

DIA General meeting 8/16/08, 10:04 AM at Koranda's #7

41 members represented in person, 4 by proxy, 2 by absentee vote.

Jim welcomed everyone and reviewed the meeting agenda. Rod Osbourne motioned, Frank Tobakos seconded, accepting the 6/7/08 meeting minutes in to the record as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

In the hopes of keeping the meeting short, the voting for board members was held before continuing. Bob Matherly, Dorothy Chandonia and Dick Buck's terms are expiring. Those running for the board: Bob Matherly, Dorothy Chandonia, Gary Gries, Phil Bottger, Mike Andrasco and Chris McNulty. Mike Andrasco motioned, Rudy Muessig seconded closing the nominations. Louise McGann, Theresa Lightner and Norm Kjos volunteered to count the ballots. Jim thanked Ed Koranda for chairing the nominating committee Ed thanked Sheila Morrow and Jim Morgan for their help with the nominating process this year.

Jack Orr presented the treasurer's report, as talked about in June, expenses are up revenue is down. Mike and Anita Andrasco asked for further detail in barge and repair costs, 20K in 2007, 11K so far in 2008. Jack's response included the replacement of reduction gears, radiator – twice, a new cable, the resurfacing / structuring of the barge top, replacing 2 blown motors. Ed motioned, Rudy seconded, accepting the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Jack talked about the probability of a dues increase. He spoke about how we'd like to build up an operating cushion of 10K. An increase to \$ 550.00 per membership would give us operating capital of about 57K, our current expenses are around 54K, and we hope to keep those in line for 2009. Dave Bryant asked why Jack was estimating 10% for barge maintenance; Jack responded that would keep in line of our normal maintenance expenses, when no major repairs or construction is necessary. Lara Hoffman asked the dollar figure for normal maintenance in a year, Jim responded between 1 and 2 thousand.

Rudy asked whether we should have an expert look at why the motors burned out earlier this year. Jim responded that Vern Reher and Kurt Zyller are confident they found and corrected the electrical problem causing the motor burnouts. We still are having an intermittent electrical problem where a circuit breaker keeps getting thrown. Jack explained that it is so intermittent we haven't been able to track down the cause.

Jim explained that a decision by the board about any dues increase wouldn't be made until the board's winter meeting, once we have the 2008 financial totals. Rudy commented that the dues certainly won't be reduced. Trudy asked, what would we do if we run out of money before collecting 2009 dues? Jack responded we'd probably take out a short term loan. Someone suggested asking every member to contribute to make up the shortfall. Jack responded that the hassle and even the administrative and postage costs would offset the low interest rates currently available. Jim and Jack both thought that our current balance is enough to get us through 2008, it will be close but we should be ok.

Barge hours: Jim explained Linda Domberg, the barge operator on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the spring and fall has informed the board that she doesn't want to continue in that capacity. She has agreed to continue through September. We're hoping to staff with local high school kids in the afternoon, but don't have a solution for the morning shift yet. Jesse said that getting someone to work for only a 2 hour shift is almost impossible, and suggests operating for one 4 hour shift. General conversation and consensus was that members preferred the current barge availability hours. Rudy commented about the spring and fall hours are really just a convenience, we didn't used to have weekday hours at all. He suggests that members fill in for those hours. Dave Bryant suggested contacting the COA for staffing using retirees. We changed the operating hours this year to 8AM every day which helped keep payroll expenses down. Jim asked for comments about the change, there were none. Mike Andrasco thought we should not have any until midnight days, and close at 10 all week. Chicago members objected to closing before midnight on Fridays, Jeri Smith objected to closing before midnight on Saturdays. Jack commented that the midnight operating hours amounted to approximately \$ 200.00 – 250.00 a year in payroll costs; general consensus was to leave the midnight operating times on Fridays and Saturdays.

Jim talked about allowing bike / foot passengers on the barge. Really a non issue, there were no problems and little usage of the new policy.

Maintenance: we're looking the make changes in the motor controllers in the off season. Landings have been repaired by Ben Stokeman and other than some continued minor repairs once the supplies have come in we aren't planning on any major changes to the landings.

The mainland landing has been improved by all the fishing boats, canoes and kayaks being removed and getting the county to trim back trees and foliage. Members are asked to not store boats or other conveyances on the mainland during summer barge hours. Thanks to Rick Riggins and his committee for getting this done.

Trash pickup: costs have increased substantially. The board apologizes for the mix up on pickups during the summer season in an attempt to keep costs down. We're considering different options including eliminating April and October pickups. Rod Osbourne suggest contracting for a dumpster for the mainland in the spring and fall. Janet Chutro commented that mainland neighbors would hate that. It was suggested that a dumpster remain on the island, but then we have the problem of a vehicle getting across on the barge for it. Members present generally did not like the option of bringing their trash home in the spring and fall.

Jim talked about the fire truck, an experiment that didn't work out for us. The fire pump trailer has been tested and does work, but needs to be situated right next to the water because the pickup hoses are only about 20 feet long. He reiterated the in case of fire procedure: call 911, then get someone to operate the barge for firemen. He reminded

everyone about the AED located on the back of Koranda's shed, and the association offering CPR / AED training for anyone interested once a year.

Jim asked if anyone felt we should move the date of the spring meeting to a week or two later, there was very few attendees this past June. No comments.

The results of the board member voting: Bob Matherly, Mike Andrasco, Phil Bottger. Dick Buck and Dorothy Chandonia received a round of applause for their services as board members.

Phyllis Hullinger commented that she was alarmed at seeing children operating motorcycles and golf carts.

Charlie Ericson asked when the fall schedule starts, Jim responded the day after Labor Day. Our current summer schedule is the week after Memorial Day until Labor Day. Sue Horstmann mentioned that school lets out before Memorial Day now. As the reason for the delay was primarily due to problems staffing, Jim said we'd most likely operate the summer schedule from Memorial Day to Labor Day next year.

Rudy motioned for adjournment, Norm Kjos seconded. Motion passed unanimously at 10:55 AM.