



***Water Island Civic Association, Inc.***

One Water Island  
St Thomas, VI 00802-7800

**Notice of 2015 Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Water Island Civic Association will be held **Saturday, January 24, 2015** at the Honeymoon Beach Pavilion. Registration will begin at 8:30am, and the Meeting will commence at 9:00am.

Please find the following attached:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Summary of 2014 Treasurer's Report
3. Minutes of 2014 Annual Meeting
4. Proposed Slate of 2015 Officers and Member-at-Large / Voting Proxy Form and Ballot
5. Projected 2015 Budget

It is very important that any member who is unable to attend submit a proxy, which designates an individual who will represent them at the meeting. A quorum of voting members must be obtained in order to hold the Meeting. Please refer to the attached Proxy form.

Please contact any EC member if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Mary Lynn Tucker,  
Secretary



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**Agenda - 2015 Annual Meeting**

Call to Order

Opening Remarks – President Joanne Bohr

2014 Annual Meeting Minutes – Mary Lynn Tucker, Secretary

Treasurer’s Report – Mercy Blosser, Treasurer

Auditor’s Report

Committee Reports:

1. Abandoned Vehicles - David Roselle
2. Auction - Missy Petit, assisted by Sharon Moore
3. Beach- Agnes Rampino, assisted by Lisa Bertrand & Heidi Erwig
4. Beautification - Mercy Blosser
5. Government Liaison - Joanne Bohr
6. Membership - Bob Blosser
7. Outreach – Mercy Blosser, assisted by Agnes Rampino
8. Roads & Roadsides - Jim Wilkinson
9. Security – Doug Ackley
10. Website - Jim Wilkinson

Old Business

Announcement of voting procedures / Introduction of Tellers

Report from Nominating Committee: Proposed 2015 Slate of Officers

Election of 2015 Officers and Members-at-Large

Introduction of New President

Remarks by new President

New Business

Presentation of 2015 Budget / dues and vote

2015 Nominating Committee

Committee Chairs for 2015

Announcements

Adjourn

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## **2014 Annual Meeting Minutes**

On Saturday, January 18, 2014 the Annual Meeting of the Water Island Civic Association was held at Shaffer Hall on Honeymoon Beach. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. Quorum confirmed, with a majority of votes represented by attending members and proxies received.

- Jim Wilkinson, President, opened the meeting with a welcome to new and old members. All 2013 presiding Officers and At-Large members present, except Scott Hauser and Joe Worts. Invocation offered by Eddy Cheesborough. Memorial mention of Water Island citizens who died this year, and a moment of silence in their honor followed the committee reports.
- The minutes for the Annual Meeting of January 19, 2013 were presented. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Annual Meeting Minutes, and to be approved as written. Seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Mercy Blosser presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to accept the financial report as submitted. Seconded. Motion passed with unanimous approval. The Treasurer's Report for 2013 report is attached.
- Audit: Peggy Bennett, Jean Rutt, and Marion Wilkinson presented a letter to the Executive Committee confirming that the 2013 financial records as presented were accurate and in accordance with standard accounting practices. Moved to accept the Audit as presented. Seconded. Motion passed by unanimous approval.

### **Committee Reports**

**Abandoned Vehicles:** David Roselle, chair, reported there are four vehicles inside the gate awaiting disposal. No vehicles have been hauled in 2013.

**Auction:** Missy Petit, chair, announced that this year's event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15. There will be a committee meeting at Petits' house on Tuesday, January 21 at 10 am. Request was made for volunteers to help in all aspects of auction and gratitude expressed for all who helped with the 2013 Auction, for which gross receipts were \$14,571.39, net \$12,556.00.

**Beach:** Jim Zimmerman, chair, reported that the beach was mechanically cleaned by Beachy Clean on October 22 and December 17. WICA paid for water to be tested in Honeymoon Bay and Flamingo Lagoon, with results being that quality of water was within acceptable limits. Follow-up testing will be conducted. Ongoing concerns about the excessive number of people using the beach on day trips from St. Thomas have been shared with VI Government. This issue is outside of the jurisdiction of WICA to do anything about, but communication of concerns continues.

**Beautification:** Mercy Blosser, chair, reported that at the Mail Depot/Library the cork on the bulletin board was replaced and plastic holders installed for the display of calling cards. Also, several palm trees were planted at the Ferry Dock entrance to enhance the entry point to Water Island.

