

UCCA General Meeting- January 18, 2015
Safety Harbor Clubhouse 11:15am

Meeting was called to order at 11: 10 AM.

Those in attendance were Board Members Jackie Byrnes, JoAnn Beiermeister, Ann Murphy, Sue Ann Cousar, Fran Deture, Helen Justice, William Fry, Jeanne Walsh, and Andrew Anderson.

Membership in attendance were Deanne Richardson, Deb Skinner, Tim Smith, Judith Miller, Sandra Richardson, Kay Stieger, Jake Stieger, Linda Deture, Dan Hrycyk, Linda McPherson, Janet Cooksey, Homer Cooksey, Sam Horsley, Michael Filipczak, Mark Justice, Bill Byrnes, Gene Murphy, Andrea Pepper, Richard Pepper, Arthur Mason.

Minutes- The minutes for Jan. 18, 2015, were corrected to show that the Upper Captiva Road Company had \$500.00, and then approved.

Treasurer's report- Checking Acct.-\$11,148.62
Landing Acct.- \$65,294.88

There are no outstanding obligations.

UCCA election results- Re-elected to board were Andrew Anderson and JoAnn Beiermeister and newly elected was Jeanne Walsh.

UCFRD report- Chief Richard Pepper reported that 20-21 new Paramedics have been hired. 14 have been certified by Lee County Medical Director Dr. Lemmons.

The purchase of some of the smaller pieces of equipment needed for ALS has begun.

ON FEB 28 THERE WILL BE A FUND RAISING GOLF CART WASH AT THE FIRE HOUSE MANNED BY F.D. VOLUNTEERS. COME AND MEET SOME OF THE NEW FIREFIGHTERS, HAVE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE AND BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS CHECKED. ENJOY A COOKOUT LUNCH. MORE INFO. TO FOLLOW.

The Department has purchased a boat to ferry the fire fighters back and forth from Pine Island Marina. With the increase in personnel the transportation cost on Island Girl would have been \$46,000.00 a year. The shift change under ALS becomes more complicated so the boat allows the shift that is going off duty to return to the firehouse when the new shift arrives to correctly pass information.

There was a question about helicopter insurance and Sue Ann Cousar said the forms could be found at www.UCCA1.com/uccahome/lifeshieldalliance.html.

When emergency help is needed, always call 911. If you are not calling from a landline there will be more questions from the 911 operator. Deb Skinner reported that she had difficulty reporting an emergency to 911 from her cell phone. It will be looked into.

The FD has File of life information available for you to use to fill out your medical information and put on your refrigerator in the provided folder and a decal for your door so the FD immediately knows your info is available.

Advanced Life Support -Phil Kinsey, who is assisting us both with our move to ALS and with our purchase of equipment, is well qualified for his job educationally and in his many years of service as Fire Chief of the largest fire department in Lee County.

Our ISO rating has been lowered to a four, a better number. Let your insurance agent know.

Friends of the UCFRD- At Gene Murphy's question Sue Ann Cousar reported that to date 173 lot and home owners have not yet paid their assessment.

The Friends of the Fire Department have sent out an appeal to collect donations for equipment to enable us to provide ALS service to the Island. To date the donations are \$10,000.00 dollars from the UCCA and approximately \$15,000.00 from the Fun Run which together with private donations has the total at between and \$40 to \$45 thousand. E-mail needs to go out to remind those who have not yet done so to donate so they can reach their \$60,000.00 goal. The Board thanked Gene for his hard work.

February 14th, Valentine's Day, will be Island cleanup. Meet at the Fire House at 9AM for your assignments. Daniel Hrycyk, Bill Byrnes, and Barry Bundrum will head up the event.

On the same day there will be a Celebration of Life at the firehouse. We will gather at 3PM to honor fellow Islanders who have died in the past year.

Cindy Walsh will be playing at the St Patrick's party again this year.

Deb Skinner thanked all who bought North Captiva Conservation Fund calendars this year. They were able to purchase 12 each of Gopher Tortoise and Indigo Snake signs with the proceeds. The signs are educational and it is hoped they will cause both Islanders and visitors alike to show these Island inhabitants greater respect. Chris Lechowicz will be running a volunteer workday in our battle against Brazilian Pepper. The dates for the workdays will be sent out.

Road signs- Bill Byrne reported that the committee would make one last canvas of the Island. The info will then be turned over to Chief Pepper who will notify homeowners that is a matter of public safety. SHC will repaint their road signs. And a group of volunteers, all are welcome to help, will redo Island wide street signs to be sure that they are correct. The jobs that will be done are: trim around road signs, correct incorrect street signs, put up new signs where needed. The FD will help with some of the work. The UCCA provided \$250.00 in funding.

There was no Old Business

New Business- Barnacle's agreement with UCCA will expire in March 1 Deb and Charlie Skinner will let it run to May 1. Parking is being rethought.

News Letter- Karen Sirabian, editor, is receiving help from Bill Fry on the format. Some suggestions for future editions include; letter to the editor, a community calendar of events that are open to the public. Future editions could contain pictures and thumbnail bios of new firefighter.

There was discussion about drones. Since there is nowhere on the Island that is less than 5 miles from the airport the Island is a no drone zone.

Next meeting will be on Sunday, April 19 at 11:15am, the day after the SHC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30PM