

## Minutes of UCCA Meeting 1/25/09 at Safety Harbor Clubhouse

Call to Order: Board members present: Fran DeTure, Sam Horsley, Sue Ann Cousar, Gary Fisher, Marian Fuller, Ann Murphy, Arthur Mason; absent were Karen Sirabian, Joel Halberstadt. Also present who signed in were Louis Silverstein, Jake Stieger, Elizabeth Hooper, Jackie and Bill Byrnes, Roy and Karen Wildeman, Rusty and Marcia Reed, Howard Kulin, Dave Tompkins, Marcia Andrews, Katie Walsh, Kristie Anders, Sandra and Deane Richardson, Maxine Otis, Adriano Weiszflog, Bob Kinniry, Jo Ann and John Bieremeister, Ray and Leslie Morreale, Jeannette and Charles Wallschlaeger, Robert Cousar, Joanna Drummond, Linda DeTure, Tom Levin, Louise McDonald, and Dayna Harpster.

The December 14, 2008, Minutes were approved.

Three new members elected to the Board are Karen Sirabian, Arthur Mason, and Gary Fisher. Joel Halberstadt was appointed by the Board to the one year unexpired term of Ashlynn Sims. Committee Chairmen: Nominating Committee: Sam Horsley and Marian Fuller; Membership: Karen Sirabian and Fran DeTure; Community Development: Arthur Mason and Ann Murphy; Website: John Fuller, Bob Kinniry, Sue Ann Cousar, and Kristie Anders.

Treasurer's Report: On Dec. 31, 2008, Money Market Acct. had \$70,542.40 and checking acct. had \$4,182.96 with additional dues having come in since then.

So far this year 76 members have paid their dues, compared with 165 members last year. A second notice will be sent to last year's members who have not yet joined this year. The Instant Poll that was part of the yellow membership info sheet, precipitated by Barnacle Phil's intention of charging to disembark at their dock and park a golf cart, asked about Club memberships for the purpose of knowing how many already had guaranteed access to the Island. Seventy responses produced the following results: 22 Safety Harbor Club members, 28 North Captiva Island Club members; 19 in favor of purchasing a site for Island access, equally divided between willing to pay personally \$500 and \$1,000. 35 people said "No" to purchase = 2 to 1 against.

Island Clean-up Day: (Ann reporting) Feb. 21, at 9:00a.m. [subsequently changed to 10:00a.m.] Go to Fire House to pick up assignment and garbage bag. Afterwards pick up ticket for free cup of beans and rice and soft drink at Barnacle Phil's Restaurant.

St. Patrick's Day Fund Raiser: (Marian Fuller and Jackie Byrnes reporting) March 14, at 5:30p.m. At Barnacle Phil's. Choice of three entrees: traditional corned beef & cabbage, or fish, or ribs; tickets \$25 for adults, \$10 for children (choice of chicken fingers or fish, or smaller portions of adult menu). The band will be "Brother Love" and Mark Brillhart will provide the golf cart to be raffled off. Twelve people participated in the initial planning meeting already held. Eager for advance ticket sales to help in planning food. Katie Walsh helping with procuring items for live auction; contact her to donate. Zeke McDonald will be auctioneer. Also needed are door prizes. Ann Murphy accepting donations for silent art auction (donated items are not tax deductible). Minimum value of donated items should be \$25, but a balance between high and low end items is wanted. Art Mason explained Cake Walk – played like musical chairs to win a home-baked cake (five offered so far, more wanted) at \$5 a chance.

Community Plan: (Dave reporting) Meeting held last Sunday, January 18., with Lindsey Sampson of Solid Waste also present. Current Planning Panel, Peter Aldrian, Kristie Anders, Rick Fox, Dave Tompkins, will continue until polling of Island to see what entity Islanders want to implement our Plan. Our Plan, now in Tallahassee, has been provisionally approved (only comment about a typo made by County staff). Survey should go out within weeks. Kristie commented on implementation: Land

Development Code has to be accepted by State. We need to write code – there is a grant available – and we will follow same procedure as before with public meetings advertised by posters, blast emails, newspaper, and website [[www.ucca1.com](http://www.ucca1.com)].

Road Commission: Having held their fund/membership drive, the annual meeting will be February 14 at 10:00a.m. at Mango's, with refreshments provided by N.C. Island Club.

Canoe Launch: (Marcia reporting) We need to get a waiver signed by neighbors to the dock, since this is only a 15' wide strip of land. Dock designer has finished his plan.

Road Signs: (Sam reporting) Missing signs should be up in the next couple of weeks. Posts are in hand.

Community Burn: (Fran reporting) State was going to burn their large pile of Australian Pines plus debris of cut fire break at boundary line, so we asked if we could include our vegetative debris. We received their permission, but now State denying that. Zeke McDonald of the Fire District reported to the Board that the State has contracted the burn out to Ray Holmes and expected us to pay half, or almost \$9,000. Board of UCCA refused because we were not a party or even informed of the intention or process. Letter of response being sent to Park Service personnel and Ray Holmes. Bob Kinniry reported that problem is now money. Initially our addition of debris was to be small, but got out of hand with much abuse, such as lot-clearing. This increased the contract price, which State agreed to only half. Misinterpretation – Holmes thought other half of contract price would be covered by UCCA or Fire District. Attorney for Fire District said tax money could not be used for this project. Holmes said he will do the burn anyway. Fire Department will monitor the burn. Now there are multiple large holes of debris with 8' berm around it. Each day a permit has to be received from Dept. of Forestry; stipulation is that wind has to be from northerly direction. Bob Kinniry suggesting that UCCA help defray costs. Kristie asked for what is UCCA accumulating money? Fran responded: some big project in the future, i.e. property purchase for public access or community building. It was suggested that at St. Pat's money could be raised (matching grant?). If there were not abuse in amount of vegetation, we might not be in this situation. Gary said it's good for UCCA to have the means of being last resort for any emergency need. Fran insists that if UCCA ends up paying, those who abused the process should be approached to pay their part. Marcia said that we had hoped this would be the first year of subsequent community burns, but now that is unlikely because of abuse. It was stated that after Zeke's report to the Board on Wednesday, the atmosphere was very different: Park Service was threatening to sue us for trespass (taking down our vegetative debris to the burn site) and that the Board was obligated to pay for half - thus the Board's negative response. Bill Byrnes handed out flyers re. high level of fire hazard, especially to people who rent their home, for renters to see.

Website: John said he will post for people on website submissions already formatted.

More from Road Commission: (John) At recent RC meeting discussion about policy for how to opt out of RC maintenance: whole street must agree, sign notarized affidavit, and all home owners have to be paid members of RC. Passed by RC with one dissenting vote (John). RC is still looking for candidates to serve on the Board. It was emphasized importance of participation in Road Commission meetings.

Theft: Sheriff's office looks at numbers, therefore important to report theft to Sheriff. Announced that Joanne's expensive rod and reel were stolen off her golf cart while parked at Barnacle's.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Sue Ann Cousar, secretary