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Annual Membership and BOD Meetings



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The long postponed April annual membership meeting was held on October 17th using ZOOM® and had around 29 participants. In his report, President Dave went over upcoming FDOT projects on US-1 that are going to cause wide ranging traffic problems on our island, as well as the water quality issues.

Treasurer Rita reported that the 2019 financials and 2020 budget have been posted on the website since April, and we were fortunate to be under budget!

Secretary Caren reported that there were sufficient proxies received to establish a meeting quorum of 10% of the overall membership. The BOD members on the ballot were Caren, Ray, and Bill who were all re-

-elected. Nan Inches was a write-in. At the following BOD meeting, there was one open board seat due to Bill Hardy's resignation in August. The nominations were Bill Hardy, Martin Pico and Bert Codispoti who were all eminently qualified. The Board selected Martin by a narrow vote. All the nominees are thanked for their interest and continued participation in the PAPOA.

Oscar was elected as President, Otto, VP; Caren, Secretary; and Rita, Treasurer. The committee chairs will be:

Legal: Martin Pico Financial: Vivian Williams
 ACC: Ray Bana Security: Oscar Callejas
 Water: Dave Webb Maintenance: Bill Hardy
 Nominations: and Recreation: Esther Merida
 Communications/Pub/Newsletter: Blain Brinson
 The Board thanks those who commented during the meeting for their thoughtful remarks!

New Resident in P.A?

Some workers recently snapped a few pictures of a crocodile that was catching some rays on a local step-down. These protected

animals are not usually aggressive toward adults, but people need to be aware that they do share our waters. Watch your young-uns and pets! And don't throw carcasses in the canals. See the [website](#) for more info.

The Beach Swim Zone

After listening to heated comments from both sides on August 12th, the Village passed an ordinance to restrict vessel traffic at the White Marlin/Port Antigua Beaches. If you have read the emails that were sent to the membership or visited the [website](#), you know the basics: no vessels anchoring within 300 feet of the shore. Citing serious concerns about the safety of its residents, the Village Council was unanimous in voting to

put this restriction in place.

The Village estimated that the Swim Zone will take 6 to 8 months to be implemented, mainly due to the permitting requirements from the Army Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC), and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The permitting process is underway and the FWC permit has already been received.

A special thanks to Assistant Village Manager Mary Swaney for the update.



A Recent Visitor seen in Port Antigua Canal!
 Thanks, Rita, for sharing!

Important Info:

Ramp Gate Fixed. After being badly damaged by (reportedly) a non-P.A. member in August, the gate is operational again. The member whose card was used to access the gate when it was wrecked is on the hook for the cost of repair.

The Gate and Beach Cards are the property of the PAPOA and may not be loaned, rented or sold.



On a similar note, the gate track across the ramp is fragile, please be sure the motor is tilted up before launching/retrieving!

No Fireworks on the Beach With New Years eve just around the corner (scary, isn't it), a reminder that there are no fireworks allowed on the beach. This is due to liability, tiki hut flammability, and litter problems.

From the President...



Oscar Callejas

Homeowners, friends and neighbors... Thank you for your interest and participation in the PAPOA Annual meeting. Although it was delayed due to COVID-19 health and safety concerns, all risks issues were removed with the alternative ZOOM® meeting. Hosts Mari and Martin did fine jobs in setting it up. This may be the future of meetings in corporate, educational and the criminal justice settings across the U.S. Adjusting to the "new normal" has impacted all of us, including PAPOA.

A heartfelt "Thank You" to the Board of Directors for your vote of confidence in electing me your president and for your volunteer efforts. Congratulations to Ray and Caren on their re-election to the Board of Directors, to Otto who was elected as Vice President and to the Officers and Committee Chairs who were re-elected. I'd especially like to welcome our new board member Martin Pico who will be the Chair of the Legal Committee. I appreciate that Vivian Williams has generously vol-

unteered to be the Financial Review Committee (FRC) chair and Bill Hardy for Maintenance. Vivian, Rita and veteran CPA Jim Grainger will team up to continue enhancing the transparent accounting style presented by Jim and eagerly adopted by PAPOA's FRC. Bert Codispoti's insights on the ACC will be most valued.

