



## Minutes of MAY 19, 2021 Board Meeting

**Call Meeting to Order** - President Dottie Lanci 7:03

*In attendance: Paul Laura, Jim Foley, Sue Foley, John Hodge, Dottie Lanci, Hilarie Davis*

**Approval of minutes from April 21 meeting** – *accepted unanimously*

**Treasurer's report Hilarie Davis**

*\$1518.02 balance, two new checks in the mail*

*Jim made motion, John seconded, accepted unanimously*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**South Hutchinson Island Presidents' Council, Jim**

*Jim is pleased with progress and thanked the other board members who contributed to completing the spreadsheet is filled out, He recommends moving on it right away while the information is still valid..*

*This time of year means people are not around but we could do a Zoom meeting. Send them an email introducing the idea of a Presidents Council as:*

- 1) a forum to share information with each other (legal advice, vendors, etc.),*
- 2) way for us to share information with them (environmental, beach cleanup),*
- 3) credible source for feeding information to the county.*

*Being a member of the Presidents council would be asking them to participate or send someone to meetings, share information about their HOA, and keep the directory current. HIPI would be providing administrative support to get up and running, then they would choose the leadership at the first meeting, HIPI would present at that first meeting and then there would be an open forum for them to discuss issues related to the island. Jim would like to have the directory formatted to distribute to all of them. He will ask Elizabeth if she can do that.*

*John commented that this work goes hand in hand with the membership efforts. The St. Lucie Council documents are impressive so we can mirror what they have done. Jim agreed.*

*Next steps: 1) Paul will reach out to Charles Grande of the St. Lucie Hutchinson Island Presidents Council to see when he might be available to speak to the group, perhaps in June, 2) Jim will draft the letter, 3) Jim will ask Elizabeth if she can format the directory.*

## **Membership report, John and Hilarie**

*They have been reviewing lots of ideas they found online. Rotary has a good model so John asked a family member who said personal contact was the most effective. John did an experiment by contacting three people where he lives to explain what HIPI is doing. All three are going to join. If each of board member got two people, that would be a good start. The idea would be to encourage everyone to reach out to their neighbors too with the common goal of doing what's best for the island. Other ideas were to do a PSA on the radio, do a membership drive with an incentive (e.g. restaurant gift card), go to functions like Jammin' Jensen, go to other organizations to present and recruit, do some common projects with St. Lucie Presidents Council, post copies of newsletter at Bunkhouse and Blake Library.*

*Next steps:*

- *John and Hilarie will make a list of ideas for the board to review and prioritize.*
- *Each person on the board will reach out to people they know.*
- *Hilarie will meet with Paul to identify some organizations to attend their meetings.*

***HIPI bags*** *Good idea but tabled for now since JB high school selling bags as a fundraiser.*

## **Conservation report. Paul**

*Lake O level level is down to 13' and 30% has cyanobacteria. The Governor has been asked for an emergency declaration, but is hesitating.*

*One of the renewing members asked us to investigate the dead mangroves near the JB roundabout. Paul reported that they are drowning when it rains because there is no egress for the water (happened in 2017 with the hurricane). Paul worked on this two years ago with the county with no result. It's not county land, but owned by the strip mall where the CVS is. The solution would be to put in some piping to help drain it. There used to be a pipe there on an old print. It's similar to the impoundment area on left side after the bridge going east. Paul is testing there every week, pH, oxygen, clarity, mosquito count report. HIPI could report on this in a newsletter. Paul suggests talking to John Maehl, Ecosystem Division Manager, at the county who works on environmental issues. He will provide a review. Then decide where we want to go with it..*

*MPO met yesterday (Stuart and Martin County). Doug Smith is supporting Hutchinson Shores in adding new lights for safety reasons. The issue may be the median which was meant to slow people down but they don't understand its purpose or that flashing lights mean prepare to stop, rather than "slow down." Paul is suggesting we talk with DOT. Jim suggested talking to the management about what a good neighbor they were in the building phase in their environmental considerations. Suggestions include having the light go to red from yellow, speed bumps, and more reflectors on the road's surface.*

*Hilarie made motion, seconded by Paul, all were in favor that we should pursue the lighting issue.*

*Next steps:*

- *Paul will contact John Maehl for a report on the status of the mangrove area.*
- *Paul will write an article about the mangrove issue based on what he finds out*
- *Paul will try to arrange a meeting with Hutchinson Shores, then decide who will go. Should be mixed gender.*

### **Newsletter, Elizabeth**

*Dottie asked that we each write something for the next newsletter.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Get a zoom account, look into cost. Hilarie will check on cost and send options to Dottie.*

*Next meeting – June 16<sup>th</sup> on zoom.*

### **Adjournment**

*Paul moved to adjourn, John seconded. All were in favor. 8:20 pm*

**Respectively submitted by Treasurer Hilarie Davis for Secretary Patty Jones**