**Government Liaison:** Chair Joanne Bohr reported that she and Mary Dunakey had worked closely with Administrator Barbara Petersen throughout the year. Examples of issues which were brought to her attention for guidance included: 4/14/13 Beach Party logistics and concerns about facilities; 5/3/13 dangerous golf cart accident at "4 corners" led to request for STOP signs to be posted (Diane and Jim

Zimmerman created and posted temporary signs until DPW brings official signs over); May, 2013 visit to Water Island by Administrator Peterson in which she met with beach vendors and answered some of residents' questions; August, 2013 visit by Peterson to check on Government owned property and discuss beach management; September 14, 2013 Town Meeting coordinated with Administrator Petersen, Colette Monroe and Governor De Jongh to explain to Water Island residents the plans for "Expression of Interest" (EOI) being solicited by the Government to potential developers of a boutique hotel on the island. Relationship and communication between this committee and our Administrator will be ongoing.

**Membership:** Bob Blosser, chair, reported total membership for 2013 of 102, which included 12 new members, 3 of whom were returning members.

**Outreach:** Barbara Archibald, former chair, has moved off island. Mercy Blosser reported on a successful Breakfast with Santa event this year. Thanks to Santa Claus (Erik Ackerson), and to Heidi and crew for the breakfast buffet. Funds were also used for a community service award.

**Roads/Roadsides:** Jim Wilkinson, chair, reported that during 2013, the roadside crew provided by DPW continued to serve Water Island, and were on island an estimated 6 months. They are currently here and working full-time, Monday-Friday. The Firehouse area is the first and last area cut. The crew is treated to lunch by WICA twice/month while on island.

**Security:** No report.

**Website:** Jim Wilkinson, chair, reported that the website has an average of 25 visitors/day, 9,000/year, 28,000 page views. "News" section used to constantly update happenings for residents. "Members" section used to post WICA Meeting Minutes and more sensitive membership information, including Annual Meeting Package (which helps reduce cost of mailings). New this year is "Recommended Craftsmen" area, dubbed "Wally's List". "Water Island Trader" area is available to list items for sale. Suggestions for improving website are welcomed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **WICA Activities in 2013:**

- Benches on Honeymoon Beach were painted & repaired by WICA volunteers
- Successful Auction held in February, 2013
- Ice Cream Social was held in the spring
- Communication maintained with Department of Public Works, interfacing with projects on the island
- Handicapped parking area designated at ferry dock parking lot
- Two "No Dogs" signs posted on beach
- 4th of July Parade
- Temporary STOP signs placed at Fort Hill & Dump Roads, for public safety
- Mosquito spraying was done as needed
- Town Meeting held in September with Governor De Jongh
- Beach cleaning
- Water testing
- Breakfast with Santa
- Ongoing contact maintained with Administrator Barbara Petersen

**Land Use:** Chuck Gidley, chair, reported on the VI Government's desire for a hotel on Water Island. The Town Meeting on 9/14/13 (audio version available on WICA website), announced the EOI. Site visits for potential developers were held on October 29 and 30. Written responses from interested parties were accepted until the end of November. Current status is that the Governor is scheduled to announce the selected developer after the end of January. The suggested parameters which Chuck explicitly gave the Government include: hotel must be a high end resort rather than a large box hotel; the hotel must be low impact and eco-friendly; that golf carts must be continued to be allowed for residents' use; and that residents' needs on Honeymoon Beach and in Flamingo Bay need to be addressed by any developer.

**Water Island Search and Rescue (WISAR):** Tom McCoy, WISAR President, reported on status of boat, vehicles, and equipment. Ongoing volunteer involvement is requested. Suggested that all residents put the WISAR phone number in their phones & post prominently in their homes, as this is the first line of defense in any health or fire emergency. Communication with assistance in St. Thomas is expedited by calling WISAR first, phone # 340-642-5660.

