

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

2nd TUESDAY at 7:30 PM

October 11

January 10, 2017

PORT CHARLOTTE YACHT CLUB

22445 Glass Avenue
Charlotte Harbor, FL
off Bayshore



AND STILL, WE AWAIT COUNTY ACTION DREDGING STILL NEEDED

I have no update on the dredging so far, as Matt L. wasn't at the MSBU meeting. Disappointing, as a full year has now passed since we last requested a maintenance dredging. We asked that PW e-mail status updates ASAP so hopefully I'll have more info by the time of our October 11th meeting.

A bit of good news on your tax bill: The MSBU Advisory Board reviewed financials and decided to lower the assessment rate from \$100 to \$50 annually for 2017/18. We'll be reviewing this rate bi-annually to see if it needs to go up or down based on how much is needed to address maintenance dredging. Signs are no longer paid for from our MSBU funds, so dredging is really the only major expense for now. We are still endeavoring to get the marker at the S-bend moved to where it properly belongs. Please continue to report to me any bumps or groundings and state of tide when you encounter them.

We will ask for MWCA Board members nominations at the October meeting, and elections will be held at the January '17 meeting. We are currently in need of a Treasurer, and all positions are open for active nominations.

A review of the interest in continued quarterly General Memberships meetings has been requested by members now that the battle for lock removal is over, and this subject will be up for **discussion and possible vote** at the October meeting. Vigilance is still the main goal of the Civic Assn, and quarterly meetings have seen a reduction in business and an increase in social time, both of which are welcomed.

Patrick Randall, MWCA President

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Minutes of the 5/10/16 General Meeting

President Patrick Randall called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 16 members present, representing 14 memberships, including Board members Cheri Bauer, Ray Rabil & Al Lange. One new member family was present; No County MSBU Rep was in attendance. **Treasurer's Report:** Interim Treasurer Bauer's report shows a current balance of \$1,577.27, with 68 memberships paid through '16; 28 paid through '15; total of 217 on the roster. Check register & expense log are available at all meetings for review. Motion made/passed to accept the report. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the last meeting were printed in the newsletter sent to all members. Motion made/passed to accept the minutes. **OLD BUSINESS:** Multiple areas have been reported as shoaled above 5 ft MLW within the system; The MSBU will be informed of the need for a re-survey of the reported locations. The current MSBU \$600K balance includes a budget for \$160K in dredging and \$47K for the administrative/mobilization related fees. Permits remain in place to do dredging, so the process should be smooth. Please alert President Randall with any problems areas that are found. As discussed last meeting, Tom Delaney and Nick Tedeschi presented their proposal at the MSBU Meeting to submit to the State of Florida a petition to open the Tippecanoe access to the Myakka for medium-sized craft via the Flamingo WW. The MSBU Board was not opposed to the individual's pursuit of this endeavor. This access was navigable before the 1970's, but was closed off by the County as a concession to Florida and Federal EPA for the lock installation at the Manchester access to Lewis Creek. Muddy Cove and the bay have shoaled in over the years, and currently have less than 2 ft MLW depth; A large amount of dredging will be required as part of this proposal. Tall overgrowth and vegetation will prohibit sailboat use. **NEW BUSINESS:** Chuck Mopps has left the Public Works Dept., and Matt Logan is our contact person at PW. The lock removal has been paid off; The MSBU Board may discuss possibly reducing the current \$100 Manchester tax back to \$25. The meeting adjourned for desserts at 8:10 PM. Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Bauer, MWCA Secretary 5/10/16