

Stuart Island Airpark Annual Meeting – 28 May 2023 – 10:00am

Flag Salute & introductions of members present.

Reading of 2022 Annual meeting minutes; approved.

Previous Business

- Fire & Safety: UTV in Bob's hangar; active & functioning. Only has 80-gal tank. Not designed to fight a housefire, only wildfires. FD will only respond to wildfires. SafeBoat currently in Friday Harbor; might move to Roche in the future. Recommend moving UTV to community hangar with other fire wagons (need to check functionality; have new tires). There are two pumps in the community hangar that can pump 60 gal/min, must be within 6 vertical feet of water supply. Recommend we get organized with them this summer. Prevention is still key to avoiding fire; recommend clearing out brush around houses. FireWise program we can call on to help guide us. DNR has a helicopter in Burlington for fire suppression. AirliftNW has an app that can help us call a way cool helicopter directly. Still need to standardize water tank diameter. 1-1/2" male bayonet ball valve on all tanks near road (accessible to fire wagons). Recommend as summer project – Duke Davis, Candy Mauseth, Bill Sweet, Dave Vitt to create committee to address it. FD should be providing new hoses; Fire Committee could address this also. Jason Douglass has a 400-gal tank near their house for fire suppression (vs large tank near the road). San Juan Sheriff will dispatch EMS (different than fire) – can be here in ~20 min. Mimi, Rhys & Jason Douglass to create a summary of how to call for help. Pickup for FD/EMS/AirliftNW is at the west end of the runway. Air traffic radio in community hangar.
 - o Code 6-12-26 to community hangar storage.
 - o Will redistribute info on how to get blue address markers from SJI EMS.
- Reid Harbor Ramp: We own the ramp. [Applause.] We've spent \$42k to this point. Survey says no biological or cultural reasons not to have ramp there. Lots of rules regarding building (i.e. timing, logistics). WWII steel grates come in the width of the road – we could get some in surplus, add gravel and reduce the dust off the road near the ramp. Recommend not taking any action this summer, unless a big chunk comes out.
- Prevost dock: chains are ready to come off. Need about 100' chain – 5/8" galvanized chain, ~\$1500. Last time we fixed it was ~10 years ago. Recommend leaving old chain and adding new chain. Mark will order the 100' of chain in LFS in Bellingham. The other option is a smaller diameter chain out of Idaho. *Motion to approve the chain plan – unanimously approved.* King tide (January) wreaks havoc on wooden ramp at top of ramp. Recommend using available large beams to raise wooden ramp, add a longer section of transition to the dock to avoid King tide damage. Rhys will lead a group to do this (many volunteers at the meeting). Guys with tractors are excited. Good job last summer bow tying and playing nice together during the summer.
- Burn pile was burned twice this past winter. This takes time and energy. Line item in the budget for this. Stays hot for about a month if you want to cook potatoes in the middle of winter. Option for a chipper, but this would be a lot of maintenance. Do not throw construction material or household garbage, only things that grow here. Ok to bring debris all summer, just pile up as you go – keep it tall, not wide.
- Community roads: are in pretty good shape. Recommend getting small stockpile of gravel for when the tractor guys get bored. Gravel can be used to repair all roads. Economy of scale with additional gravel / ramp materials. Will take input on those who want additional gravel – put

your name on the list. *Motion to buy more gravel for community usage; unanimously approved.*

- Hunting on community property: as a community, do we want to allow hunting on community property? This only applies to runway, dock, ramp, community hangar land, & roads owned by the association (basically the roads around the airstrip). We don't have a way to police outsiders / non-residents. Educational & clarification discussion ensued. The vote could add levels of restrictions. Recommend simple yes/no vote now, with option to add modifications in the future. *Motion to on whether to allow hunting or not to allow hunting on community property: 6 for hunting; 22 against hunting; 1 abstention.* We will keep the no hunting signs up on community property.
- WPA Cabin: Tom Jensen and Rhys have a PPR agreement for members to stay in cabin. Would like to understand what kind of agreement should be in place to walk from Airpark to State Park. This is a question to the Davises and Frosts; Rhys will take this offline and respond to Tom.

Other:

- Exercise: cleaning party in Bob's hangar Tuesday. Exercise classes will start Wednesday, and will be held 9am on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.
- Monthly Book Club: starts Wednesday 5/31; flyer at the mail shack. Bring an app to share. This is also posted on the website.
- Lawnmowers: Bill Shivers has maintenance status on mowers in and around the community hangar. Joe has extra batteries to donate. Jason Roth (of alpine cabin fame) says if there's a list posted in the hangar, he'd be happy to help out!
- Airplane parking: need to clarify where people who don't have hangar plots can park long term. There are loading/unloading zones. Mail shack has a few spots, community hangar area has the rest of the spots.
- Mail: FedEx can no longer drop packages; they may need to get boxes on the mail boat. Something has changed; other outer islands have created systems to have neighbors go pick up packages. FedEx will deliver to Hotel Haro in Roche – they have cubby holes outside the hotel. Packages are not organized at Haro. Mail days were Mon/Wed – has it changed? We can ask Mark about the summer schedule. Amazon is not using UPS very often.
- Prevost dock parking: Rhys has rolled out the parking lot. Recommend parking up at the top of the lot if you'll be gone a while.

New business:

- Budget: Requisite joke was shared prior to the budget discussion. Copies of the budget were available at the meeting and had been emailed out prior. We have approximately 112 owners. Need to list ramp property on insurance, along with dock etc. – we need to review if that is already included based on prior easement. *Motion to approve budget; unanimously approved.*
- Voting: Bylaws only allow for annual meeting votes. New technology can enable remote voting. No interest from the members in attendance. WA law allows for emergency votes as necessary.
- Mail shack & community hangar are not dumping grounds for stuff you don't want. Please retrieve things that were left and not picked up by others within a week or so.
- Dog responsibilities: please be responsible for control of your dog. Also please clean up after your dog.
- July 4th Activities
 - o Saturday, July 1st for daytime activities – Janelle et al. will help coordinate kids' events.
 - o Friday, June 30th for wine & cheese at George & Charlene's, 5:00pm

- Remembrances:
 - o Brian Rutherford
 - o Al Winters – 2021
- Potluck tonight at 5:30pm
- Election of new board members
 - o Randy & Jason's 3-year terms are up: *motion to keep them on for 3 more years: only one nay (Jamie), majority approved*
 - o One opening based on Kip & Danette's resignation: only one year (to finish the Carrolls' term). *John Durban has volunteered for one year; unanimously approved.*