

JOHNS ISLAND ANNUAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

On September 6, 2020 pursuant to notice by email and posted at the community well the 2020 annual meeting of the Johns Islanders, Inc. was called to order by president Pat Presentin at 1:10 PM . As the pandemic was ongoing since February, this was a meeting under a modified COVID 19 protocol as set out in the Notice of August 27 where members present wore masks and distanced from each other. “Be Safe, Be Distanced, Be Well” The meeting approach was posted with two signs made by Maeve and Erin Taylor requesting compliance for the safety of all. “Wear a Mask Please” “Let’s Stay Healthy” The sign-in roster was orally taken by the acting secretary and is filed with these minutes. Erin Taylor was appointed as acting secretary for the minutes in the absence of Scott Terry. A motion was made, seconded and passed to waive the reading of the 2019 minutes which had been posted at the well and provided by email to the membership.

The President after a welcome noted this year’s closure of Camp Nor’wester due to COVID and a prior letter allowing residents use apart from the structures, There was no contact on unauthorized trespassing as directed in the 2019 annual meeting, The prevalence of masks and distancing made this a unique annual meeting in the usual setting and island sun.

Treasures Report:

Scott Dawson gave the report.

The balance in the account is \$4498.18. Last year after assessment all but two homes paid the \$40 assessment. 37 owners are in the group 6 are non-group 3 properties are held in trust without cabins. There’s been no contact information for Ken Ulich the owner of lot 11 2nd Addition.

Anyone who knows him let Scott Dawson know. If everyone pays the \$40 there will be an additional \$1420 added to the account if we vote to assess this year. Well repair reimbursement to Jeff Jones was made. Back property taxes were paid on the road acreage and community of \$47. If we are to maintain \$5000 reserve or more we will need it to use to finish the well repairs and obtain an AED (automatic electronic defibrillator) on the island. The cost of an AED is approximately \$1500. There followed a discussion on the AED operation and needs; amounts in arrears; and lot transfer fees.

A motion to assess \$40 additional this year was made, seconded, and passed with 2 opposed. Future assessment will be considered next year.

Old Business

Well report: Jeff Jones gave a well report. Last September the well was renewed with the replacement of the old pump. The old pump was retained and could be repaired with new leathers or a twin to the new pump purchased for ongoing substitution on a schedule. Repair or replace was discussed. Jeff recommended replacement. Jeff also recommended that the pipe and sucker rod be cut and reassembled in 10 foot sections, instead of existing 18 to 20 foot sections, to make repair much easier. Cost of both jobs would be on the order of \$1000 to \$1500 if done with resident volunteers and includes adding stainless steel couplers and threading of sections. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to authorize the recommended changes and fund them through the treasury. Jeff reported that the water has been tested recently but the results are yet forthcoming. (A 9/16/20 water quality report was distributed 11/2/20 showing

negative for coliform and noxious contaminants with sodium and chloride (salt) at levels below concern,) Scheduling for next year's maintenance and repairs will be scheduled.

Fire and ER Merger

The prior effort to consolidate the fire and emergency service on outer islands with the county and Friday Harbor fire districts failed to gather enough votes in the county. Dawson will convey status by report.

Review of Johns Island Bylaws

The existing by-laws were written in 1961 and have not been officially amended except by motion at the annual meetings to add rules and guidance. A new review by a committee has been suggested by the Chair to make recommendations: Those by voluntary selection were Gary Syck, Dean Poor, and Mike Sandeman and Pat Presentin. A copy of the old by-laws is attached to these minutes. Old minutes will be considered in making suggested changes as well as the present conditions of the island community. Please forward suggestions to any of the four above or Scott Dawson who has expressed interest in the by-laws.

New Business

Vehicle Use on Common Roads

The Chair initiated discussion of the vehicle use on the island. The roads are common areas that property taxes are annually paid by the community. Increasing ownership of ATV's (All Terrain Vehicles) and other motorized equipment leads to safety, nuisance, and noise concerns. A discussion of issues of speed (not a race track); common sense hours of use; limits to functional use only as propane truck and delivery, joyriding. It was suggested that these issues be addressed in the By-Law review to which there was a consensus.

Gun Use

The president reported that the Monument Advisory Committee, citizens of the county and tribes, opposes the recent BLM proposed rules for the isolated properties of federal ownership (ie, the rocks on the east end of Johns and areas such as the lighthouse property on Turn Point and Patos Island) includes gun target practice and hunting. Gun use on Johns Island has existed as admitted at the meeting. The consensus was that this is not a place for any gun use or gunfire in the summer in view of children randomly occupying the area with general consent. Beyond that, neighbors intending use in the absence of a prohibition should obtain consent and give notice in advance to neighbors and the community to avoid accidents. This matter can be addressed in the By Law committee.

Island Help

A general congratulation for the collective help following Jon Duncan's heart attack, There was general assistance provided to Candy and their son get Jon help, secure his boat and return it to LaConner and move lumber and other freight to their lot. Thanks to all. Jon is improving well and Candy will report further.

Automatic Defibulator on Island

Following a robust discussion on the need to secure a AED for medical use for incidents like Jon's, a motion was made to authorize the expenditure of funds to obtain one for stationing at

the well. A second AED will be donated if the first one can be purchased. Katie Davis is an RN who will head up an effort to obtain one with the assistance of Marita Holdaway, hopefully by Memorial Day next year. Details of placement, training, cost remain. Katie will research. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to proceed with the investigation and purchase as facts become known. Katie and Marita will report to the board. .

Election of Trustees

The remaining item on the agenda was the election of trustees, It was reported in case anyone did not know that Mike Joyce became a trustee after having been elected a contingent trustee upon resignations of Dennis Goudie in 2020 leaving: Presentin, Bolton, Duncan, Scott, and Syck, Dawson, Joyce, Pugerude, and Andrews. A motion was made to nominate the existing board .and accept the current board of trustees as constituted and allow them to continue in their positions as trustees and officers This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. There being no further business of the membership, the historic COVID meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 PM.

Respectively submitted, Erin Taylor with edits by Pat Presentin

POSTSCRIPT: Jon Duncan recovered and will be on the island this summer.