

Minutes of UCCA meeting Oct 26, 2014 at Safety Harbor Clubhouse

Called to order 11:20AM

Board members present: Pres. Jackie Byrnes, V-Pres. Jo Ann Beiermeister, recording sec. Ann Murphy, Treas. Fran DeTure, communications sec. Sue Ann Cousar, Bill Fry, and Helen Justice; Andrew Anderson by phone. Also present: Chief Richard Pepper, Andrea Pepper, Phil Kinsey, Gene Murphy, Zeke McDonald, Karen Sirabian, Tom Levin, Linda DeTure, Don Beiermeister, Mark Justice, Mark Muller, Judy Swircenski, Hart & June Kelley, Mike & Dawn Farinacci, Charlie & Carolyn Creagh, Homer & Janet Cooksey, Randy & Stephanie Lord, Dan Hrycyk, Linda McPherson, Charlie & Deb Skinner.

Treasurers report: \$26,741.34 in available funds. Anticipate \$5500.00 to \$6000.00 in phone book bills. There is \$65,281.00 in the Landing site fund.

Fire Department- Chief Pepper reported that the Fire Department has made changes to meet ISO code. They have interviewed and hired 33 part time staff 26 of whom are paramedics. The paramedics are in the process of being approved by Dr. Lemmon's, Lee county medical officer. All improvements have been reported to ISO and should get us an ISO rating of 4. When the info is received from the ISO it will be mailed to all Islanders. Implementing the new ISO requirements is creating a new dynamic for the fire department both in fire fighting and medical calls. Chief Pepper invited all to come by the fire station to see the new equipment we have and to learn what we need to become an ALS [Advanced Life Support] district. More community outreach is being planned. The Dept. is currently working with an ALS coordinator to assure that the program is properly set up. The firehouse has been reconfigured to accommodate extra crews comfortably.

ALS Coordinator Phil Kinsey is working with new fire fighters and getting all certified under Dr. Lemmons.

Gene Murphy- Friends of the Fire Department: Since, we cannot begin ALS service until we have purchased the necessary equipment at a cost of about \$60 thousand dollars the Friends will be sending out a privately paid for mailing to all property owners and businesses on the Island. Pledges amounting to \$20 thousand have already been received and Gene asked the Board to fund the effort as they see fit.

Discussion followed and the Board agreed to have an emergency Board meeting to discuss amount of funding.

Helen Justice moved and Fran DeTure seconded the motion that the Board would meet within a week's time to discuss reapportioning all or part of the landing site fund to fund ALS. Approved.

Bill Fry and Helen Justice, as the nominating committee, announced that three board seats will be open for election this year. The terms of JoAnn Beiermeister and Andrew Anderson who filled vacated seats are up and there is a vacant seat. People can either be nominated by others or can self nominate. E-mail will go out shortly and nominations will close on Dec 1. And voting will close at the end of Dec.

The results will be announced at the next meeting.

Community Panel: UCCP was formed in 2006 it was funded by the UCCA and a county grant. Their goal was to form a community plan for the Island. Three of the items on the panel's agenda were

passed, by the county, into code. Former panel members who are interested in continuing the panel propose to send out a survey asking Islanders whether or not the majority of responding Island property owners want the panel to continue. If the vote was yes it was suggested that a second poll would be taken to ascertain whether or not those in favor wanted the panel to be active or in stasis until such time as its action was needed. The panel would no longer operate under the sunshine law since it is not funded by the county.

House numbers: There are currently 50 houses that still have incorrect or missing house numbers. These numbers are critical to the speed and efficiency of ALS service. If these numbers are not corrected eventually code enforcement will need to be called.

Road Commission- The Road Company seems to have found a type of fill that works. Three roads were worked on, Sea Air, Oro Pesos, and Hodgepodge. They have \$20,000.00 in donation to date.

We have a new medical helicopter insurance provider, LifeShield Alliance. The application form and info are on www.UCCA1.com/uccahome/lifeshieldalliance.html. Check with your Medicare provider to see if you are already covered.

Salty Approach airstrip - Zeke: Salty Approach is concerned about the operation of drones on the Island. UC Code 112-95 Sec. 34 Sub section C5 prohibits unmanned radio controlled aircraft within 5 miles of an airstrip. Hart: Two categories of radio controlled aircraft: recreational and commercial. Commercial or for profit is banned. Nobody can use a radio controlled aircraft within 5 mi. without permission and they need to be in touch with landing radio contact. They want awareness raised on the Island of this safety issue and the law governing the use of drones especially within 5 mi. of airstrip. John Mejia asked by phone if he may use his drone recreationally on the Island? Only with permission of Salty Approach and radio contact with other aircraft in the area on frequency 122.75.

The FAA statement is attached and the information is very important for the safety of the pilot's who use the airport.

Second Annual Fun Run- Last year they made \$8,000.00 and expect to do better this year. The profits this year will go to help pay for ALS equipment.

UCCA phone book is in the works. There were some obstacles due to the loss of some of Dave's info and art in his computer crash.

As a point of information, Bill Fry reported that, depending on home insurance carriers, private home rentals must be for a minimum of 7 nights. Renting them for shorter periods could result in loss of insurance. Citizens is phasing out insurance coverage for short-term rentals completely by June 2015 (and other carriers are starting to impose a minimum number of nights).

Meeting adjourned at 1:30PM.

Special Board Meeting on October 31.

It was decided that the UCCA would give a gift of \$10,000.00 from checking and donate half the profits of The St. Patrick's Day Fund Raiser toward the purchase of ALS equipment.

Ann Murphy, Recording Secretary

To provide guidance, the following are examples of flights that could be conducted as hobby or recreation flights and other types of flights that would not be hobby or recreation.

Hobby or Recreation	Not Hobby or Recreation
Flying a model aircraft at the local model aircraft club.	Receiving money for demonstrating aerobatics with a model aircraft.
Taking photographs with a model aircraft for personal use.	A realtor using a model aircraft to photograph a property that he is trying to sell and using the photos in the property's real estate listing. A person photographing a property or event and selling the photos to someone else.
Using a model aircraft to move a box from point to point without any kind of compensation.	Delivering packages to people for a fee. ⁶
Viewing a field to determine whether crops need water when they are grown for personal enjoyment.	Determining whether crops need to be watered that are grown as part of commercial farming operation.

- the aircraft is flown strictly for hobby or recreational use;
- the aircraft is operated in accordance with a community-based set of safety guidelines and within the programming of a nationwide community-based organization;
- the aircraft is limited to not more than 55 pounds unless otherwise certified through a design, construction, inspection, flight test, and operational safety program administered by a community-based organization;
- the aircraft is operated in a manner that does not interfere with and gives way to any manned aircraft; and
- when flown within 5 miles of an airport, the operator of the aircraft provides the airport operator and the airport air traffic control tower ... with prior notice of the operation....

P.L. 112-95, section 336(a)(1)-(5).