### **ELECTION OF 2014 OFFICERS**

**Voting procedure:** Roger Michaels and Eddie Cheesborough were introduced as tellers for voting. Slate of officers presented by Nominating Committee:

PRESIDENT– Joanne Bohr

VICE PRESIDENT - Mary Dunakey

SECRETARY– Mary Lynn Tucker

TREASURER - Mercy Blosser

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE - Jim Zimmerman (2 yr), David Roselle (2 yr), Kathy Butler (1 yr), Karen Congero (2 yr), Scott Hauser (2 yr)

Motion made to accept slate of officers as presented, seconded, and majority approved. New officers took seats. Outgoing President Jim Wilkinson given gift of appreciation. Bob and Mercy Blosser also recognized for all of their work for WICA with a gift of appreciation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Remarks by New President:** Opening remarks offered by President Joanne Bohr included expressed appreciation for Governor De Jongh's contributions to Water Island, acknowledgement of Administrator Barbara Petersen, Darryl Smalls of Dept of Public Works, and Stclair Williams of Dept of SP&R for their cooperative working with WICA. Request was made for increased involvement by members, new viewpoints, and actively helping to direct the ever-changing future of Water Island. Another fervent plea made to all in the community to become a volunteer with WISAR!

**Other new business:** Erik Ackerson encouraged all to become involved in volunteer activities in St. Thomas, as citizens of the Virgin Islands.

**2014 Budget Proposal:** Treasurer Mercy Blosser presented projected budget for 2014 (see attached report). Motion made to accept as written, seconded, passed with majority vote.

**Nominating Committee for 2012:** Vice President Mary Dunakey (chair), Katie Eyre, and Teri Pearsall. Motion to accept/Voted/approved.

**Committee Chairs:** Joanne Bohr reviewed the following committees and the named head of each. Anyone interested in assisting the committee, please contact the chair and let them know.

**Abandoned Cars** – David Roselle, Chair

**Auction Committee** – Missy Petit, Chair, assisted by Sharon Moore

**Beach Committee** – Agnes Rampino, Chair, assisted by Lisa Bertrand and Heidi Erwig

**Beautification Committee** – Mercy Blosser, Chair

**Government Liaison Committee** – Joanne Bohr, Chair

**Land Use Committee** – Chuck Gidley, Chair

**Membership** – Bob Blosser, Chair

**Outreach Committee** – Mercy Blosser, Chair, assisted by Agnes Rampino

**Roads/Roadside Committee** – Jim Wilkinson, Chair

**Security Committee** – Doug Ackley, Chair

**Web Site** – Jim Wilkinson

**Announcements:** Thank you to Heidi for today's refreshments

**Adjournment at 10:07 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lynn Tucker, WICA Secretary



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Treasurer's Report - Year Ending as of 12/22/2014

**Banco Popular**

<b>Opening balance as of 01/01/2014</b>		<b>\$17,912.96</b>
Income: (+)		
Auction	11,802.04	
Ice Cream Social	237.00	
Membership	15,000.00	
Removal of Vehicles	250.00	\$27,289.04
Expenses: (-)		
Administration	931.27	
Beach	2,181.54	
Community Outreach	1,461.70	
Insurance	4,008.71	
Public Safety	896.51	
Removal of Vehicles	1,590.00	
Roadsides	2,247.00	
Waste Management	1,100.00	<\$14,416.73>
Account Adjustment:		
Transfer to Vanguard		
Auction Acct.	11,802.04	<\$11,802.04>
<b>Ending Balance as of 12/22/2014</b>		<b>\$18,983.23</b>

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**Vanguard Prime Money Market**                      **General**                      **Auction**

<b>Opening balance as of 01/01/2014</b>	<b>\$4,911.39</b>	<b>\$62,270.09</b>
Income: (+)		
Dividends (January through September)	.36	4.80
Account Adjustment: Transfer 2014		
Auction Proceeds from Banco Popular		11,802.04
<b>Ending Balance as of 12/22/2014</b>	<b>\$4,911.75</b>	<b>\$74,076.93</b>

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**Total All Accounts**

Banco Popular	\$18,983.23
Vanguard General	4,911.75
Vanguard Auction	74,076.93
<b>Total Checking/Saving</b>	<b>\$97,971.91</b>

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**Auction Summary as of 12/22/2014**

Income: (+)	\$13,159.64
Expenses: (-)	<1,357.60>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$11,802.04</b>

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Respectfully submitted,

Mercedes Blosser  
Treasurer





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**Proposed Slate for 2015 Executive Committee**

