

MEMO TO: VSHA Board Members  
FROM: John C. Cooper, Secretary  
DATE: 12 May 2023  
SUBJECT: Minutes of the 11 May 2023 Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Present: Danette Newberry, Jim Doran, John Cooper, Rebecca Newman,  
Kathie Carr, David Engel  
Absent: Chuck Crescenzo  
Guest: Jamie Engel

5:50 pm Meeting was called to order by Ms. Newberry

#### Approval of Reports

**Secretary** – Minutes of the April meeting were approved, with the correction that the CD to be established by the Treasurer was a 9-month maturity rather than a 90-day maturity.

**Treasurer** - Rebecca reviewed the Association's finances, showing 216 paid members as of today and total amount in banks of ~\$106K (vs. ~\$107K last month). Rebecca moved \$45K of the Reserve Account to a 9-month CD yielding 4.78% and converted the checking account to a money market account to enhance the yield on our funds.

**Landscape Committee** – Roger Young will repair the erosion and install new bricks by the newspaper stands. All islands along the Boulevard have been cleaned of debris and dead plants. All crooked road signs have been straightened out by the Village. Kathie installed new solar lights to illuminate the queen palms and Jim will install new lights for the royal palms. Jim will request the Village to participate in the cost of cleaning the canal ends as they did last year.

#### Old Business

**2024 Annual Party** –Kathie, Jamie Engel and Danette (for door prizes) have begun planning for next year's party the date for which has been set for 9 March 2024 from 6:00-9:00pm at the Islamorada Fish Company. Prices are increasing and the committee is planning to enhance the menu.

**Christmas Decorations** – Donna Proskine has volunteered to handle the decorations for Christmas this year.

**Newsletter** – Jamie showed the sample of the next newsletter, which will be in color with abundant photos. Jim volunteered to take drone photos as needed.

#### New Business

**Security** – Extensive discussion considering the recent spate of GPS thefts in the marina. Up-grading of the security system for the Association continues apace.

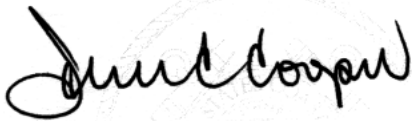
**Strategic Plan** – Jim and John presented a discussion piece to stimulate the creation of a five-year plan for the Association, emphasizing the high priority items that are its mission. Directors are asked to review it and be prepared to discuss it further at the June meeting.

#### Next meeting

Ms. Newberry will email members some options for the June Board meeting.

7:42 pm – Meeting was adjourned by Ms. Newberry.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John C. Cooper  
Secretary