Finally, a special thanks to our outgoing President, leader, mentor and friend David Webb. Thank you for remaining as board member and Chair of the Water Quality Committee. I am proud to have served as Vice President during his tenure. Dave's efforts have been critical bringing more transparency and restoring the trust and confidence of the community. There are big shoes to fill in PAPOA. I am hopeful to continue the path of transparency and owner participation which Dave set as a standard. I wish him good luck with his future endeavors, and I am confident his contributions will benefit Port Antigua and Islamorada. Godspeed

– Oscar Callejas

Association Officers' Reports

From The Treasurer... Thank you to everyone who commented at the recent meetings. We covered a lot of topics. I was happy to be able to report that for FY2019, we had a budget surplus of about \$2K. While FY2020 looks as good at a glance, a number of expenses have been deferred and will have to be paid. Then the looming expense is the replacement

of the pergola at the beach entrance. It is getting to be in pretty bad condition. We are also looking to add private security to patrol the beach on weekends.

Right now, the Finance Committee is diligently working on the FY2021 budget for approval at the November meeting.

– Rita Klopff



Two if by land
Deputies Kilmurray and O'Neal
at the beach entrance

Committee Reports

Maintenance After almost 2 months, the ramp gate is fixed. We will be looking at the landscaping in the beach parking lot, which will become more important with the implementation of the swim zone. We want to get as much parking as space allows. The Beach is looking very good. Shane and his crew are working hard to keep it in shape.

– Bill Hardy, Chair

Security Despite having well over 300 boats Saturday & over 200 on Sunday, this year's Labor Day Weekend was a success, no serious incident to report. This was due in large part to the efforts of the MCSO Security Detail.

If you receive a phone call, email or text from someone purporting to be a government official calling for a distressed family member (usually a serious accident, but the scheme varies) demanding gift card payment over the

phone, hang up immediately! You are being scammed! Just to ease your own mind, call your family member to verify that they are okay. It should be a giveaway once the caller mentions "Gift Cards" as a payment method. Residents should NEVER give personal, banking, or gift card information to anyone regardless of who they claim to be. Government agencies do NOT operate in this manner. If you have information about a possible crime, call the Monroe County Sheriffs Office at (305) 292-7000. Callers who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 1-866-471-8477. Finally if you see something say and/or record something. Don't get in a confrontation, call the MCSO at (305) 292-7000 or in case of an EMERGENCY dial 911.

– Oscar Callejas, Chair

Recreation We are looking forward to the COVID-19 pandemic ending so we can get back



One if by sea...
Think the MCSO Deputies
aren't out there?
All is NOT as it appears!
Meet Deputy DiGiovanni.

to using the Beach for "official" functions. We thank all the homeowners that participated in previous beach functions. Some long time homeowners will like to once again implement a fishing tournament. I am always open to ideas...and help with this. – Esther Merida, Chair

Nominations It is not too soon to start thinking about the upcoming April 2021 Board of Directors election. We will be voting on three (3) seats for the term from April 2021 - April 2024, currently filled by Dave Webb,

Otto Ortega, Oscar Callejas and one 2023 seat held by Martin Pico. If you are interested, please forward your BIO to nominations@portantigua.net. – Esther Merida, Chair
Association Manager The Association has had its first successful Zoom® virtual meeting. We all looked great! Please join us for the Board Meeting on November 16th. Stay informed about the work your Directors are doing for the Community. Plus voice any of your ideas for consideration. – Mari Joiner, CAM

Help Needed!

Your Association needs YOU! Over the past year, residents have stepped in to volunteer their valuable time and efforts to make Port Antigua even better. For example, the Finance Committee has Vivian Williams and Jim Grainer; ballots were counted by Jim and Judy Winstel, Adele West and Martin Pico. Richard Wielandt stepped up to help Rod and Otto revise the Pool rule. And of course, Bernie Merida took over Maintenance for a month before Bill Hardy came back to the job. We have Martin Pico to thank for helping Mari arrange the Annual Meeting using ZOOM®. This newsletter and the website require regular care and feeding. All these folks have generously given of themselves and their efforts are appreciated by the nine volunteer direc-

tors. There is much to be done as the Association has matured since its founding. The covenants, which John Kost worked on to revise several years ago, need to be updated. The ACC Chair is always looking for members to help, and the Maintenance Committee has a herculean task ahead with the Pergola replacement and just the general upkeep of the Commons. The COVID-19 restrictions won't last forever, and the [Recreation Committee](#) will certainly become active once again.

The PAPOA heard from a lot of people about the Beach Restrictions, but that was only one issue the Association dealt with over the past year. You can help us with others. Please, call or [write](#). And lend us some time, too.

