

RIPOA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES from ANNUAL meeting on 7/14/24

14 JULY 2024 / 10:30 AM / BEACH PAVILION

Meeting called to order at 10:35 am.

Invocation by Niki Peltier, read on behalf of Karen Moosekian

Reading of minutes from the July 9, 2023 Annual meeting. Motion to approve by Dave Mason, seconded by Gene Lavasco. Motion passed.

Presidents Report:

- Welcome to new islanders: Robin & Emily Stow (Wrights cottage), Tony & Corinne Stonick (Lot) and Ruth Rivard (Forbes cottage).
- Moment of silence for beloved islanders who passed away within the last year: Mary Pfender, Billy Rowe, Jerry Schuck, Elizabeth Bardin, Pat Tiganelli, Brendan Burton, Michael Grosefield, Father Larry Jackson, Susan Zick, Peggy Teccalia, Brendan Jackson, Bernie Ohlert and Kevin Wood's father.
- Tony thanked the many volunteers who have helped to get things done on the island, specifically, RIF, Liz Sloan, Rich & Anne Krus, our road crew; Harry Pareizs, Brad and Katie Goike, Chris Romanelli and Shmed. Ann Tiganelli, Ken & JoAnn Hollowell, Cindy & Kevin Wood, Jill & Mike Fraeyman, Pam Loomis & her picnic crew, Katherine Finley, Jamie Frantz, Maggie Jackson and the many others who volunteer their time and efforts for the island.
- Tony indicated that we are still in the process of trying to get papers in order for a building permit for the building of a shelter at our Algonac parking lot. Possible variance problem, so we may have to file for a hardship.

- Lot 414 is now the new location for storing our RI equipment. We are in the process of getting prices for two 10 x 40 shipping containers and stone for a placement pad, before we file for a permit. RIF has given us permission to create a road to the containers on one of their lots. This is an on-going project.
- A park equipment committee has been established to come up with a proposal to the board for new park equipment and to create a beach area for kids to play in.
- Weight limit signs have been placed on both the Anderson Island bridge and the Gold Coast bridge. Thank you to Mike Loomis for getting this done.
- We can once again put large items on the garbage barge. There will be pallets located on the back corner of the Pride for large items.

Treasurer's Report:

- Phil Sloan presented the report. Current assets are \$183,000. We had positive cash flow, however reporting is all about the timing. Invested in CD's with our excess cash, record number of raffle tickets sales for the picnic, winter fling continues to make money and RIF helping out makes a great difference. Got hit with a one-time premium for insurance due to an audit.
- Barb Bierbusse reviewed the report for accuracy and gave her approval. Thanks to Phil for doing such a great job.
- Motion to accept by Paul Kaip, seconded by Pete Korte. Motion passed.

Capital Campaign Committee

- Gene Lovasco spoke on behalf of the Capital Campaign Committee which is composed of the following people: Ken Hollowell, Karen Ridgeway, Tom Tisko, Peter Bardin, Tony Ruggirello and Gene Lovasco.
- Explained how this committee will work together to come up with major projects that can be done on the island. For example, the Algonac pavilion, the Anderson Island dock repair, the storage containers for lot 414, additional parking and the possible purchase of the Islander down the line.
- Each project would then be categorized: Required, Desired and Preferred. Timelines will be considered for each project. The

committee will come up with a list of projects and then present it to the RIPOA board for approval and then to RIF for financial help.

- Captain Bernie suggested that the committee look into a better security system for our parking lot. He said that there are always people parking in our lot and he is not paid nor does he have the time to patrol it. Gene said this was a great suggestion.
- You can email any of the committee members with suggestions or ideas of projects that you feel the committee should consider.

RIF report by Rob Smith:

- Rob reiterated the importance of RIF and thanked everyone for their continued support.
- Membership envelopes were mailed out earlier this year and are also available on the ferry. They can be used for dues payment (\$100), for a contribution or in memory of a loved one.

RIYC report by Paul Kaip:

- Thanked everyone for their continued support.
- Reminder that you can pick up an events magnet at the Club. Indicated there are some date changes, but will email members with those changes.
- This is a milestone year for the club - our 50th anniversary.
- Sean LaForge is our manager again and doing a fantastic job.
- Annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 4th at 11:00 am.

Discussion regarding the AED/EpiPens. Thank you to Mary Schroeder for donating EpiPens. Linda Fignar has placed an EpiPen with each AED. They are also on the ferry and at the Club. Theresa Warner explained that as long as the liquid is clear in the EpiPen, then it is still good. It was suggested that we also get Narcon to have on the ferry and at the Club for any emergencies.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Completed projects: new roof on Pavilion and ticket booth, new lighting and painting on Pavilion. New platform at the RI ferry landing to make it easier to adjust for water levels. New slide and new decking at the

deep end on the beach dock. Painting of the ticket booth is scheduled to be done.

OPEN FORUM:

- Chris Fleischer thanked the board for all the time and hard work they put in to help keep our island running smoothly.
- Tony, again, expressed how important it is to volunteer. This island would not be as wonderful as it is if not for all the volunteers who devote their time and efforts whenever they can.
- Kevin Wood proposed he do a demonstration after the picnic of how the pumps work.
- Tony read a letter from Karen Moosekian to RI property owners and board members. In her letter she describes how she has witnessed a number of boaters and jet ski enthusiasts stopping off and using our swimming dock diving platforms. She has seen a pontoon boat tied to our dock with a family hanging out and using our equipment. Another anchored his boat out a couple of feet from the dock after dropping his family off and they spent the afternoon picnicking and using the swimming dock and playground equipment. They seem to be ignoring the NO TRESPASSING signs placed around the dock. The concerning problem is what is to prevent these undeterred visitors from returning and bringing more friends with them? We need to remind islanders to speak up if you suspect someone is using our facilities who should not be. Simply tell them that they are on private property and need to leave.
- This enticed a discussion about whether our beach is public or private property. Kathy Engelhart indicated that we owned the two beach lots, but not the road leading up to the beach dock. Christyn Scott agreed to look into who owns the beach property and if in fact it is private property.
- It was brought to our attention that the signs at our parking lot are old and faded. Kathy Engelhart agreed to help get the new signs.

Election of Officers and Directors:

- Everyone running for a position is running unopposed - they win by acclamation. Our new board is:
 - President - Tony Ruggirello

- Vice President - Niki Peltier
- Treasurer - Phil Sloan
- Secretary - Paula Kaip
- Eric Preston, Beth Romanelli, Christyn Scott and Kevin Wood as directors
- Past President - Steve Engelhart

Motion to adjourn at 11:45 am by Dave Mason, seconded by Chris Fleischer.

Motion passed.

Submitted by,

Paula Kaip

RIPOA Secretary