

UCCA General Meeting April 13, 2014
11:15am at Safety Harbor Clubhouse

Present: Jackie Byrnes, Fran Deture, Ann Murphy, Sue Ann Cousar, Helen Justice, Jo Ann Beiermeister. Also present: Chief Pepper, Bob Kinniry, Roy Wildeman, Andrew Anderson, John Otis, Tom Levin, Sam Horsley, Karen Sirabian, Erin Lavallie, Bill Byrnes, Jerry Vernon, Mary Elizabeth Kachel, Steve Hall, Mark Justice, Deane & Sandra Richardson, Dave & Tomasin Shepp.

Bob Kinniry invited everyone to dedication of the new medical mule next Saturday, April 19, 2014. Hotdogs, burgers, soft drinks provided; anyone willing to provide sides (salad, dessert, veggie) let Bob know. Sue Ann should send out Island-wide email.

Fran reported on St. Pat's Fund Raiser: total income was \$19,374. less expenses of \$4,710. = net of \$14,663. Then half of net proceeds go to the Island Access Fund or \$7,331.83. Island Access Fund now has \$65,190. Half of Jo Ann's basket went to the Fire Dept. - \$285. UCCA's half of the 50/50 was to go to the FD, but Gene & Ann Murphy donated it all back to FD or \$1,430. Cking acct. \$24,991. Major expenses: \$1,800 for insurance, \$5,000 to FD to help fund Fishkind study, \$2,699 License fee to NC Landings for Island Girl to land there + 3 parking spaces.

Fire Department - Chief Pepper: Medical mule is going to make a big difference and FD thanks everyone who helped raise money for it. If referendum passes, (July 8) there will be a big push to achieve Advanced Life Support (ALS). [Currently we have Basic life Support]. Any consolidation studies in Lee County have never included the outer islands. People need to request an absentee ballot for the special referendum - to be received by July 8 to be counted.

Referendum - Roy Wildeman: If the tax rolls were at the 2008 level, the referendum would not be necessary. The ISO only addresses fire fighters, however we will see to it that those FF are paramedics so that we can achieve ALS. Another benefit of passing the referendum is it will help maintain property values, because without Fire protection and a resulting Classification of 10, property values would fall, especially any house that loses its all-perils insurance. Fishkind recommended the adopted method based on square footage of land and of house, NOT based on value. Everybody's insurance is different so each homeowner has to call his own insurance company.

Houses lacking Street address numbers - Bill Byrnes: Began with 111 houses and down to 53. Ten are NCIC rental houses, two are Barnacle's property managed, two appear abandoned. The houses lacking numbers will be posted on the UCCA1 website. Steve Hall said there was vandalism at SHC so many house numbers were mowed down by golf cart.

Thanks were expressed to Andrew Anderson for his work on St.Pat's.

UC Road Commission - Tom Levin: Bert Trapanese resigned in August 2013, also John Porter and Marc Broxmyer later. The UCRC Board fills vacancies between meetings. The only two people who volunteered were Jeff Henderson and Peter Aldrian, and only Peter was willing to be president. Records were given to Peter, and bank account transferred to Jeff Henderson's signature. There was a Board meeting a couple of weeks ago; Tom Levin was invited but could not attend. Tom has not seen minutes but his understanding is that Richard Lewis has resigned. Two new members are Bryan Brillhart and Fred Weill. Peter is pres., Jeff Henderson V-pres., Bryan secretary, Fred Weill treasurer. Tom recommends that anyone interested should direct their financial questions to Fred, questions re. minutes to Bryan. Tom has not been an officer and prefers to help with road operations. Tom asked Peter about a meeting and nothing has been scheduled. John Otis asked about the democratic process for Islanders to be able to have a voice in the process of selecting Board members. Tom says appropriate to ask for a report at UCCA meetings. Fran expressed appreciation to Tom for attending this meeting, however we cannot get any information from the UCRC Board. Fran, speaking as a member of UCRC, expressed frustration that we are back to 2006 with the same personnel and lack of transparency. Tom agrees with many of the points raised about transparency and members being informed. The only income for UCRC is the members' dues. The rumors Tom has heard is that 4 mo. ago there was between \$15,000 and \$22,000.

Has any road maintenance been done in the last year? Yes, after bad rains. There was a time when the tractor was broken so nothing done, however Peter was seen dragging tractor blade two weeks ago. The low areas are subject to sea level inundation. Karen asked about Bryan Brillhart's new entity formed by concerned citizens he reported in his NCIC online Newsletter. Tom knows nothing about that. Helen said we would all like to work together at improving the roads. Tom: We need to get the water off the roads after a rain, because they create pot holes.

A big "Thank you" from the UCCA Board was expressed to Dave Tompkins and Marcia Andrews for their years of professional service since 1998 editing the Newsletter and compiling the UCCA Phonebook. Karen Sirabian will be the new editor of the Newsletter.

Minutes submitted by Sue Ann Cousar