# STUART ISLAND AIRWAY PARK OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

# **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – JULY, 2020**

Trustees present: Rhys Spoor, Kipp Carroll, Bill Shivers, Randy Thompson, Danette Carroll

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Rhys Spoor.

**NOTE:** Due to Covid-19 gathering rules, it was decided to conduct this as a ZOOM meeting. According to our count, there were about 20 owners logged into the meeting.

Minutes from the 2019 meeting were discussed and some addendums were added to the minutes concerning the dock extension that was approved.

Randy Thompson presented the Financial Report covering May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. He reported the budget is inline with what was proposed, with the exception of the ramp budget. See Financial Reports for more detailed information.

# **Topics Discussed:**

# ~Outer Island Fire Annexation into San Juan Fire District #3:

Rhys reported there will eventually be a county vote to determine if the outer islands (Stuart, Henry and John) will be included in the San Juan Fire District. If it is approved, our taxes may increase some (projected at \$.50 per thousand assessed value), but on the positive side it will give owners a fire insurance rating which will make it easier to get fire insurance. The island would also be provided with a fire fighting truck and equipment with maintenance included, CPR and firefighting training, and an emergency response boat from Roche Harbor.

# ~San Juan County Fire Department and EMS Consolidation:

As of this date, the consolidation of these two entities is on hold, but the island will continue to have EMS service regardless of the outcome.

# ~Reid Harbor Ramp:

Rhys has been working with Jen Jay, Inc. to complete the needed surveys and permits for the ramp project. An eelgrass survey was completed and found no eel grass in ramp area. A bathometric survey was also completed with no issues on building the ramp.

James Favre, an engineer consultant, has completed a new ramp design of cast-in-place concrete that would widen the existing ramp from 9' 9" to 14' and would remove some of the current 20 degree angle. The proposed completed concrete ramp will be 14' wide X 70' long X 6" thick. The new ramp would be usable on a +1' tide, compared to the current +5' tide limitation. Rhys has submitted the pre-application data to the county and we now are waiting for a response. The ramp is designated as a barge landing ramp.

There was a long discussion on the cast-in-place process. Mark Green has put in many hours researching the needed equipment, materials, labor, etc. and cost associated with the ramp project. With the current ramp design, the construction cost is estimated at around \$45,000. The project would entail three days of work, followed by 14 days for the concrete to cure. The best projected time for construction, based on the required low tides, will not be until June, 2021 at the earliest.

Another construction option is a pre-cast process, where the concrete slabs are cast off island and lifted into place at the ramp. The members discussed possible ways to combine portions of the two processes, or to shorten the time needed to cast-in-place.

Rhys reported the Department of Ecology requires input from them on the final construction and design before we can go forward with the ramp project. At this time, we are waiting for their response. For the design to be legal, a permit is required, which will cost \$8,000-\$10,000. James Keithly offered to assist Rhys in getting the permits.

The members discussed ways to help fund the cost of the much needed ramp, with the possibility of an assessment to the owners. To date, the ramp project has collected \$19,000+ from donations and the auction from the past two summers. Thus far, \$4,930 has been spent on required surveys. Members agreed that funding is top priority.

#### ~Other Business:

Lumber for the Prevost Dock is stacked by the dock and ready to be installed. If anyone has some time to work on this project, it would be much appreciated.

There was some discussion on the floats and buoys in Prevost. The members agreed that if there are issues among owners, to please contact each other to discuss the problem and find an agreeable solution.

Also on the Prevost dock, please be aware it is a busy time of year with much congestion on the dock. Please bow tie your boat.

The runway is in good condition, with reminders to not drive across the middle or the ends of the runway.

The WPA cabin has not been in use this summer.

The burn pile has been burned twice this summer. It is requested to only bring tree and shrub vegetation and no junk to the burn pile. A chipper was suggested as a way to decrease the size, but the cost is too high at this time.

There was a complaint of dogs without leashes running around the island. Please be courteous to your neighbors on the island and have control of your dogs.

Randy Thompson, Treasurer, and Jason Douglass, board member, have agreed to serve three more years on the board in their current positions.

Rhys proposed and Charlene Renquist seconded to keep annual dues at \$150. The members present unanimously voted to approve.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Danette Carroll, Secretary