

BOARD NOTES

By Janet Newman, RAI President

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Jason May Takes On Island-Wide Condominium Leadership Role

Our very own Jason May is the inaugural president of the newly-formed St. Croix Condominium Management Association (SCCMA), selected by his peers from 13 different condominium associations. One of the very direct ways in which SCCMA can benefit The Reef is through its initiative to form a consortium to qualify for lower employee health insurance rates. The group also shares information among its participants and schedules presentations from experts. For example, at a meeting this week, the group heard from the VIPD Deputy Chief about safety around condo complexes. He also spoke about unarmed security guards and the roles they should and should not play.

Congratulations and thanks go to Jason for leading this significant collaboration.

New on the Website

Wondering about the background of the owners who represent you on the RAI Board? You can now find directors' bios on the website under the Board of Directors tab.

Both Section 1 and Section 4 are going to have director vacancies next year, and the nominating committees for both sections are already at work. The members of those nominating committees are listed on our website.

We have also created a section on the website for Reef history. Currently, there is only one document contained there – a piece primarily about the architecture of our villas – but I have asked Annie Fournier to add more information. I encourage anyone else to also contribute. History doesn't necessarily mean it happened a long time ago! Sharing stories is part of what creates the culture of a community, so it's important to capture what's happening around us now as well as what was happening decades ago.

Feral Animals

I appreciate that Liz Wilson arranged for a presentation last Sunday by R.E.A.L. Cruzan Cats, a 501c3 cat rescue dedicated to the protection and humane treatment of cats on the island. The organization is currently raising funds to establish a cat sanctuary near Altona Lagoon.

Representatives from the Animal Welfare Center were also present. Linda Midlikowski and Chuck Fournier are working with both organizations on a trapping strategy. The president of the Villa Madeleine Homeowners' Association was also in attendance for the presentation. The level of cooperation among our owners and the sound strategies being employed around the feral animal problem are encouraging.

Looking Ahead

This year the Board will be reviewing Rules & Regulations and By-Laws. If you have a particular concern or suggestion, please communicate with one of the committee members: Sue Cummings, Amy Etheridge, or Jeff Sparks.