

Owners Association

Annual

Meeting March 12, 2017

President Dave Williamson called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.

Welcome and Introduction of board members: Jim Boback, Doris Bicknell, John Schwarz, Brian Lancaster and Sylvia Hernandez who was absent d/t illness. Jo Ann Orr was thanked for her financial services.

Vision and Mission statement reviewed by Dave Williamson.

2017 Goals presented by John Schwarz.

Communications and membership benefits presented by Brian Lancaster. Member benefits: In addition to a 10% discount on meals, Hawks Cay will now provide a 20% discount on drinks. Marathon Boatyard will provide a 10% discount, excluding engine and bulk oil. DK's Style Hut and DK's Beach Boutique will offer a 10% discount.

2017 Budget and Proposed Membership Fee Increase reviewed by Jim Boback. DKPOA cannot continue to exist with the current yearly deficit. There has been no dues increase since 1982. Proposed annual dues would be \$200. 55 members have already paid their dues at the \$200 level and \$2,600 extra beautification funds have been collected.

Non-profit Option proposal presented by John Schwarz. DKPOA could join the Duck Key Community Benefit Inc. (5013c) and offer a tax deduction for dues payments. DKPOA name would remain. This arrangement would not begin until 2018.

Question and answer period.

Al Burton questioned the legal process of joining the two entities together. The cost of legal setup and benefit of no annual filing fees discussed.

Jo Ann Orr pointed out that additional donations for beautification would also be tax deductible.

Dave Lyon stated that the MSTU did not pass d/t "baggage" attached to it. Could we revisit this? John Schwarz explained that the answer is no for 2 years. It could be re-introduced in 2018. However, chances are that it would not pass again without a great deal of volunteer effort.

Bill Grayden stated that not enough emphasis was placed on maintaining the canals with the vote on MSTU.

Harry Wagner stated that he felt the increase of dues to \$200 was "presumptuous".

Charlie Morse believes we still need the MSTU d/t the need for dredging our canals. Jim Boback pointed out that the county is reluctant to demand a MSTU right now. Eventually they most likely will need to demand it d/t the county wide problem with all canals.

Charlie Morse wondered if we should incorporate so we could demand help with the dredging from all residents of the island.

Mike Eschmann asked how much garden maintenance and new gardens cost. In addition, what is the long term plan for landscape. He was referred to the budget. There are no plans to add any new landscape areas.

Dick Adler referred to a previous attempt for Halleburton to dredge the canal near their property. They had investigated the possibility of shipping the sediment to Miami. Hawks Cay would not partner at the time. John Schwarz reported that currently there is no support for our canal project from either Hawks Cay or Halleburton. The county may be able to use our clean sand in other canals in the county that are being dredged. The proposed cost to remove the silt is \$450,000. In addition there is a \$157,000 penalty for disturbing the seagrass.

There was discussion of the potential for the Center Island welcome garden property to be sold at some point. All gardens need to be limited to the right of way area.

Dr. Blythe wondered if the county was to use our canal silt, would they waive the penalty for disturbance of seagrass. Or, could we sell our silt. John Schwarz replied that we may save the expensive trucking fees but at this time there is no interest to buy the silt.

Dave Williamson stated that the county may be willing to give lots for potential boat trailer parking in exchange for donated lots.

Bill Tibbales questioned why the Army Corps of Engineers could not perform the dredging. Explanation by John Schwarz. Dredging permit has been approved by the Army Corps.

Vote on proposals:

1. Motion by Barbara McKinney to approve the minutes from the 2016 annual meeting. Second by Nancy D'Angelo. All in favor.
2. Motion by John Hernandez to increase the dues to \$200. Second by Colin Parker. Two members opposed. Remainder of members in favor.
3. Motion by Dave Lyon to use DKCB to provide increased tax relief for 2018. Second by Charlie Morse. Discussion: Tommy Lyon questioned the need to merge now. Al Burton wondered how the funds of the two organizations would not be comingled. Dr. Blythe wondered what would happen to the \$25,000. DKPOA monies cannot be mixed with DKCB. Mike Eschmann stated that we would take the word of the board that there would be no comingling of funds between the two entities. Mrs. Wagner questioned how you spend

money you don't have. Bill Grayden stated that none of our dues would go toward DKCB. Tommy Lyon did not see the urgency of taking a vote today. He would like to see a contract to dissolve DKPOA. Dick Adler reminded him that additional fees would be incurred by waiting. Barbara Burton questioned that by-law changes would most likely be required and was told that small changes are required. Chuck Dugger asked if the two boards were comprised of different people. One person serves on both boards. Colin Parker called for a vote.

4. Motion by Barbara McKinney for an amendment for separate accounting for DKCB and DKPOA. Second by John Hernandez. 4 opposed. Remainder of members in favor.
5. Motion by Colin Parker to merge DKPOA and DKCB. Second by Nancy D'Angelo. 5 opposed; 1 abstention. Remainder of members in favor.

Brian Lancaster reminded members to check their profile to update the data base. Please inform him of island wide events to put on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Minutes recorded by Susan Williamson