House District 24, Position 2)
    - Mike Chapman and Marcia Kelbon (State District 24)
  - D. Candidates will speak from 7-8. Each candidate will present and then have time for a rebuttal. Questions to be held until the end.
  - E. Jessica will ask questions submitted by the audience. Colleen will control time of speakers with warning cards.
  - F. Agenda: The meeting agenda will only include candidate statements and discussions.
  - G. Gary and Bob will contact FoFF, MIF, Garden Club, Cemetery committee. Any announcements can be written on a whiteboard in the Garden club. (Bob will procure whiteboard, markers and eraser)
2. Future MICA community meetings start time changed to 6:30pm
3. Membership Committee report – requested changes – Bob Jaffe
  - A. Send email/letter to all members (see draft letter)
  - B. Present active membership: 200 total listed. 49 with paid dues.
  - C. Proposed changes to membership dues-  
Annual-Individual \$20, Family \$40, Lifetime \$400. Motion made by Gary, seconded by Jackie. Unanimously passed
4. PayPal Account – currently used on website for memberships and donations and for mobile payments. In Barry's name. Must remove Barry from account/close the account. Jessica offered to take over PayPal with her personal information. She will speak to Barry about transferring the credit card reader to MICA.
5. Bank Account – 2 signers
  - A. Jessica Lowe, MICA President, will replace Barry Lerich on the MICA Bank account. Motion made by Colleen and seconded by Bob. Unanimously passed
  - B. Jessica Lowe, President, is hereby authorized to be added as a signer to all current and future bank accounts held by MICA at First Security Bank. Barry Lerich will be removed from the account.  
Current accounts include: MICA General Fund Checking Account ending in XXX, MICA Cemetery Fund account ending in XXX, and MICA Cemetery CD account ending in XXX.
  - C. Contact: Michelle Lawson at 1st Security Bank (360) 302-3410.

6. Future Presentation Ideas:
  - A. History of Marrowstone – Karen Russell – Radha has contacted Karen. She asked for 30 minutes for her presentation in November.
  - B. Park rep will give update about the dock at Mystery Bay
  - C. Jackie will present on bird songs and the Christmas bird count in January.
7. Consider meeting of Board/Leadership for MICA, FoFF, MIF, NGC to prioritize Island issues and discuss how to approach issues collaboratively (eg: emergency preparedness)
8. Strawberry festival
  - A. Next event will take place on 6/21/25.
  - B. Gary will f/u with Ft Flagler
  - C. Consider having events in one central circle
  - D. Consider sound system for singer/music
  - E. Kids activities were successful, but games needed more participation
  - F. Location was successful with local campers joining in and donating funds.
  - G. Bud Ayers has a large tent.
9. Island speed limits – Jackie and Bob brought up concerns by residents about speed limits on the island, and the need to have it lowered to 30-35 MPH. Gary discussed the process of getting this done through the State legislature. This issue can be brought up at Candidates Night.
10. Announcements:
  - A. 10 Beach Drive. Bob reported that the Jefferson Land Trust has expressed an interest in purchasing the property formerly known as the Ecolodge.
  - B. Birding By Ear- Jackie will be giving a talk at Ft Flagler on the Searchlight Trail, 10/12/24
  - C. Jessica will pass on future meeting dates.
  - D. All MICA general meetings are on Tuesdays
    - 09/17/24, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
    - 11/26/24, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
    - 01/21/25, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
    - 03/18/25, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
    - 05/20/25, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
11. Next Board meeting will be 10/14, 5 PM at Gary's; 60 Mead Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Jaffe  
MICA Board Secretary