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CALENDAR:**

GENERAL MEETING:

2nd TUESDAY at 7:30 PM

OCT 10, 2017

2018 Mtgs: Jan 9
Apr 10 Oct 9

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22445 Glass Avenue
Charlotte Harbor, FL
off Bayshore



DREDGE SURVEY IS COMPLETE

The survey company will present results of their recent preliminary survey at the next MSBU Advisory Bd meeting on 11/21/17 at Public Works. I suggest anyone with deeper draft boats try to attend. There does not appear to be a great amount of spoil to be removed, though the usual spots will definitely need to be addressed.

There was discussion about the next dredge going to 6-feet in at least the harbor dog-leg and S-bend. It seems the original channel was permitted to 6', but was never dredged that deep. There would be many difficulties trying to dredge the inside of the system to 6' due to rocky bottom in places, but to dredge our problem areas to 6' would minimize the need for smaller maintenance dredges so frequently (not very cost effective due to the cost of mobilization). Neither the County nor myself have received any calls about groundings since the mis-placed S-bend markers were relocated.

POST-IRMA: Is anyone else confused about the NBC-2 information referring to storm surge? Old system: 4-ft surge + 2-ft high tide = 6-ft above MLW. At 8-ft property elevation = 2-ft below house floor level. New system, as advised on TV by weather crew: 4-ft surge is 4-ft in your house.... Huh??? Projection is supposed to already factor in your elevation? I have written to Kelly & Robert at NBC-2; no reply so far... This may have frightened many people out of the area. We need clear info! Patrick Randall, MWCA President

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Minutes of the 4/11/17 General Meeting

President Patrick Randall called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the PCYC building with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 54 members present, representing 40 memberships, including Board members Cheri Bauer and Al Lange. One new member family was present; No County MSBU Rep was in attendance. **Treasurer's Report:** Interim Treasurer Cheri Bauer gave her report, showing a current balance of \$1,141.71. 61 memberships have been paid through '17 and beyond. An additional 26 are paid through '16, with a total of 272 on the roster. The register and expense log are available at all meeting for review. Motion was made/passed to accept the report as presented. **Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the last meeting were printed in the newsletter that was sent to all members. Motion was made/passed to accept the printed minutes. **OLD BUSINESS:** The maintenance dredge originally requested in spring of '16 should be submitted to County Permitting, and Atkins Design will have a bathymetric study complete this summer. No new spots have been reported by members, just the usual shoaling points, and Tom D has reported a large rock between markers 23 & 24. The MWCA has requested a 6' dredge depth as was platted when the canals were created, to avoid continual silting problems in key areas. Matt Logan is the sole County employee supervising all coastal projects. The new S-bend piling has been moved to the proper place. **NEW BUSINESS:** Members requested more "No Wake" markers, and speed markers to help deter fast-moving craft who are unaware that they are inside a designated canal system. **Michael Wilde** presented info on the Tippecanoe Access Restoration Project. The Christopher Waterway/Myakka access was closed in 1970, and 3 additional access points were sealed off when the Midway Lock was installed. This project seeks to restore the ecological benefits of the natural flow-through that existed previously. A deepwater access is proposed off Deerfly Bay from the Como Waterway. A feasibility study will give options on what costs/grants may be involved in this project. The Myakka Committe will help keep the MWCA posted on progress. A member suggested the MSBU could be divided into 2 sections, with 720 improved lots and 700 vacant lots of the 2,200 in the Manchester MSBU that would directly benefit from renewed access to the Myakka. The meeting adjourned for desserts at 8:14 PM.
Respectfully submitted, Cheri Bauer, MWCA Secretary 4/11/17