

## MICA General Meeting Minutes for January, 2012

The meeting was opened with a general welcome from President, Martin Ivers, and an acknowledgement of our evening's guest speaker, Commander Gary Martin from Naval Magazine Indian Island.

Commander Martin was asked to lead us in the salute to the flag.

Visitors and new members to the meeting were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

MICA Treasurer, Owen Mulkey shared his most current treasury reports, the MICA General Account balance having \$1,449.10 at the end of the year 2011. The Cemetery Account stands at \$1,605.78. The CD value is \$35,000.

The MICA membership list was circulated showing which members were current and those in delinquency with their dues.

MICA Secretary, Kris Burns, was asked to present the September meeting minutes. The minutes were read and approved.

Martin proceeded with the general meeting agenda asking for the following reports and receiving these responses:

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – **MIFG**: Rita Kepner proposed the formation of a new MICA committee, the Marrowstone Island Food Growers (MIFG) committee of backyard gardeners and island farmers, growing and/or processing food for their own consumption and/or for sale. The committee's purpose would be to facilitate an information exchange for food growing needs and resources, be a conduit to organizations like the WSU Extension Service and Jefferson County agriculture groups, and support the Island food growers who sell or exchange food, seeds, and tools.

The draft proposal stated this committee would be appropriate, according to the by-laws: "The object of the Association shall be to provide a common place for residents and land owners on Marrowstone Island, to assist in the orderly and planned development of the Island and to serve as a forum for education and information."

A standing committee was approved, with Lisa Painter as temporary chair, along with Rita Kepner and Bob VanEtten. More discussion among them will ensue.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Saltwater Report:** No Report

**Friends of Fort Flagler:** Karen Russell and Patti Ivers reported a need, now more than ever, for new members to join and support the 28 current members working with the Fort. An upcoming February 25<sup>th</sup> community dance was announced. The contra dance will have four Quimper Grange musicians, and a caller to teach you the dance steps, located in the Fort theater building. Beer & wine will be available for purchase. Leonard Johnson's Mystery Bay

Seafood Catering will be serving clam chowder and shellfish at the event. Activities are scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m., the family dance ends at 7:30 p.m.

**MIF:** Bob Barrett spoke of the next CPR training taking place January 21 at the Nordland Garden Club, and stated for an adjunct fee a participant can acquire a certification card. The current class is full, but one can join a waiting list for any fall outs.

Also MIF board elections are scheduled for March, with 3 current members needing to cycle off the board due to term restrictions. Individuals interested in board positions will be solicited in January and February. The MIF board members managed monies for the ambulance, before it went away, and continue to provide scholarships for public service.

**Nordland Garden Club:** Briefly, it was announced the Garden Club Christmas Sale was a success, with 390 wreaths and 110 swags sold, totally \$7,000.

**Other Announcements:** Patti Ivers, representing the ongoing AAUW program, solicited after school math tutors to serve students for 2 hour shifts, once a week, Tuesday or Thursday, for 6 weeks. A signup sheet was made available.

**Citizen of the Year:** With thanks to the COTY Committee, and noting the absence of Citizen of the Year, Ralph Rush, as he was scheduled for a medical appointment and was unable to attend this evening to make the award for the new Citizen of the Year, Pete Hubbard presented for him.

Pete explained the award goes to those who display attributes beyond ordinary activism and leadership. Laurie Tillman read the listed names of the 38 past recipients of the award, since its inception in 1973.

Pete proceeded with the introduction of the new Citizens of the Year by touting their good works as volunteer EMTs and disaster preparedness trainers, care givers, electrical expertise, FOFF volunteers and officers, and coauthor for the island Hello Pages. They have been actively involved in repairs and construction for the East Beach Pavilion, the Garden Clubhouse, and Kurtzo Pavilion. They have had an avid interest in healthy food and organics, and the island aquifer, a skilled and caring couple, Ray Harker and Mary TennBrink. Peter presented the award plaque and photos were taken.

**Last Announcement:** Sign the Get Well card for Sally Dern located near the entry door.

**Conclude General Meeting**  
**Break for Coffee and Cookies!**

SPEAKER

Our speaker for the evening was introduced by Co-Vice President Barry Lerich.

Commander Gary Martin is currently managing the Indian Island facility after multiple tours at sea, supporting deployments in the Indian Ocean, The Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean Sea, as well as shore tours in several American states and a tour in Italy. He enlisted in the Navy in 1981; he was commissioned through the Limited Duty Officer Program, holds a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management, and held the position of Commanding Officer for Naval Weapons Station Charleston, SC from January to September 2010. He is a native of Arkansas, and was stationed in Bremerton in 1983.

He gave a very detailed history of Indian Island, its occupation by native tribes, farmers, fisherman and loggers. The 2700 acres has a current inventory of 2100 trees, has been logged off twice and now supports a 3<sup>rd</sup> growth. He spoke of the abundant wildlife and natural resources, with 11 miles of shoreline, the archaeological sites, and the good relations with the various tribes to access ancient resources, enabling them to continue their cultural practices. He spoke of Bill Klein, the marine biologist working on the island, and the sensitivity the navy has to maintain life and sense of place there.

He commands the largest ordnance on the west coast, serving the Pacific fleet and Joint Services - all branches of the service. They move 73,000 tons of ordnance with a 165 member civilian crew of certified loaders, bringing 8.5 million revenue dollars into Jefferson County.

Military training and exercises are done on the island, security drills, railhead to ship transportation exercises, as well as allowing Jefferson County Emergency Response personnel to do their quarterly training there. The Indian Island Naval Ordnance is Marrowstone Island's emergency preparedness liaison, should the bridge go out during an event. If necessary, fuel for generators can be barged to the facility and distributed. They support us as the closest emergency responders for medical and fire calls.

The planned waterline across the bridge from the mainland was approved last summer. The red tape and navy licensing makes the process slow but they anticipate starting to lay pipe in the spring along the road. High speed NoaNet internet is scheduled for availability to Marrowstone Island next year, with the Navy serving as the anchor hub.

Events for the general public take place on Indian Island in July and December with the Deer Run and Reindeer Run marathon races. Also public bus tours to visit the island occur on occasion, led by Bill Klein, the marine biologist. Arrangements can be easily made to have a tour.

## CONCLUSION

With thanks to our speaker, the meeting was adjourned.

Kris Burns,  
MICA Secretary