

# **JICANet Update**

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#### **JICA Meeting Minutes for Sept 14**

JEKYLL ISLAND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Monday, September 14, 2009

Attendance: Norman Haft, Co-President; Bob Lelli, Co-President; Rich Hoffman, Vice President; Larry Waldhauer, Treasurer; Gloria Zocchi, Secretary; Stan Jennings, Mindy Egan, Frank Mirasola, and Rich Van Iderstyne

The meeting was called to order by President Norman Haft.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Haft introduced the new board to the audience.

The JICA meetings in the future will be on the same day as the JIA meetings, normally, the second Monday of the month, with some exceptions, and in the same room. This will save \$150 each meeting, as the setup of the room will not be changed.

#### **MINUTES**

Frank Mirasola made the motion to accept the minutes, and Larry Waldhauer seconded. The minutes were approved.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT-Larry Waldhauer**

On May 18 the bank balance was \$15,171.72. Since that time, \$2155 in dues has been received, with disbursements of \$2427.66, leaving a balance of \$14,899.06.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT-Meghan Jeffries

As of September 1 JICA had 97 individual members and 205 family members, for a total of 507 voting members. There are quite a few members who are not current with their dues. A campaign should be initiated to collect the delinquent dues.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Extension of Residential Leases Beyond 2049

JICA , in a special meeting, approved the following resolution, setting forth the basic principals required in an extended lease:

WHEREAS the present residential leases on Jekyll Island expire in 2049; and

WHEREAS it is necessary for most residents to extend said leases until 2089 for the ability to obtain financing for future sale and/or re-financing of the residence

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Jekyll Island Citizens Association (JICA) Board of Directors has taken the following position and respectfully requests the Jekyll Island Authority (JIA) to implement the same:

1. Make leasing policies clear and understandable
2. Adjust lease fees keeping AFFORDABILITY as the key factor
3. Encourage transition of current leases to new lease policy
4. Encourage improvements to the island's existing residences
5. Address the JIA's long-term revenue needs

Several individuals have submitted well-reasoned lease proposals, and there have been many meetings attended with Jones Hooks, Executive Director, Gil MacLamore, JICA's Attorney, JICA's Co-Presidents, and others to consider and discuss these, and emphasize the principles as set forth in JICA's resolution.

Peter Leininger wanted to know what would happen if this wasn't decided by the end of the year. Co-President Haft stated that it is always possible that legislation could be introduced and passed which would affect us negatively. We can't predict just what would happen..

Jim Murray wanted to know if a future board could change anything that the present board passes. Mr. McLemore stated that the JIA has the authority to

pass a law on behalf of the state, and the legislature cannot change it. He felt that if what the JIA proposed is FAIR, then we should take it.

Mindy Egan stated that if it does go the Legislature, than opponents can introduce negative bills--for instance, they could refuse to extend the leases at all beyond 2049.

Chuck McManus stated that he has a lease until 2049. Why should he pay more? Co-President Haft stated that going with a reasonable deal preserves your property value. Not taking the deal could lead to your property decreasing in value every year.

Frank Mirasola questioned whether a resolution of the extended leases would be accomplished by the end of the year.

## NEW BUSINESS

Co-President Haft noted that an excellent Analysis of Volunteering on Jekyll Island has been completed. It is on the JICA website, and is truly impressive. The report was prepared by Maryanne Cernak, PHD, who volunteered her time and expertise.

Co-President Bob Lelli stated that it is necessary to find someone who is willing to take over the Quality of Life project. Onalee Willnow who held the position before, and did an excellent job will assist in finding a replacement.

Co-President Lelli announced the new dates for meetings as follows: October 19, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 15, March 15, April 12, and May 10. Through May meetings will be in the present room at 2pm. When construction begins on the new convention center, the meetings will probably be upstairs above Morgan's Grill.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Peter Leininger mentioned that residents at the Villas were under the impression that the lease extension had already been accomplished. Co-President Haft stated that he will attempt to clarify this situation.

Jean Polzak stated that the Volunteer report should be in ALL area papers, and JICA should write a letter to the editor about it.

Mindy Egan had two announcements:

1. September 26 is Public Lands Day. Many historical sites have free admission. Most places have volunteer projects on that day. As a result, on Saturday, September 26 from 9am to 3pm Jekyll Island is having a cleanup of

the Tamarisk plants around the Tidelands area-by the boat ramp. Please call her at 635-2167 if you would like to volunteer for any part of the day.

2. Christa Frangiamore who has worked so hard as the Conservation Manager for the JIA is leaving at the end of the month. Since the JIA did not mention this at the earlier meeting, please remember to thank her for all her work if you get a chance.

Rich VanInderstyne mentioned that he pays thousands of dollars to Glynn County for his Red Bugs to run on the island. He would like to see that money come to Jekyll Island.

Pat Overholt suggested that better publicity might attract more members to our meetings.

With no further comments from the audience, President Haft adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Zocchi  
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### **Joey the Sea Turtle to be Released Friday, September 25th!**

You might have encountered Joey on your visit to Tidelands Nature Center or the Jekyll Island 4-H Center. Joey has been residing at our 4-H program facilities for the last 7 years, providing a wonderful educational opportunity for many students, visitors, and island residents. Joey came to the 4-H Tidelands Nature Center as a straggler from Sapelo Island in the summer 2002. Joey has obviously grown over the years and is big enough now to venture off into the ocean on his own. Come join us on Friday September 25th to wish Joey well as he starts his journey.

Time: 10:00AM Dates: Friday, September 25th, 2009.

Place: On the Beach Just South of the Glory Boardwalk (Park at the Soccer Complex)

Age: All ages welcome! Cost: Free!

Call Tidelands for additional information. 635-5032

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----and that's the news from Jekyll Island where history lives, nature abounds and Sept. 30 is cutoff for the Georgia/Florida Golf Tournament sign up. - Rande Simpson, JICANet Editor

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