

JOHNS ISLAND ANNUAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

On September 4, 2022 pursuant to notice by email and posted at the community well, the 2022 annual meeting of the Johns Islanders, Inc. was called to order by president Pat Presentin at 1:10 PM . Kristen (Presentin) Chester took meeting notes; secretary Scott Terry was in attendance. Participants signed in and the list of those in attendance is retained.

Introductions

Ted and Lora Stonebridge are new island lot owners of Lot 1 Bk 2 and were present at the meeting. They have long association on the island; grandchild of original owner. They are now planning construction of an interior cabin. The Turner cabin has been sold and is undergoing repairs. Casey Baisch introduced Erin Donaldson and announced their upcoming marriage.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to waive the reading of the 2021minutes which had been posted at the well and provided by email to the membership.

Treasures Report:

Scott Dawson gave the report.

The balance in the account is \$7608.18

We did not collect in 2022.

Everyone but 4 paid the last assessment and the unpaid will be contacted.

The primary expenses were only property tax on roads and well testing.

Last year we increased the reserve from \$5000 to \$10,000 and there is 2023 assessment (\$40/owner), with payments currently being accepted.

Well Report

Jeff Jones reported: it is working.

President's Report

1. John's Island is in line to be provided a "quad" emergency vehicle for fire suppression and critical medical transportation. The consolidated fire district is in the process of funding this purchase for outer islands. Jim Butcher brought this to our attention as Stuart Island and Henry Island have acquired vehicles. RickWinings, the facilities Director for Camp Nor'wester has been monitoring this process with the Fire District and the County. He reports seeing the emergency vehicles on the islands first in line. It is his understanding that the appropriate vehicle for Johns will be a small single axle four wheel that has accommodations for carrying a medical patient and loaded with a water tank and pump for fire suppression. Rick reports that the camp agreed to house and maintain such a vehicle while the Camp is in session. The vehicle could then be moved for more availability to residents if appropriately housed and maintained. Details of use and care and training for use are yet to be worked out.
2. San Juan County
As a matter of information, San Juan County has initiated a new department called Environmental Stewardship. This county department will direct county issues of climate change and sustainability, county water quality and availability, marine resources, and solid waste. The Saanich Peninsula of Vancouver island shares similar concerns and established an environmental sensitive area designation for disappearing Garry oak groves and wetlands similar to those on Johns Island that now require a special permit if impacted by use.
3. Corporation and By-Laws
Our effort to review and update the John Islanders 1961 articles and bylaws was changed by recent Washington State legislation regulating nonprofit corporations. Because the secretary of state has not come up to speed on the new regulations which went into effect on January 1, 2022, this affected our review. We are now required to have a federal tax employer identification number (FIN) and basic changes which

never were previously required for nonprofit homeowners associations. The President will follow up on these. These new requirements now encourage electronic notification that we have been doing for several years and will be proposed for adoption by resolution today. The effect on the Johns Islanders Inc. is not clear. The 1961 articles and bylaws are out of date and are superseded by this law. The law provides as yet no guidelines on homeowners associations. We can modify our articles and bylaws as needed, but some changes may be required when state guidelines become clear.

As discussed last annual meeting (See footnote below) one bylaw change suggested is how our roads are to be used; a draft of a bylaw was sent to Islanders for their opinions. Two ancient documents showing the great restrictions imposed by earlier residents were also transmitted with the notice. The road running through most of the community was initially allowed by the County without resident input as Public Works did not believe there were residents on Johns Island. (This happened in 1994.) Subsequently the road was closed for violations then opened for Mike and Debbie Sandeman's use under guidelines from the community. As known, this road has returned to a trail used for walking, transporting construction materials, propane, and cabin supplies from the public access to the western portion of the plat. Some members have four wheeled vehicles and use them for specific needs. Your input is requested vehicle road use: limits on speed, motorcycle use, size of vehicle, restrictions to platted roads and road width, prohibition of use on the shores, clean up, dust, utility and not recreational use, etc. Basically, a manner of use accommodating the Johns island culture of respect for walkers and neighbors.

3. Gun use on the island is another area for bylaws. The second amendment is respected, but residents' input is needed on this given the limits of the island. The president recommended that some form of gun free zone might be appropriate within the Schofield Plats. He noted the use restrictions in the current use plan for BLM lands in the San Juan Islands National Monument of no recreational use of firearms.
4. There were no notable incidents reported by the Camp to the board.

Other Reports

The chair asked for other reports. There were none.

New Business

The chair read the following resolution for adoption of electronic notice requirements as required by new nonprofit law

“Resolved: The members and the board of the Johns Islanders, Inc. to satisfy the requirements of the new nonprofit law--RCW 24.03A-- authorize the use of electronic notice of scheduled or special meetings of the board, members and annual meetings utilizing the current network of deanbal@comcast.net or a network as changed from time to time. This resolution does not provide a substitute for any service or process as required by law.”

Scott Dawson made a motion to adopt the resolution as drafted. That motion was seconded. There being no discussion, the chair called for a vote. The vote to adopt was unanimous.

A second motion was made pursuant also to the new statute regarding officers, occupying multiple positions.

“Resolved: that the required offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer may be occupied by the same individual, except the secretary, the treasurer, and the president must be separate individuals.”

Kate made a motion to adopt the resolution as drafted. The motion was seconded. The chair called for discussion, and there was none. The vote to adopt in favor passed unanimously.

The chair asked if there's any other new business. Scott Dawson suggested the early payment of the 2023 assessment. He will accept payments now.

Election of trustees

The chair read the names of the existing trustees: Pat Pressentin, Jon Duncan, Scott Dawson, Jason Andrews, Malita Bolton, Scott Terry, Mike Joyce, Jim Syke, and Bill Pugerude. The chair requested nominations explaining that the nine trustees is the limit of our bylaws and adopted more than 20 years ago during the special meeting regarding

litigation opposing the Nori aquaculture project off Nell's property. A motion to maintain the existing nine trustees and officers was made by Malita Bolton and seconded by Jim Syke. There being no further discussion or nominations, the vote were called. All voted unanimously in favor of maintaining the existing nine trustees and officers Presentin, Terry and Dawson.

There being no further business of the annual meeting, the chair requested a motion to adjourn, which was made seconded and approved unanimously at approximately 2:05 PM.

Respectively submitted Kristen Chester with edits from Pat Presentin

Footnote from minutes of the annual meeting 2021

Vehicle Use on Common Roads

We revisited the 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, dust, 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. We agreed that the roads and trails are not for motorized recreational use or joyriding. It was suggested that these issues be addressed in the By-Law review to which there was a consensus. (Old bylaws state that a resident must have written permission to use a motorized vehicle on the common roads/ trails, sent to the president, and approved by the Board)

Gun Use

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. Pat volunteered to rework the language into the By Laws. Residents are encouraged to call the San Juan Sheriff if they hear gunshots on Johns Island and they are unaware of who or where the gunshots are fired.