

# Minutes of the MISCA Trustees' meeting Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Present in the Library:** Nick Cennamo, Jon Floyd, Lisa Brackett, and Marc Giroux (trustees); Bob Smith, Candace Kerns, Nick Nelson, and Rebecca Bass.

**Present by Zoom:** Mary Weber (trustee), Melissa Dudek (treasurer), Richard Farrell (secretary), Tobey Levine, Julie Stone, Danik Farrell, Sierra Brock, Sydney Clifton, Mel Greatorex, and Peter Johnson.

The trustees accepted the draft minutes of July 22<sup>nd</sup> and the treasurer's report.

## **Summary of the Treasurer's Report:**

Income:	\$16,459.
Expenses:	\$22,209.
MISCA account:	\$32,251.
Money Market account:	\$147,148.
MCRF:	\$29,636.
Buy Back CD:	\$83,987.
New Projects CD:	\$15,189.

## **Old Business:**

In this months expenses are the property tax bills from the Plantation including the Odom lots. The MPPD bill for the laundry covers the meter-reading fee.

**Meadow Lots:** Mia and Amelia are applying for a loan to finish the inside of their house.

**Store:** no update.

**MICA Building/Laundromat:** Nick reported that the broken septic line has been repaired and reburied. No one has presented a plan for running the laundry. (The plan would need to include payment of rent, a schedule for payment of the value of equipment, and taking responsibility for any necessary improvements to the septic system.)

**Overlook and Underlook:** no update.

**Odom Lots:** Nick announced that the trustees will meet within two weeks to make a plan for selling the building rights for the lots. Mary reported that the Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG) planners will survey Monhegan residents about affordable housing soon and then hold two workshops to discuss the results.

**Old Business continued:**

**Fundraising:** Jon reported that Mel and Stew hosted a great Cardboard Regatta. Nick talked with a reporter from the Lincoln County news. A number of people signed up as MISCA members. Overall the event raised \$6,160. With the amounts raised from the Lobster Bake and Bingo at the Brewery the total raised so far from events this summer approaches \$10,000.

Melanie Greatorex volunteered to organize the Regatta next year. She suggested that MISCA form a sub-committee to start organizing in January.

**Monhegan Community Relief Fund (MCRF):** no applicants last month.

**New Business:**

**Monhegan Associates (MAI):** Nick reported that MAI is working on a possible land donation to MISCA. Jon noted that he expects to be on a MAI committee as a bridge to MISCA.

Candace Kerns observed that the Cardboard Regatta was one of the most well-attended island fundraising events she had ever seen. She proposed for the 2026 Regatta charging for a MISCA raffle in which participants bet on who would come in first, last, and for other categories.

Nick reported that there have been discussions about using a fundraising 'thermometer' (perhaps in the shape of a lobster) as a way to direct funds to MISCA.

Nick reported that the board has discussed creating new sub-committees. Motions were made and seconded and the trustees approved the following sub-committees:

Social Media (Sydney Clifton chosen as chair);  
New Memberships (Marc Giroux chosen as chair); and  
Fundraising (Melanie Greatorex chosen as chair).

Sydney suggested that the three sub-committee chairs meet soon either in person or by Zoom.

**Discussion of year-round housing options:**

Candace suggested approaching seasonal residents who have winter-capable homes to see if they might trade winter housing for work done on the home. Several of the trustees noted that such an exchange can help a year-round resident only when they have an affordable place to stay for the summer months.

Marc noted that the availability of year-round rental housing was necessary for new residents who might be starting a business and could not yet afford to build or buy a house.

Sydney Clifton suggested that it might be useful for MISCA to have a public conversation about how best to sustain a year-round community.

**Next meeting proposed for Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in the Library and on Zoom.**