Labor Day Weekend Sheriff Enforcement

TRESPASSERS 40

31 BOAT to BEACH
9 Fence jumpers

14 Boat stops

6 Summons
4 Warnings

5 Boat Ramp Trespassers- (2 from White Marlin)

*Not including those who left once they saw the MCSO vehicle

Traffic Summons -

1 Running Stop Sign
1 Golf Cart - Past Sign where Port Antigua ends



Martin, Adele, Jim and Judy Count Votes



Bernie Merida labors on Labor Day

Miscellaneous Stuff

Rule changed for Temporary Pools

Some of the Members complained that the old rule on "kiddie pools" was too restrictive going so far as to prohibit even small wading pools popular with the youngsters. A committee consisting of Rod Fletcher, Otto Ortega and Richard Wielandt examined the issue and recently made their recommendations to the Board. The new [rule](#) was adopted at the August 17th meeting.



Street Lights. If you notice that one is out or flickering, please report it to FKEC via their [online report](#) on their [website](#), call them at 305-852-2431 or you can send us an email at info@portantigua.net.

DON'T GET TOWED!!! There are two things people need to keep in mind about

parking at the beach. First – there is no parking in front of the emergency entrance gate to the beach, and second – no trailer parking in the beach lot. While trailers are allowed to be left in the small ramp lot for not more than 30 minutes, they are not to be left in the main lot. People who violate these restrictions may have their vehicles towed – and getting the car/truck/golf cart/trailer back isn't cheap.

There are good reasons for these rules. Parking is limited and trailers take up lots of space. The emergency entrance is used by paramedics to get to people who need help. There are two signs on the gate clearly stating that it is a tow away zone. PLEASE DON'T park there!





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A Favorite Recipe:

Bacon-Wrapped Mahi By Brandon McGlamery. Adapted from Salt Water Sportsman

This has a very high "Wow" factor for a recipe that it really pretty easy to prepare! Try it, you'll like it!

Pickled Onion (prepare ahead):

1/2 cup water 1/2 cup sugar
1 cup red wine vinegar 2 onions, thinly sliced

Bring water, sugar, and vinegar to a simmer to dissolve sugar. Pour over the onions. You'll only use a few teaspoons, but the rest keeps for a month.

Spring Onion English Pea Broth

4 T butter 4 spring onions (green onions)
2 cups English Peas 1 cup chicken or fish broth
Salt to taste

Melt butter in a pan and add the spring onions. Cook on low for 20 minutes. Add broth. Bring to a simmer. Add peas and cook until done.

Bacon-Wrapped Mahi

4 six ounce mahi fillets frill Mustard (or parsley) to garnish
12 bacon strips or 6 slices of prosciutto

Put three bacon strips for each fillet on a cookie sheet, overlapping the edges to create a single sheet of bacon the width of the mahi fillets. Chill so the edges adhere. Put a fillet on the end and roll it up so the end of the bacon is on the flat side of the fillet.

Lay each fillet tag-end down in canola oil in a hot pan, reduce the heat to medium and cook, rendering the bacon fat and sealing the wrap. Baste occasionally with the hot oil from the pan. Once the wrap is sealed, turn the fillet on its other side. Cook about 5 to 6 minutes a side, depending on the thickness.

Spoon the Spring Onion English Pea Broth onto a plate and set the mahi on top, then garnish with a teaspoon of Pickled Onions and the mustard frill.

For the whole recipe and more photos, visit <https://www.saltwatersportsman.com/cooking-mahi-recipe-tips/>

A thank you goes to John Feist for sharing this recipe.



Fishing Report

Stone Crab season has started. Initial reports are weak hauls by the commercial guys, the best luck being in slightly deeper waters. Remember, the rules have changed! See the FWC [press release](#) for

details. And, speaking of rules, be sure you register if you reef fish. It is required for everyone, even if you are over 65. See the [FWC regulations](#) for how.

Around the Islands

Elections. Sue Miller with Lower Matecumbe Keys Association (LMKA) has put together several good articles on the upcoming Village Council election. Visit the [LMKA website](#) and be sure to see her [newsletter](#). Decide on the candidates and vote.

The Fills. The Fills have had very limited access

to day trippers lately, not due to the Village closing them, but rather to a Florida Dept of Transportation (FDOT) post-Irma construction project. They are repairing the embankment washout and existing shoulder pavements. The project runs all the way down to Marathon and will take until Spring 2021 to finish.