

LICA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

7:15 PM – via Zoom

Call To Order

President Greg Hall called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

Introduction of Board Members and First Time Guests

In addition to Greg, Board members in attendance were: Vice President Alan Krum, Treasurer Paul Davis, Secretary Connie Berry, and members Victoria Souze, Carol McKinney, Mary Ross and Gayle Lurenz. Absent was Bill Daley.

There were eight community members joining the meeting via Zoom.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for the minutes. The motion passed.

Approval of General Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2021

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2021 General Membership Meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Davis gave an overview of the Treasurer's report for September. Revenue for the month was \$135. In Tome subscriptions, Expenses were \$874 (Tome printing and mailing, Meals on Wheels milk for dry dock, and the LICA meeting door prize. The general funds balance was \$15,767. Liabilities include phone book printing and postage, Grange rent for Tome folding, and Pogo Zone. That leaves a surplus of \$10,118, leaving \$2,000 for contingencies the remaining balance is \$8,119.

Mary Jane Van Hoesen reminded people that the Tome folding happens ten times each year and is a great opportunity. Pat Hays coordinates this activity.

The Tome subscription form was included in the October Tome as a reminder for people to subscribe early!

Old Business

Greg said that future agendas will include a "Reports" section rather than listing ongoing LICA activities as "Old Business."

ourlummiisland.org **Website Developments** – Alan Krum reported that he is working on some new functionalities for the website. The website is coming along and LICA will be putting out a solicitation for enlisting more contributors to website content. There are more and more active users each month with 729 return visits to the site.

Reports

1. **Public Dock Committee** (Formerly the Emergency Access Committee)
Chris Immer/Mary Ross- Co-Chairs

The Co-Chairs reported that the committee is focused on a short-term and long-term goal.

Short-term: For the short term there is an immediate need for a way to get people off the island if there is an urgent need when the ferry goes unexpectedly. Chris showed pictures of a possible option using a donated reef net fishing boat as a floating dock. The boat could be anchored next to the ferry dock to board people onto other small boats. The reef net boat is a licensed vessel and could be stored on a nearby beach when not in use. There would be some expenses, but Chris estimates they would be less than \$30,000 and this could be in place by next summer.

Long-term: For the long-term Chris again showed pictures and proposes a new dock to be placed where the old ferry dock pilings are still located. This is in front of the Ferry Park and could be undertaken with the Parks Department making a proposal to County Council, rather than the Islanders going on our own. The process would include seven steps to get approval. Chris added that there is labor available on the Island and support by the committee and others. Greg added that the website could be a useful tool for getting support and community buy-in.

Mary asked that if people have personal stories about the impact of sudden ferry outages, including describing the situation and any costs (missed flights, appointments, etc.) that they write it up and submit it to the committee to help further the need for solutions.

2. Meals-On-Wheels- Connie Berry

Donations of veggies from Full Bloom Farm will end on Monday, November 1, 2021. This year the farm donated hundreds of pounds of fresh veggies to the Meals on Wheels clients.

Dinners from The Willows have also ended as of last week. The Willows shared Friday night Family Dinners with clients all summer long.

Connie prepares a weekly notice that goes in the Meals on Wheels bags with any critical Brown Betty announcements, Ferry maintenance days and ticket sales, reminders about preparing for inclement weather by stocking up on pantry foods and alternate fuel for heat if the power goes out are included. Not all Meals on Wheels clients have computers or access to the internet.

3. Phone Book- Greg Hall

The phone book has been mailed and is a success and Greg thanked everyone who worked on it. Copies are available at the Islander. LICA has retained an electronic copy for editing and making corrections if needed. Lessons learned are also being retained to make production easier next time. So far, the comments received have been great.

New Business

Website Use by Island Organizations – Heritage Trust – Mary Ross

Mary gave an example of how ourlummiisland.org was a useful tool for other community organizations, like the Heritage Trust. The Trust's Fall Marine Debris Removal project was coordinated with the Regional Orca Recovery Day. Katie Johnson from the Trust, worked with Alan to set up an online sign-up page and as a result over 70 people signed up and participated in cleaning up Frank's Beach, the Ferry Park, Sunset Beach and the Isle Aire Beach. Volunteers included Islanders from the Condos, The Willows staff, Isle Aire residents and several beach/property owners. In addition to other non-islanders, Sharon Shewmake who is our State Representative, also came with her children for the event after seeing the Island activity. In summary, the Heritage Trust thought the use of the website was successful.

Alan gave a preview of the website log-in function, which will be used for submitting classified ads and for the discussion board. Anyone using the site will be able to view the classified ads, but only Tome Subscribers can post. The polling feature can be limited to subscribers for any polls that are limited to Islanders. The Conversation option will also be for subscribers. This may be a good option for discussions rather than Next Door.

Alan reported that there are currently about 396 pages to the website, with another 400 pages coming. He stressed that Islanders are invited and Welcome to contribute content.

Drawing \$20

Paul described how the numbers for the door prize drawing are set up. He uses the list of Tome subscribers and begins numbering subscribers with #101.

This month's number was #257, belonging to Nina Laden. Nina was not in attendance at the meeting, so the door prize goes up to \$25 next time.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Announcements

Mary reminded people that the Heritage Trust is holding its annual Wreath Sale and that wreath making will take place the weekend after Thanksgiving. Call Mary if you want to help out.