

STUART ISLAND AIRWAY PARK OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – September 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by President Rhys Spoor. Present were board members Randy Thompson, Jason Douglass, Danette Carroll, and Janelle Davis. The meeting was well attended by Stuart Island Owners.

The May 25th, 2024 board meeting minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer, Randy Thompson, reported the Association checking account balance is \$59,590.63 and the saving account balance is \$16,992.47.

Old Business:

- **Reid Harbor Ramp**

The ramp is still in need of repairs.

- **Prevost Dock/Parking Area:**

The chains securing the dock were replaced this summer during low tide. Instead of replacing the entire chain, the compromised sections were replaced with new chain. 100' of additional chain is stored in Brad Radonich's hangar for future repairs. Thanks to the crew for their time and expertise.

- **Road Maintenance/Burn Pile**

The roads are in good condition. Thanks to George Renquist for placing more gravel on the bad spots.

The burn pile is quite large this year. Mark Green will burn it later this fall and winter seasons.

- **Miscellaneous:**

The airstrip mowers were equipped with flags this summer to provide more visibility to pilots.

Thank you to Charlene Renquist and her group for reorganizing the mail shack. It's a Post Office now!

New Business:

- **Fire District/Fire Brigade**

This fall San Juan Island residents will vote on a tax levy increase for the SJ Fire District. The outer islands (Stuart, Henry, Pearl, Johns and Brown) will benefit from the new levy. Stuart Island East is projected to get a fire truck if it passes.

The newly formed Stuart Island Fire Brigade was a success this summer. Jordan Pollack and Kyle Dodd from San Juan Island Fire-Rescue Outer Island Division offered several fire, medical and communication training modules throughout the summer. Residents from Stuart Island East and Stuart Island West attended these classes. Several of the modules had more than 20 participants. The training is ongoing, and most modules will be offered again next year for those who missed this year.

The community center now houses the Fire UTV, fire tools, and AED.

- **Medical Emergencies and Fire Communication**

****In any emergency, please call 911 first****

Communication to alert island residents to any emergency on Stuart Island is a challenge. Better methods of communication than sirens or horns need to be established.

Rhys proposed that the association purchase radios by which Fire Brigade members can contact other brigade members to inform them of an emergency. The radios also will provide communication to coordinate people during an emergency. The Board approved purchase of these radios.

It was suggested a map be created to show all landing zones for rescue boats and helicopters, and the location of AEDs, fire equipment, resident addresses, water supplies, etc. San Juan County, and Albert Foster from Stuart Island West, are working on this project.

A question was asked about no burn ban this summer. Rhys explained that the San Juan County Fire Marshall is responsible for designating burn bans, and didn't issue one for private land this summer. The Board and attendees discussed if we can issue our own ban.

Other Business:

~ Harry Truitt reviewed the Association insurance policy to determine who is covered, what is covered, and exclusions.

All Stuart island association members and volunteers are covered.

Two structures that are not covered in the policy, the mail shack and the community center outhouse.

Candy Mauseth will work with Harry to get all named properties on the Stuart Island Airway Park Association policy.

~ Vince Brotherton and Ollie Pedersen have offered to repair the Reid Harbor boat ramp this winter. Rhys will connect with them and discuss the details.

~ Charlene Renquist suggested we have fundraising events to upgrade and clean out the community center. It was heartily approved.

~ Vince Brotherton will remove the trees that have grown along the sides of the runway.

~it was suggested that the Board develop an action plan and budget projections to prioritize future projects, including removal of junk equipment, modifying the Community building to accommodate a new fire vehicle, and ramp and dock repairs.

Thank you to all who raised their hands in offering to help with all the upcoming projects and repairs.

We are a community!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted, Danette Carroll, Secretary