

April 4, 2022 - VMICC Board Meeting
Minutes

7:35 Diane: 1 minute for Democratic Rules of Order: Diane brings up for clarification - methods for calling for a vote. According to the Democratic Rules, page 22: the chair is the one who calls for a vote, when appropriate. BUT, upon motion, second, and vote of majority of council, the council can override the chair in either direction e

7:45 Discussion of March meeting. Meeting ran smoothly. Quorum issues: we've got a survey with around 100 people saying they'd like to be members - so we need to do more reachout with our mailing list. Potentially lower the quorum (but 25 is pretty low already)? Diane will send the questionnaire out again to the whole mailing list (with Nick's help to subtract the 100 people that have already signed on). Reach out to Voice of Vashon again? Perhaps do some tabling during Strawberry Fest on a volunteer basis (July 15-17 2022).

7:50 Dissolution of VMICC. Idea (Diane): once the new organization is constituted (still need approval for a name), old org can sell to new org for a nominal fee the website, logo, mailing list, etc. Treasurer takes the fee (\$300?) and walks it over to the new organization. Can't do this until new org is formed.

7:52 - Communications Committee (Mica) - no change, we'll keep posting. Diane will create and post a poster.

7:55 Ferry Adv. Committee (Rachel) we're still waiting on word from KC AG on the answers to our questions (are we "qualified volunteers" that can do official communications with each other without going through the huge hassle of posting a public meeting under the auspices of WSF?). AG currently says we're not "qualified volunteers" in this sense. Possibility of some kind of legal action to get this decided in our favor? (Gavin needs to send out this question to the members of the FAC:VMICC has been asked to provide Feedback on the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal Challenges to Lizzie Buechel LBuechel@prrbiz.com Justin Hirsch was going to be asked to prepare a statement from VMICC that the community could vote on.).

8:01 - Advertise that WDFW are discussing firearm laws? Are we worried about a bunch of antagonistic ringers, because WDFW doesn't actually have authority for firearm laws? We'll get to this discussion in May, since April meeting agenda is full! We agreed to ask Sargeant Chandler to send a WDFW representative to our May meeting to discuss hunting regulations on the Island.

8:05 Review of April meeting agenda. John meets tomorrow w Superintendent McSheehy about guest presentation. Discussion of new business RE: new organization. Reminder that all votes on bylaws, etc. are only advisory votes - board has the decision power here for the new org's bylaws, policies, and procedures (and name)!

8:10 Insurance situation. How to pay back John on a pro-rata basis - bill is \$754 for the year - this is for the new organization, NOT the current VMICC. John: would like to start setting a more appropriate precedent, and get ourselves an account by having a fundraiser. Simplest thing would be to charge the membership like \$5 / year. Or we could charge \$10, and have a bit in the black for issues. Once we've got money in the bank, we can pay John back. Proposal: make membership paid in the new organization?

8:20 - Fautleroy Ferry Issue: can we reach out to Justin Hirsch and ask him to give a brief update? 5 minutes is plenty. We need to talk to Justin on the possibility of finding a replacement for him on the Ferry Advisory Committee (this is an outside committee)
Emily and Justin were basically the liaisons - David will get in touch with them.
VMICC does have (by statute) the authority to appoint a representative to the FAC.

NEW ORGANIZATION BOARD MEETING - 8:23

8:25 Long discussion on how to deal with expenses (especially, in this case, the insurance premiums that are being covered by John right now). The board voted to keep membership on the council free - this leaves some kind of fundraising approach the most probable way we'll try to get John reimbursed.

8:50 - Minors on the council - We'll keep it 18 years and up.

9:00 - registration for council members - probably just do this through a button on the website.

9:05 - can non-residents (i.e. commuters) be a member? Seems simpler to say no...board did not reach a decision here.

9:15 - discussion on uses of the database / sharing protections, etc.

9:20 - decision to stop going through the bylaws line by line as a board, and open up the draft bylaws to community comment. Emphasis: community comments are suggestions only - the board makes the final decision on the bylaws, and we'll be focusing on how to get a workable, easily manageable set of bylaws voted in sooner rather than later. Suggestions from community members may be incorporated or not into the bylaws at the board's discretion; bylaws and policies can be changed later with wider council vote in accordance with the Bylaws.

9:25 - adjourned.

Next meeting: May 2nd