

## **Minutes of the IBIC Annual Meeting - August 18, 2019**

**Trustees Present:** Emily Reckord Young, Kathy Caldwell, Kayleen Pritchard (resigned), Bob Kraft, Catherine Freeman, Sonja Selboe, Dionne Deschenne, Dave McIlvena, Don Lantz, Bob Kernaghan

**Trustees Absent:** Mary Benning-Hughes (resigned), Madison Duckworth

**I. Called to order** by President Emily Reckord at 4:07 PM.

**II. Special Announcement:** postponed until after reports

### **III. Reports:**

**A.Children Activities/Adult Activities-** Emily reported that the year's children's events at Halloween, Christmas, Easter and Indianola Days had been very successful. She thanked Kathy Caldwell and Bob Kernaghan specifically for their help in all of the preparation of these events. Her comment "Many hands make light work" Emily said also applied to all those involved in all the IBIC events.

**B.Treasurer-** Bob Kraft reported that the 2019 operating budget, which is fully funded, is \$100,000 and we're on track to spend it (compared to last year's spending of \$77,000) - with the major differences in increased dollars for security, maintenance of club properties, new merchandise, and sanitation. This increase in income was partially subsidized by last year's carryover of funds (\$8000) not spent. In addition, we have been tapping into our emergency fund (approximately \$10,000) to pay for items not budgeted at the beginning of the year. Those items were Big Rock Stairs, Wilcox Stairs, Pavilion Cameras & Lighting and repair of IBIC recycle/garbage at Rob's Store. Indianola days realized a profit of \$6000 in part due to increased merchandise sales thanks to Madison for her refreshed designs. Bob also reported that we renewed the USPS agreement for another 10 years.

**C. Membership-** Catherine reported that there is presently a total of 499 members to date. There is \$30,375 in membership dues and \$8,767 in designated donations from the dues.

**D.Merchandise-** The budgeted \$29,000 for merchandise was spent but it was redeemed in sales leaving the IBIC \$6,000 in the black. Bob Kernaghan relayed that \$2,000 was made in Indianola days sales alone.

**E.Security-**Emily reported that the added \$7,000 to the security budget (originally \$3,000) allowed IBIC to secure security guards and off duty sheriff deputies and place cameras and recording system at the Pavilion and Clubhouse. She said we now have a security committee of 20 members who will be going ahead with the work of creating signage to clarify conduct at the beach.

**F.Clubhouse Rentals-**Judy drew reported that the clubhouse had fewer rentals this year but that it remained active with community weekly and special events. The weekly events include toddler and preschool groups, bridge, ping pong, Girl Scouts and exercise. Rental now includes a \$120 fee for cleaning following events. The weekly fee of \$75 for a mop and sweep of the clubhouse is being cancelled because community members are able to keep the clubhouse clean during the week.

**G.Properties-**Bob Kernaghan reported that the generator went down and was repaired three times this year. A gas leak was detected and repaired. Mutt mitts are in steady use. Dumpsters by Rob's store have a new surrounding wall and will be resized. The blue lid dumpster is for recycle only. Bob expressed gratitude for Don Gibson who has been hired to keep the outside grounds of the clubhouse, Pavilion and park in great shape. He also thanked Don and Ann Lantz for their vigilant help on keeping the Pavilion beautifully maintained.

### **IV. Special Projects-**

**A. Solar Project** - Kayleen Pritchard reported that the Solar Project is going as scheduled on their reported timeline. She mentioned the IBIC gratitude that the fund drive exceeded expectations making it very viable for this project to be completed this coming year. Dave McIlvena reported that due to the costs of solar panels and instruments coming down and to revised and additional bids we were in a good position to consider the installation that would be in keeping with our present electrical usage. Dave and Kayleen added that IBIC is still waiting on one grant which had potential for an additional grant which, if gained, would help defray extra costs. Both reported that much has been gained in knowledge about what type of grants a private club like IBIC can garner. This will be helpful knowledge going forward with IBIC Generations projects in the future.