President .....David Roselle  
Vice-President .....Katie Eyre  
Secretary .....Beth McConnell  
Treasurer .....Karen Congero

Member at Large .....Scott Hauser (serving 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 year term)  
Member at Large .....Pam Mange (serving 1st of 2 year term)  
Member at Large .....John Black (1 year term)  
Member at Large .....Jim Zimmerman (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 year term)  
Member at Large .....Agnes Rampino (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 year term, vacated by K.Congero)

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**Proxy and Ballot**

As a Member in Good Standing of the Water Island Civic Association, I hereby appoint

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with the power of substitution by proxy, to attend and vote on my behalf at the Annual Meeting to be held Saturday, January 24, 2015.

Member signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to cast a vote for a specific candidate(s), please circle the appropriate name(s) above and your proxy representative will cast that vote on your behalf.

**Please note:** Nominations can be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting. If a specific choice is indicated on this ballot, your proxy representative may not vote for any individual nominated from the floor for that position.

Please indicate below any additional instructions for your proxy representative:

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***Your vote is very important!***  
***Please return this completed form as soon as possible, or go to the Member's Section of [www.WaterIslandWICA.com](http://www.WaterIslandWICA.com) and fill-in & submit this Proxy on-line.***

## *Water Island Civic Association, Inc.*

### PROJECTED BUDGET FOR 2015

WICA fund sources:   Banco Popular - Checking Account  
                           Vanguard Investment - General Account  
                           Vanguard Investment - Auction/Capital Improvement Account

Projected 2014 revenue: \$15,000.00 (102 WICA membership dues @ \$150.00)  
                               \$     0.00 (Auction proceeds) <sup>7</sup>  
                               **\$15,000.00 Projected Total**

Line Item	2014 Budget	% of Budget	Actual Expenses 01/01/2014 through 12/22/2014	2015 Budget (Projected)
Administration <sup>1</sup>	2,000.00	47%	931.27	2,000.00
Auction <sup>7</sup>	3,500.00	39%	1,357.60	0.00
Beach <sup>2</sup>	5,000.00	44%	2,181.54	5,000.00
Beautification	1,500.00	0%	0.00	1,500.00
Community Outreach <sup>3</sup>	2,000.00	73%	1,461.70	2,000.00
Insurance	4,000.00	100%	4,008.71	4,000.00
Public Safety <sup>4</sup>	1,000.00	90%	896.51	1,000.00
Removal of Vehicles/Boats	1,000.00	159%	1,590.00	1,000.00
Roads/Docks	2,500.00	0%	0.00	2,500.00
Roadsides <sup>5</sup>	3,000.00	75%	2,247.00	3,000.00
Waste Management <sup>6</sup>	1,500.00	73%	1,100.00	1,500.00
WISAR Donation <sup>7</sup>	4,000.00	0%	0.00	4,000.00
	<b>\$ 31,000.00</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>\$ 15,774.33</b>	<b>\$ 27,500.00 <sup>8</sup></b>

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- 1 Administration expenses include Publications/Membership; Mailings; Website; office supplies; and catered breakfasts at the Annual Meeting.
  - 2 Beach expenses include removal of coconuts and dead fronds from some of the Palm trees, WICA's share of expenses for daily cleaning of the bathrooms and a share of bathroom repair expenses.
  - 3 Community Outreach includes Breakfast with Santa's party favors for 36 children; donation to Brian Kriger; and community service award.
  - 4 Public Safety includes Mosquito fogging parts and supplies, testing of water at Honeymoon Beach and Flamingo Bay Marina, and purchase of mosquito donuts.
  - 5 Roadside expenses includes lunch and drinks for the roadside work crews; barge transport of work crew vehicle; and pushing back the debris pile.
  - 6 Waste Management includes weekly removal of trash from mail depot on Water Island.
  - 7 All Auction related Revenue/Expenses are applied to the Vanguard Investment – Auction/Capital Improvement Account
  - 8 Proposed dues to remain at \$150.00 per family membership. Projected expenses that exceed actual income will be taken from WICA saving reserves. The By laws provide for: "In exceptional circumstances, the Executive Committee may authorize the expenditure of funds over and above the aggregate amount of budgeted items", by resolution this amount for 2015 is not to exceed \$5,000.00.