

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members of
The John's Islanders**
(hereinafter referred to as Assn)

Date: Sunday, September 1st, 2024

Location: Johns Island; Anderson Point (Airy residence steps)

The 2023-2024 Officers: Patrick Presentin, President (Chair), Scott Dawson Treasurer, and Lora Stonebridge, Secretary were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Pat Presentin at approximately 1:10 pm.

The following Owner\Members (present\represented), and Participants attended:

	P	B	L	Voting Owner or Proxy	Participant(s)	
1	Alma	1	1	1	Willem \ Shari Alma	
2	Andrews	1	2	3	Jeff Davis	Katy Davis
3	Baisch\Beller	2	2	6	Casey Baisch	
4	Benintendi\Jones	1	1	10	Roslyn Butcher	
5	Bolton	1	1	2,3	Maelita Bolton	
6	Butcher	2	2	8	Roslyn Butcher	
7	Clark	1	2	2	Po Powell \ Steve Clark	
8	Colyer	1	1	6	Larry Colyer	
9	Coughlin	2	2	2	Keegan Coughlin	
10	Dawson	2	2	3,4,5	Scott \ Meagan Dawson	
11	Duncan	2	1	14	Willem Alma	
12	Goudie\Covert	1	1	7	Denis Goudie	
13	Holdaway	2	1	23,24,25	Marita Holdaway	Steve Spencer
14	Jensen\Riehemann	2	1	20	Lora Stonebridge	
15	Jones, David	2	1	8	Daivd Jones	
16	Jones, Darrell	2	1	9	David Jones	
17	Jones, Jeffrey	2	3	1	Jeff Jones	Aaron \ Kim Gilbertsen
18	Joyce\Esposito	2	2	7	Roslyn Butcher	
19	Managold	2	1	3	Ty Managold	Kate Ritley
20	Monda	1	1	4	Jeff \ Laura Monda	
21	Poor	2	1	13	Dean Poor	
	Press	1	2	1		Kerry Geffen
22	Presentin	2	1	16	Pat \ Margaret Presentin	
23	Price	2	1	1,2	Jenna Price	
24	Pugerude	2	1	10	Jill Kramer	Dave Kramer
25	Sanford	2	3	2	Heather Beekley	Travis Beekley
26	Sneed	2	1	12	Maelita Bolton	
27	Stonebridge	2	2	1	Ted Stonebridge	
28	Syck	1	1	5	Gary Syck	David Syck
29	Terry	1	1	9	Scott Dawson	

Twenty-nine Members were present either in-person or by proxy. The By-Laws state that the quorum to do business is 20%. There are a total of 39 owner members in good standing for the year 2023-2024. Eight members needed to be present. A quorum was reached.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes to the prior Members Annual Meeting held on September 3rd, 2023, were distributed last year via email and all in attendance at this meeting were offered a printed copy. Pat Presentin provided an overview of the reading of the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ted Stonebridge; it was quickly seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report

Scott Dawson (Treasurer) reported.

The balance of The John's Islanders bank account was \$11,874 on 8/27/24. A couple of other assessments have been collected since. The balance is to-date approximately 12k. All assessments for 2024 have been collected.

Expenses this year included taxes for road and community property \$31.44, 3 pressurized water extinguishers \$440.64. The expected additional expense in 2024 for well maintenance of up to \$4k (as voted on in last year's annual meeting) has not yet occurred.

Well Report

Jeff Jones reported. The project to replace sucker rods, other fittings and the well pump, which was approved last year, will commence in approximately 4 weeks. Pat asked for volunteers able to assist Jeff onsite and there was discussion amongst those involved as to what weekend might work best.

Jeff also brought up that the concrete base around the well has some cracks in it and that there is mud present. He is concerned that contaminants may potentially enter the well through the cracked concrete. There was discussion about whether to seal the cracks or to remove and replace the base. No decision was made.

President's Report

Camp Nor'wester

Pat had a recent discussion with Jill (Assistant Director). No issues between the islanders and the camp were noted. Meaghan is the new Camp Director.

Fire Response Training

Pat (and his son-in-law) had attended the 4-hour training put on by the San Juan Fire and Rescue the day before (Sat, 8/31/24). He was impressed with the turnout and the instructions. Several residents in the Brigade program had joined the Johns group from Stuart and Henry. This is the first time Pat had met the Outer Islands Chief Jordan Pollack. Fireboat 31 demonstrated their pump system, and he hoped that everyone had a chance to climb aboard.

Lora Stonebridge added that the San Juan County Fire & Rescue is now using our tax dollars (from approval in 2020) to fund the Outer Islands and that is why we have a Division Chief and these programs. The timing of inquiries has worked well to get Johns Island on their radar with training and other resources like the DNR funding for the chipper rental.

Also noted was that Joel (Camp Caretaker) attended the Saturday training and he was able to drive the camp gator with water tank to the training at the community beach. San Juan County Fire & Rescue is accessing what the equipment match is for Johns, and it would be ideal if the property owners would be able to support the Camp.

Unfinished Business

New Fire Response Equipment

Pat described to the group the 3 new water pressurized fire extinguishers that had been purchased by the Board for each Bin owned by the Assn and containing firefighting equipment. Pat asked that the group comment on and ratify the purchase of \$440.64. A motion was made, seconded and the majority voted to ratify the purchase.

