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JICA Annual Meeting Minutes -

JEKYLL ISLAND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting and Reception

January 2, 2012

Attendance: Joe Malbasa-President; Larry Waldhauer-Treasurer; Gloria Zocchi-Secretary; Mark Lichtenstein, Norman Haft, Bob Lelli, Steve Newell

President Malbasa made the following announcements:

1. January 10-United Way will be having a chili lunch at the Firehouse from 11:30-1:30. Cost \$5. The raffle drawing will be held. This will be your last chance to purchase tickets.
2. The JICA dues are due. They are \$40 for a family, and \$25 for individuals.
3. The JI Garden Club Fashion Show and Luncheon will be on January 11 at the Morgan Center at 11am. Tickets can be purchased from Meg Roberts 635-3356.
4. The JI Garden Club will be sponsoring their Annual Bazaar at the Grand Oaks Hall on January 14. Items may be dropped off on Thursday, January 13 and Friday, January 14 from 8-12.
5. Music and Merlot will be held at the Morgan Center on Saturday night, January 14 at 8pm.
6. The Friends of Historic Jekyll Island will be holding their Annual Dinner on January 31 at the JI Club Hotel. The speaker will be author Steven Berry.
7. The Friends are having their annual Silent Auction on February 26.
8. The Jekyll Island Arts Association will be holding their Annual Festival on March 9-11.

The Minutes were accepted as written.

Larry Waldhauer reported that the treasury now has \$15,569.16. His report was accepted.

Megan Jeffries gave the Membership Report. We now have 65 individual members and 133 family members for a total of 331 voting members.

OLD BUSINESS-none

NEW BUSINESS

President Malbasa announced the new nominees for the JICA :

Stan Jennings

Gene Jarrett

Don Kronenberger

Steve Newell (to complete an unfinished 1 year term).

No new nominees were suggested from the floor. The membership voted and accepted the new slate.

Joe thanked Gloria Zocchi, who is leaving the Board, Jim Reed (JICANET), Ron Willnow who is our webmaster, Megan and CJ Jeffries (agendas and membership) and Gil McLemore for heading up the Nominating Committee. He also thanked the audience for supporting JICA.

A question was brought up about the lack of Christmas lights on the island. It was stated that there are no Christmas lights this year because of the current construction. The JIA de-emphasized Christmas lighting in the historic district. Nothing has been mentioned about Christmas lights next year.

With no further comments from the audience, the meeting was adjourned, and the reception followed.

Sincerely, Gloria Zocchi, Secretary

New JICA 2012 Officers -

Congratulations to the following 2012 Officers:

President - Joe Malbasa

Vice President - Stan Jennings

Secretary - Gene Jarrett

Treasurer - Larry Waldhauer

JISPA Board Meeting Agenda -Tuesday, Jan 17

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

9:30 a.m. JIA Committee Meetings* Chalet 7, Convention Campus

*All applicable public comments will be heard during the appropriate committee meeting

Finance Committee -

A.) December's Financials

Committee of the Whole –

A.) SMG Contract – Consideration– Chris O'Donnell

B.) “Convention Center Way” suggested change to “Ocean Way”

C.) East of bridge related construction design concept – Jim Broadwell

D.) Executive Director – Contract Renewal

E.) Executive Director Report

F.) Chairman’s Comments

Causeway Vista Clearing -

The Jekyll Island Authority will begin selective vista clearing along the Jekyll Island – Downing Musgrove Causeway. Clearing will be performed as outlined in the Jekyll Causeway Vegetation Management Plan that was developed in 2009 and adopted as a component of the Jekyll Island Conservation Plan approved in 2011. The Jekyll Causeway Vegetation Management Plan is a product of a committee that included representatives from conservation and transportation groups and several citizen experts on ecology and birding. Separate approvals and permits have been received from all responsible agencies. These include approval from Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GaDNR) Coastal Resource Division, GADNR Environmental Protection Division, Georgia Department of Transportation’s district office in Jesup and main office in Atlanta.

Jekyll Island Authority staff will carry out 2.5 miles of selective clearings on both sides of the causeway. Clearing will be performed with a boom-mounted machete machine as well as by hand. Permits also allow for the clean-up of any dead or fallen debris in locations outside the defined selective clearing areas. The work will be conducted over several weeks and will conclude prior to songbird nesting season and diamondback terrapin nesting season. Clearing work also avoids the bird nesting areas on Latham’s Hammock.

The goal of the Jekyll Causeway Vegetation Management Plan is to promote diversity of habitat and restore vistas along the most scenic areas. Selective clearing will be performed on a five-year cycle to allow plant maturation and to create a diversity of successional growth. Work will be conducted under the supervision of Cliff Gawron, Jekyll Island Authority Director of Landscape and Planning.

The public should use caution when passing work crews and please observe posted speed limits. Please watch for work trucks entering and exiting the causeway from the road shoulder. Please keep a safe distance from other vehicles and be aware of possible distracted drivers.

--- and that's the news from Jekyll Island where history lives, nature abounds and the new Convention Center parking lots are taking shape; trees, trees and more trees!!! -- Jim Reed, JICANet Editor

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