

Diamond Island Association
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 19, 2017

President Gary Gries Opened Meeting @ 10:00a.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2017.

Roll Call of Board Members: All officers present

Members Present - 52

Hand-outs available and distributed to attendee's:

- *Barge Financing Illustrations (attachment A)
- *New Barge Proposal – August 19, 2017 (attachment B)
- *Financial Statement (attachment C)
- *Board Member Voting Ballot (attachment D)
- *Financial Statement (attachment E)

Financial Statement: Mike Andrasco reviewed with Membership. Mike thanked Deb Benhart for her work in regards to the July 4th parade and also thanked Lisa Marley for her work in regards to the island t-shirts. Mike also made a motion to accept the IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604. 2nd: Sharon Gries

Motion to accept the financial report: Dick Buck: 2nd: Gary Nolte

Barge Maintenance Report: Bill Hullinger reviewed the most recent break down that occurred. The 2nd incident was the same as the 1st incident. The total cost was \$1,300. \$65 for parts. The root cause is not yet known. Bill feels we are in good shape for the rest of the season.

Q. Bret Crites: Were spare parts purchased for future breakdowns?

A. Bill Hullinger: No, the parts for this issue are “on self” and available @ John Deere.

Barge Operations: Bob Price thanked everyone's participation in Island Lights. USDA conducted research of the island for invasive weeds & plants. Excellent results.

Barge Operators: At beginning of season we had 7 operators that we thought would be with us until the end of the season. All but 2 have agreed to stay on. We will be running a regular schedule through Sunday, August 20, 2017. Starting Monday the hours are as follows: Mon – Thursday: 8a-1p and 5p-10p. Friday/Saturday/Sunday to be announced. Bob asked for volunteers to fill in whenever they could. For every volunteer hour, \$10.00 will go towards their 2018 dues. Also,” all volunteers must be “qualified by Bob Price or Bill Hullinger.

Connie Nolte suggested signs be posted on the mainland side with hours of operation so members are aware of changes to the schedule. Suggestion accepted and signs will be posted.

Barge Committee Report: Dave Benhart reviewed details of Barge Committee recommendations.

1. 2 – 10 ft. wide barges that will be connected on site.
2. Powered by (2) Twin 25 HP. Diesel thrusters (12” propeller, 1 on each thruster); maximum speed of 6 mph. Maximum load capacity of 50K lbs.
3. Fully assembled; fully inspected; full operational when delivered and launched
4. Delivery and launch will be at builders discretion.
5. Launch: non-skid – epoxy coating.
6. Pilot house will be larger and have 360 degree visibility; full size door.
7. Builder responsible for transfer of vehicles.
8. Ramps: adjustable 10 ft. ramps that will be installed on land, not barge. Auto interlocking mechanism for landing hook-up.
9. Builder will supply a full set of “as built” drawings.
10. Operations/maintenance manual will be designed.
11. Research completed and approved by Fire Department; Midwest Energy and Road Commission.

Q. Dick Buck: Will same cable be used?

A. Yes

Q. Michael Radzienda: Will there be any renovations or construction to road or property on or around his cottage 161?

A. We are not expecting any.

Q. Kurt Zeiler: How far away are we from having a barge that does not require an Operator?

A. Ed Koranda has and continues to study this option.

Q. Teddy Mager: Maximum speed of barge?

A. 6 mph.

Q. Lou Benhart: what are the operational costs?

A. This part is uncertain and will be evaluated after new barge is in operation.

Q. Lou Benhart: How much longer is new barge than old barge?

A. 42 ft. vs. 60 ft.

Q. Judy Nerad: Any environmental concerns?

A. All fuel and hydraulic fluids are EPA approved and biodegradable.

Q. What are we doing with old barge? Removal/scrape value?

A. Barge Committee is still researching our best approach.

President Gary Gries reviewed the “Barge Financing Illustration” (Attachment A) and the “New Barge Approval Form” (Attachment B) with Membership. Gary also explained that this meeting will not be adjourned until Midnight, Wednesday, August 23, 2017. This is to allow any Member to review and have time to make their decision in regards to the Barge Committee’s recommendation. Also, all information will be posted on line and members will be able to vote by proxy on line as long as it is by Midnight, Wednesday, August 23, 2017.

Approval voting form distributed in packet and will be available on line. Any Member that voted @ today’s meeting, please DO NOT vote on-line.

Gary Gries gave special thanks to Bob Price and Janet Chutro for all their efforts in regards to managing the correspondence on behalf of the Board to our Members.

New Business:

Election of Officers was performed with the following results:

Mike Andrasco

Phil Bottger

Bill Hullinger

Dean Nerad

Michael Radzienda asked if he could move trees that were blocking paths in center of island. Phil Bottger responded by stating yes, those could be moved, but we need to make sure we do not dump any trash or cut down anything that is growing.

Gary Gries wanted to begin discussion in regards to golf carts being driven around the island by younger drivers. It is a State regulation that any neighborhood with less than 30K can regulate their own golf cart traffic rules/regulations. “How do we begin to manage this”? Jim O’Brien stated that “any” City or State regulates that a golf cart driver must be 16 yrs. old or a current licensed driver. Discussion followed and one suggestion by Michael Radzienda was to have cottage numbers put on all golf carts? This was discussed, but no final decision was made. More opinions/input would be appreciated by Board to continue this topic and offer ideas/solutions as a membership.

Also a question was brought up in regards to who is liable in case there is an accident on the island. The owner of the golf cart(s) would be liable.

Motion to adjourn Wednesday, August 23, 2017 @ 12:00am.

2nd: Laura Ryan

All in favor: All

Nays: 0