

RIRA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

10/21/23

President Sarah Wachtel called the meeting to order at the Copley Parish fire pit. S'mores, hot chocolate and apple cider were served. There were 24 attendees. Secretary John Berry read the minutes of the last General Meeting of 6/21/23. Treasurer Anita Sands-Dodsworth reported a current account balance of \$6605, less approved future expenditures of \$1175, for a working balance of \$5430.

Sarah reported there were 22 Glow Run participants, and the event netted \$159 towards bat house construction. Three more residents have volunteered their homes for bat house locations. There were 10 people at the October Foodie at the Grill Pub. The next Foodie get together will be at the Sunshine Grill on November 16. There will be a RIRA Board meeting on November 1. RIRA will host a Halloween gathering with candy for Trick or Treaters on Halloween night at the guard house at Shore and Anchor. R.I. T-shirts are now available for purchase, with two different designs. All residents are encouraged to purchase Luminaries again for Christmas Eve.

Elections were held for RIRA Board members. Joyce Brown, Ron Parker, and Dion Guthrie were re-elected. Brad Paulsen and Tyler Spencer were elected as new members. Congratulations to all, and thank you for serving the community. Rob Tyber retired from the Board. Thank you, Rob, for your valuable service. We hope you had a s'more, because it's instead of a plaque.

Tyler Spencer gave a presentation on his bulkhead research, as several bulkheads on the island need repair or replacement. Fortunately, our bulkheads are concrete, but they can, and are, damaged by wave action, poor drainage, and by the water itself, although our water is much less salty than in other locations. Owners are responsible for repairing their own bulkheads. One of the attendees mentioned that her bulkhead was damaged by a failed County drainage pipe in an easement on her property. It was suggested she call Dion to see what the County can do. Tyler will solicit via email to residents on the types of damage to their bulkheads and the types of repairs that have been made. He and John Berry will then examine the bulkheads and develop a presentation on what can be done.

Submitted by John Berry