

STUART ISLAND AIRWAY PARK OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 29, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President Rhys Spoor with a welcome message and a flag salute for Memorial Day remembrances.

Financial reports were read by the Treasurer, Randy Thompson, and approved. Randy reported the burn pile expense has increased in the past few years due to large volumes of material to burn. The board proposed increasing the annual owners' dues to \$200 from \$150 to reflect the increased cost of burning the pile each year. Charlene Renquist moved the dues increase be approved and Michael Gonzalez seconded. The motion was unanimously passed by the owners.

Wildfire/Fire Department/EMS

This year Stuart Island was annexed into the San Juan County fire district. With voter approval, the new EMS levy was passed and will be in effect for the next six years. The Fire Department and EMS are independent agencies. As a result of this inclusion into the fire district:

- ~A new UTV fire fighting vehicle has been placed on Stuart East, and will be housed in the community center. The vehicle includes a pump, 85 gallon water tank, backboard for medical transport, radio and emergency kit. Stuart Island East received the first of four vehicles promised to the out islands. Stuart Island West will also get a vehicle.

- ~Future access to new a fire boat that will be located in Roche Harbor.

- ~Training in operating the UTV, CPR classes, and possible other fire fighting classes.

- ~Possible reduction on property fire insurance.

- ~ The new tax was assessed on properties beginning January 2022.

Other fire fighting equipment at the community center:

- ~Two fire wagons with water tanks.

The best defense in fighting fires is to clear downfall on your property and have a six foot clearance around any structure. Be self-reliant, get educated on equipment and know what to do when a fire starts. An AED devise and emergency siren button (located by west facing "man" door) are available at Bob Brunkow's hangar.

To improve emergency responses, the Sheriff's Department, EMS and Airlift NW will be on the island Friday, June 10 inspecting various landing zones for boat and helicopter evacuation. Once a map has been developed, it will be distributed to residents.

Fire Department/EMS

San Juan County Assistant Fire Chief Nolen Munin, EMS Coordinator/Instructor Karl Kuetzing and Fire Fighter Leo DeBruyn came to the meeting to show the residents the new UTV, drive the roads to determine condition, and explain the importance of fire prevention.

The Fire Department will be responsible for routine maintenance of the UTV, and provide training on its equipment. The Fire Department plans to conduct monthly departmental training on the island. They encouraged residents to become part of the support team for the UTV. Several classes must be completed to be on the team.

For a possible reduction in fire insurance costs, Assistant Fire Chief Nolen Munin reported there is a form on their website that can be filed with your insurance company. Nolen will send a copy to Rhys, and it will be distributed to the residents.

EMS Training Coordinator/ Instructor Karl Kuetzzing will offer a CPR class Saturday, July 23 at Bob Brunkow's hangar. The class is approximately six hours. If you are interested, please contact Rhys.

Both departments stressed the importance of identifying locations for faster emergency response, and encouraged everyone to prominently display their residential address on one of the reflective posts or an easily identifiable sign.

Reid Harbor Ramp:

~Rhys reported the ramp permit is stalled until at least the end of June due to various agencies updating the permitting requirements. He has hired an attorney for advice on how to expedite the process and pursue other possible options.

~To date \$35,000 has been spent on the ramp project, mostly in surveys, permits, and Jen Jay expenses.

~Nels Strandberg has agreed to gift Stuart Island Owners Association the property on which the ramp is located.

~A property survey of the ramp area is needed to determine correct property lines to complete the transaction.

A motion was proposed by Bob Brunkow to continue the process to legally acquire the property from Nels Strandberg. Ken Snyder seconded the motion. The transfer will include costs for a survey and attorney fees. The motion passed unanimously.

Prevost Dock/Parking Area:

~Compliance with bow-ties only and moving boats larger than dinghies to floats/buoys has reduced congestion on the dock.

~The designated loading zone on the dock is for loading and unloading only.

Hunting:

There was a lengthy discussion on legal hunting on private and community property. Last fall "No Hunting" signs were posted around the island after a deer was found that had been wounded with an arrow and left to die.

Hunting on private property requires written permission from the owner and must be in possession of the hunter. Hunting on community property was discussed and the residents decided more research was needed on the rules and regulations before any decision was made. A vote will be taken of all residents at the end of summer to determine whether hunting will be allowed on community property. In the meantime, "No Hunting" signs will remain posted and more will be displayed near ramp access and other areas of point of entry to island.

Other Business:

~New owner of Kathleen Dickinson's property, George Frost, has agreed to allow access to the Schoolhouse Trail for East Stuart Island residents. He also bought property on East Stuart Island and is now part of the Stuart Island Owner's Association.

~Duke and Janelle Davis have also agreed to allow access to the Schoolhouse Trail through their property. They encourage residents to be respectful of private property.

~July 4th social activities:

Saturday, July 2, Parade/games at community center

Saturday, July 2, Evening potluck dinner at community center

Saturday, July 2, After the potluck. Mark Green has invited a violin/blues singer for the evening's musical entertainment. It will be held at Bob Brunkow's hangar.

Sunday, July 3, 5pm, George & Charlene Renquist will host a wine and cheese party

Board Elections:

~Danette Carroll and Bill Shivers' three year terms are completed. Danette was reelected to the position as board secretary. Bill Shivers chose not to continue on the board. Two new officers were elected to the board, Janelle Davis and Jeny Potter. Thank you to Bill for his work and contribution on the board and Stuart Island. Welcome Janelle and Jeny!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Danette Carroll, Secretary