

STUART ISLAND AIRWAY PARK OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 23, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 2:25pm by President Rhys Spoor. Present were Board members Randy Thompson, and Jason Douglass. Danette Carroll was present to record the meeting.

Treasurer, Randy Thompson, reported checking balance as of April 30, 2025 is \$48,266.81, with and additional \$17,000 in reserve for expenses.

Annual expenses for 2024-2025 of \$22,051 exceeded the budget of \$19,900. Insurance costs, fire/emergency protection, and community property maintenance/equipment all increased this year. The current budget for 2025-2026 also is projected to exceed revenue collected by the annual assessments. The Board suggested to raise the annual assessment to \$250 and put to a vote at the annual meeting.

New Business:

- **Fire District/Fire Brigade**

Stuart Island Fire Brigade has a Wildland Firefighting Basics training and Water Rescue and Wheeled Stokes Litter Basics module scheduled for Saturday, May 24th. Jordan Pollack and Kyle Dodd from San Juan Island Fire-Rescue Outer Island Division will lead both modules. The morning class will be held at Stuart Island East, and the afternoon class is on Johns Island.

Stuart Island East is scheduled to receive a new class 6 fire truck in June. In order to fit it into the Community Center building, a new 9' X 12' garage door was installed this spring. Thank you to Mike Parkins for managing the project. With the help of several others, the project is almost completed. Gravel is still needed outside the door. The garage door cost was \$3,200, much less than expected.

Rhys explained the expenses accrued by the new fire truck and housing it are covered by a contract lease with the San Juan County Fire Department. That lease pays Stuart Island East \$600/month to store the truck, which will cover expenses and maintenance. We have already received \$1,800 for April, May and June.

There are two water tanks, one already filled with 900 gallons of water. The tanks will be moved behind the community building. There was much discussion on owners' tank fittings and getting them compliant with the same size as the truck fittings.

The old foam fire cart was taken apart, and the toxic foam has been taken off the island. The trailer can now be used for fire or medical emergencies.

In order to be designated as a fire station, Stuart Island needs six persons trained in structural fire fighting. More discussion is needed on how to achieve that goal.

Owners are encouraged to be fire wise around the house and property. Several suggestions include a five foot buffer between house and surrounding grasses, checking gutters and overhang for holes, clear debris and dead wood, have a garden hose ready, and a handheld portable water extinguisher.

Old Business:

- **Prevost Dock/Parking Area:**

The ramp needs new bolt connecting hardware. Rhys and Jason will assess what supplies to buy, and get a work party planned for a high tide repair date.

The rope lines that hold the dock in place to the shore are worn through and need replacing. Thanks to Chris Pack for drilling two holes, which will be filled with concrete to anchor the new chains from shore to the top of dock, and will keep the dock from swaying back and forth. Another work party is planned and volunteers are needed.

Please contact Rhys for both projects.

The Prevost parking area is flooded during the winter. Installing a drain pipe, digging a trench or filling with gravel were discussed. The board will look into the best solution for next winter.

- **Reid Harbor Ramp:**

Nothing has changed in the past year, although it may soon need new gravel.

- **Road Maintenance**

Some of the roads are in poor condition this spring. Gravel will be ordered. Thanks to George Renquist for volunteering to spread gravel on the bad spots.

- **Miscellaneous:**

Culverts on the runway sides should be checked and cleaned.

The bottom board of the mail shack needs replacing. Volunteers?

Duke Davis requested that no one park in front of his garage at the top of the Reid Harbor ramp.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Danette Carroll