Ted Stonebridge described a strap that he's hoping to help with the lifting of the extinguisher and that the ideal weight is a little less full as recommend by Jordan Pollack. Marita Holdaway asked the group to identify where each of the three bins are located. Casey Baisch suggested that each of us keep an extinguisher on our back decks.

Call for Island history

Marita asked again for residents to contribute to the Johns Island history compilation.

By-Law modifications

The John's Islanders By-Laws: Article IX - Amendments: These By-laws may be amended at any time by a vote of a majority of the members of the corporation.

Owner\Member Designation

Pat requested a change to the current requirement that a Trustee be an Owner\Member.

The John's Islanders By-Laws: Article IV - Trustees and Officers – Section 3: Each trustee shall be an incorporator or a member who shall not have lost his right to vote by reason of having disposed of land to which his membership is appurtenant.

Discussion followed. Jeff Jones made motion to adopt verbiage in the By-Laws for an Owner\Member to designate in writing to the Officers an individual to represent their property for the purpose of operating in all capacities in lieu of the Owner\Member. The motion was seconded and was unanimously adopted by 20+ members present.

Other Modifications

Lora requested that we formally adopt four other modifications to get our By-Laws up to date with minor adjustments reflecting our current practices.

1. specific references as Officers\Members as 'he' and that could be referred to without gender.
2. the Treasurer is not paid and so all positions are presented as volunteer.
3. there has not been a Vice President office in a long time, so the Office and references should be removed.
4. the Annual Meeting date currently refers to the 2nd week in July, which would be better set at the annual meeting for the next annual meeting.

Each of these By-law modifications were discussed individually by the group. Each had an individual motion and was seconded. All four modifications were individually, unanimously adopted by 20+ members present.

New Business

Expense limit approval process

The group discussion included the following: The Board of Trustees should approve by majority vote an operational or urgent expenditure not to exceed \$500 per occurrence and if an amount is deemed to be over this limit, then the Officers will follow a process to contact the Owner\Members for majority approval. Exception: Depending on the ability of the well to function producing safe drinking water, the well parts\work may be deemed a special case by the Officers. Marita Holdaway made the motion to include the group's contributed portions above, and it was seconded and approved by the majority.

Assessment Fee

After a discussion, it was decided that there is Not a need for an assessment this year. No vote was necessary.

Road Names

Greg Sutherland of San Juan County has just sent out a survey request via Dean Ballard. The instructions state that an Owners should submit the desired road names as Step 1. There will be a 2nd step in which another email will go out for Owners to vote for choosing the road name(s).

Fire & Emergency Preparedness

Pat announced that Ted Stonebridge is the Brigade Coordinator for Johns Island. Ted encouraged the group to sign up for classes that will be offered in the outer islands and on San Juan this winter.

Number of Trustees to be elected for 2024-2025.

Roslyn Butcher made a motion that the number of Trustees on the Board be 7.

The John's Islanders By-laws Article IV: Trustees and Officers – Section 1. Corporate Powers of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Trustees. The number of trustees who shall manage the affairs of the corporation shall be five. At any meeting or special meeting called thereafter the members may increase or decrease the number of trustees to any number not more than nine or less than three.

Roslyn reminded the group that the term of a Board Member is one year.

Section 2. Trustees shall be elected to serve for one year, or until their successors are elected and duly qualified.

Lora noted that the current number of 9 is a large percentage of the Members (39 in 2024). In 1999 there were 3 and then it was voted to increase the number to the max 9.

Pat provided related history; that at the time of the acquisition of Nells property by Camp Nor'wester in 1999 a broad group of Members needed to be involved for the purpose of litigation.(Memorandum between parties)

Following the discussion, the motion was clarified, there was a second. A majority approved.

Election of Trustees

Of the 9 Trustees elected for the last term 2023-2024; The following 4 Trustees were present: Pat Presentin, Scott Dawson, Lora Stonebridge, and Maelita Bolton.

The following 5 Trustees were not present: Mike Joyce, Kenneth (Bill) Pugerude, Jon Duncan, Jim Syck and Jason Andrews.

Twelve potential names were collected for the ballot by those present and by verified request from those absent: Jon Duncan, Jason Andrews, Casey Baisch, Pat Presentin, Scott Dawson, Mike Joyce, Lora Stonebridge, Maelita Bolton, Jim Syck, Roslyn Butcher, Keegan Coughlin, and Jill Kramer.

It was determined that each Member representing themselves or holding a proxy should submit 7 names per owner representation as votes. The Officers verified that a quorum existed at the time of the vote. The voting sheets were collected by Meagan Dawson and Katy Davis to tally and report.

The following 7 Trustees were elected: Scott Dawson, Pat Presentin, Casey Baisch, Jason Andrews, Jill Kramer, Roslyn Butcher, and Lora Stonebridge,

Adjournment

No formal date/time for the next meeting was announced.

The meeting was informally adjourned following the election at approximately 3:10pm.

The Trustees including Pat Presentin, Scott Dawson, Lora Stonebridge, Roslyn Butcher, Casey Baisch and Jill Kramer met virtually on September 3rd, 2024, to elect Officers. Jason Andrews was not able to attend.

Officers elected: Pat Presentin as President, Scott Dawson as Treasurer and Lora Stonebridge as Secretary.

Submitted by: Lora Stonebridge