

RIIA Board Meeting
March 21, 2011

Board Attending: Charlotte Crain, Anne Scea, Rich Swenson, Rich Paley, Sarah Brown, Mike Neil, John Rosendahl, Dawn Stanton; **Board absent:** Trish Burnett, Russ Ranger

Members Attending: Gabrielle Gibbens, Tom Straub, Bob McCoy, Andy Flood, Jim McReynolds, Gene Barkin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by President, Charlotte Crain. All attendees introduced themselves.

February minutes were not approved as questions remained requiring comment by the Secretary who was not present. Approval was tabled and minutes will be finalized by email if possible.

Request to add agenda items: none made

Members request to address Board: none made

Introduction of Island Manager: New manager, Juanita Carbaugh, could not attend the March meeting. She told Charlotte she regrets not being here and will attend in April.

Other Island Manager issues were discussed:

- Parking tickets will be distributed with our Vote letter before the annual meeting.
- Paperwork collected by our past manager was discussed. Charlotte said she will try to sort through it in the future. We need to decide who and how to house our past paperwork and documentation. It is important to safely store this material.
- New manager had reported some calls with dog issues and is looking for procedure to handle. She should either handle herself or notify the appropriate board or committee member. Charlotte wondered if she could do this in the future by web or email – (eg. roads@www.raftisland.org.)

Treasurer's report: reports were sent by email to all board members. Treasurer, Anne Scea reported that as requested and recommended by new Island Manager, we will be changing our banking from Bank of America to Chase.

Other issues involving budget and finances were discussed:

- Charlotte and VP John Rosendahl discussed the issue of possible misunderstandings because of bridge work we have to do next year instead of this year.
- Another problem was brought up regarding our lower income this year due to the change in billing procedure – dues paid for next year will not be paid in June of this year as they have been in the past. We will have to explain this discrepancy.

- Treasurer was asked if our accounting records for past years were a problem. Anne said that since 2007 we have all the information and all moneys are attributed properly.

Collections:

- John reported on foreclosure legal guidelines: if bank owns the property, they are not responsible for dues up to the foreclosure. Our current collection policy may clash with our bylaws (Section 4, Article II). We need clarification. Charlotte and Dave Paley will discuss with our new manager. John may query our lawyer.
- It was brought up that we may need to address our collection policy in regards to the bridge – banks need to be paid regardless. We need to spell out to our membership what the problems will be.
- In the discussion following, Anne, John, Dawn and Dave mentioned several items: billing will have to change, collection policy in regard to liens, foreclosures, etc. will be crucial when money amounts are more, most individual loans will be paid when the property is sold, the number of current problem accounts is actually small at the present time, according to Anne. John thinks we can deal with any changes in bylaws that may be necessary –he will compile a list of items that may need changing. We decided to table this topic until the new manager and Trish are here.

Old Business: Mike Hirko’s letter (emailed to board members) was discussed, including the church property issue (2/3 payment rate) and the issue of members combining lots to avoid separate assessments. It was determined that we will keep these problems and variables in mind after the bridge vote. Dave will ask Mike to do further research on these issues.

- **Bridge:**

1. Dawn reported on the last bridge committee meeting. Next meeting Exceltec will update Sargent’s report to come up with actual costs of continued maintenance. She asked if we had heard any feedback on the subject of a new bridge: Charlotte reported positive responses, Dave reported hesitant responses. Dave mentioned the Treasure Island document (previously emailed to board members) and noted we need to address the “Shoreline Master Plan” and future risks.
2. Discussion on when to have special meeting on bridge: we need to have two April meetings – the first one just on putting together the ballot, the package of related activities and approving all that will be done. That meeting will be Monday, April 4th. (The main informational meeting for all members will occur at the next scheduled board meeting on April 18th.)
3. Board members were asked to email suggestions for our next Newsletter’s explanation of the bridge vote.
4. It was reported that Ted Smith was working with Exceltech on the current necessary bridge repairs. A new report (\$800) was required.

- **Roads:** Rich Swenson reported that potholes will be filled when rain abets and trees overhanging roads will be trimmed before flowering. Island members will be warned beforehand if these activities will interfere with normal traffic.
- **Communication:** nothing to report
- **Security:** A lot of speeding over the bridge has been reported. We will have signs posted with the new speed limit and officers will be able to ticket violators.

Charlotte reported one theft of stored equipment on the island. We discussed publicizing these types of incidents. For example, on our website we can have a Neighborhood Watch page. Dawn will look into it.

- **Parks:** Our tennis court needs clean up and repair.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Brown for Trish Burnett, Secretary