**B. Property Projects** - Bob Kernaghan reported Big Rock and Wilcox stairs have been repaired but are still due for retreads in the upcoming two year. Other stairs will be pressure washed this coming year. Look to the Breeze for updates on stair repair progress. Bob shared his gratitude for the many volunteers helping out in the stair rebuilds.

Bob reported that he would be finishing the fence around the replaced dumpsters at Rob's store on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be an 8-yard gray lidded IBIC garbage dumpster and a 3-yard recycle blue lidded recycle dumpster at this site. He encouraged the community to be mindful that this is not for personal use but rather for use when coming from the beach or town areas.

As a side note Bob reported food drives at the clubhouse during special holidays and at Indianola Stunt Night have been successful. A total of \$835 in canned goods and 50 lbs of food added to the success.

**C. Security** - Don Lantz reported that Sarah Runnels took pictures at Eglon and is putting together a power point to educate us on how to create signage for our Pavilion and Tidelands to be utilized properly. He asked that we consider this "Indianola Beach Preservation."

#### **IV. Special Announcement:**

Don Lantz announced that due to inconsistencies during nominating and election preparation, Emily and Dionne have withdrawn from the ballot. Dionne then outlined the ways in which their nominations were in violation of the by-laws: Dionne is an appointed and not elected trustee and therefore could not be slated (as per by-laws) to run for secretary. Emily was placed on the ballot without the 45-day notice required in the by-laws and therefore could not be slated to run as a trustee or president.

Kathy Caldwell said that voting would take place with these names crossed out and that anyone having voted prior would have their vote counted without these offices being tabulated, then followed with a statement outlining the lack of alignment in nominations with the by-laws and problems with the ballot mailing resulting in many members having not received a ballot in time to vote. (See **ADDENDUM** for information from the emergency board meeting that occurred immediately before the Annual Meeting to address these problems with the ballot.)

A pause in the meeting allowed members to vote.

#### **V. Awards and Recognition for 2018**

Emily announced that Madison Duckworth was Woman of the Year for her tireless dedication to managing merchandise for the IBIC store over the past several years. She also acknowledged Bob Kraft as Man of the Year for his hard work as Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted by Kayleen Pritchard, Former Secretary

#### **ADDENDUM**

The board met at 3 PM for an emergency session prior to the Annual Meeting to address the problems with the ballot. Trustees present were Kathy Caldwell, Emily Reckord Young, Don Lantz, Dionne Deschenne, Bob Kraft, Bob Kernaghan, Catherine Freeman, Dave Mcilvena, and Sonja Selboe. Also present were Emily Langlie, Sarah Runnels, Colleen Crowley-Vlhaovich, and Susan Hancock. Everyone read a letter from Emily Reckord Young explaining the series of events that led to the by-law violations and ballot problems. Options for resolution were discussed and the candidates were asked to weigh in on those potential solutions.

Following the discussion, Dionne amended the motion that she had previously made via email to read:

"I make a motion that Emily Reckord Young be excluded from the vote on this motion because her actions caused the by-law violations, she stands to benefit from them, and she has failed to recuse herself; that the two candidates on the ballot who are, according to the by-laws ineligible to run - Dionne Deschenne and Emily Reckord Young - be removed from the ballot and any votes cast for them be disregarded; that the five remaining candidates for the four 3-year term trustee positions remain on the ballot and that the election proceed to fill those four positions from the five eligible candidates, as well as to determine the by-law amendment; and that following the election the board appoint the unelected candidate to a one-year term position, identify and appoint another person to fill the remaining one-year trustee position, and by board vote appoint trustees to fill the vacant secretary and president positions." Catherine Freeman seconded the motion.

Those in favor were Don Lantz, Dave Mcilvena, Dionne Deschenne, Sonja Selboe, and Catherine Freeman. Bob Kraft abstained. Emily Reckord Young was excluded from the vote as per the motion. Kathy Caldwell and Bob Kernaghan were setting up for the meeting and were not asked to return to vote as the conditions for an affirmative vote provided in the by-laws had been met: The majority of the trustees present had voted to affirm the motion with no less than five trustees supporting.

Respectfully Submitted by Dionne Deschenne, Trustee