

Stuart Airpark Board Meeting Minutes - 27 May 2023 - 10:00am

Attendees: Rhys Spoor, Randy Thompson, Janelle Davis, Jason Douglass, Jeny Potter

Acknowledged board resignations of Kip and Danette Carroll. Jeny volunteered to be interim secretary.

Sept 2022 meeting minutes were summarized and unanimously approved.

Review of Sept 2022 items:

- Fire & Safety: The San Juan Fire Dept's UTV is in Bob's hangar; it now has a solar panel trickle charger. It's meant for wildfires, not house fires. We need to be proactive in vehicle maintenance; it's likely the FD will enable us to own the maintenance & operation of it. Note that compliance to the summer fire bans is important! There is a FireWise program on how to clear trees and brush for preventative maintenance. The fire boat is in training right now, but not yet parked at Roche. The DNR helicopter is on the mainland and can get here in about 20 min - it can carry a lot of water and reload in Prevost. Our fire ranking for insurance purposes has gone from 10 to 9. Jason put new tires on the Stuart fire wagons. Potential for new hoses from the FD this year. We still need to standardize the local fittings on the tanks. The landing zone for helicopters is at the west end of our runway. There are others throughout the island. Airlift NW has indicated marine and aviation radios can be used to communicate directly with a helicopter. There is an app they are giving us access to for direct requests of a helicopter. The first aid / CPR class this summer will be held on the west side of Stuart.
- Reid Harbor ramp: permits have stalled and the surveys have expired. We would need to redo them (~\$42k) to restart the permit process. Ramp is still usable - last major repair was 1998. We now own the ramp (14' across). Surveyor did not mark the east side; we should request he come back and do so. Road to the ram also needs work, and doing so would reduce dust kick up for Jennifer's property. Recommended solution involved a WWII era rail system?
- Prevost dock: Rhys will roll out the parking lot area. Chains on the dock never got replaced; we need approx 100 feet. Recommend Mark order the thick, heavy mooring chain and have it shipped to Friday Harbor - expected cost ~\$1500. One chunk of the necessary chain will be 70' and the other will be 30' so we will need teamwork to get it done at low tide. Recommend summer work party. During high tide in January, a log came up under the dock and caused a little havoc. There are large beams near the dock to be used to raise the ramp (another recommended summer work party activity).
- Burn pile was burned. Added to annual budget.
- Roads: pretty good shape. Recommend ordering a stockpile of gravel for regular maintenance.
- Voting: propose changing the bylaws to enable online/remote voting. Jeny will investigate this further, but current options are ~\$30 per election. Each owner would get a unique code that would be used once in an online platform.
- Hunting: we will vote on this at the annual meeting on 28 May 2023. Documents were sent out via email after the last board meeting.
- Oil response: we have reached out, but no response.
- WPA: Tom Jensen has created a prior permission required (PPR) agreement with Rhys and lets us know when someone will be here to use the cabin. He would like to do the same with the Davis's

for trail access to the schoolhouse. Has offered skilled labor (carpentry, etc) of WPA's members as necessary/available to build goodwill.

New Business:

- Bylaws say we only need 6 board members, so we only need one volunteer to backfill the Carrolls. Board then votes on officers. No duties are spelled out for the treasurer position.
- A vote passes with a majority of owners present at the annual meeting.
- Insurance discussion: it is unclear why the rates increased 24% last year.
- The mail shack and hangar become dumping grounds in the summer months. Board will hang signs saying to remove any unwanted items after a week if they are still there.
- Reminder to be cognizant of your dog and keep it under control (voice or leash) at all times. There was a recent dog-sheep incident in which a sheep was injured.
- July 4th activities will be held the weekend prior to the holiday. Wine & Cheese at George and Charlene's on Friday, June 30 and July 4th activities on Saturday, July 1.
- There is a potluck tomorrow, 28 May 2023 at 5:30pm.