



**ELBOW CAY  
RESTORATION  
ASSOCIATION**

Hope Town  
Elbow Cay  
Abaco, Bahamas

**'THE ELBOW CAY RESTORATION COMMITTEE'  
MINUTES OF MEETING - BOARD**

**DATE & TIME:** Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 2:05PM – 3:43PM

**LOCATION:** The Great Escape – Hope Town Residence

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mari Matthews

**ATTENDEES:**

Board Members Present: Lana Russell, Junior Mernard, Kristina Malone, Reinhold Probst, Mari Matthews, Frank Knowles, Andrew Charles, Carol Lyn Terrels, Monica Cook

Apologies: James Boyce, Stafford Patterson, Scott Patterson

Guests: Ingrid Elliott – Advisor, Kim Penning, Kim Rody – Volunteers, Chris Terrels.

**AGENDA:**

- Update by Monica & Reinhold
- Update Chris & Carol Lyn Terrels re: ECHOS Group
- Update by Ingrid re: Legal, organization etc.
- Update on Webiste, emails, etc. Mari Matthews
- Kim Rody Update on discussion with Mike Rettig/Lift
- Organize 'hazard material' site for including used oil.

- 1. Library & Clinic** – The rebuild/repair of the public library and the Hope Town clinic is totally funded and work is underway. ECRA has enlisted The Thompson Group to head the rebuild/repairs of the two structures, with funding from the Restore Hope Foundation. Other donors and assistance include: HT Rising, Samaritan's Purse, and others. Patte Myers and her brother have offered to donate solar AC equipment and set up for the library. The clinic will remain in Yellow Bird Cottage until the clinic building is ready.
- 2. Jarratts Park:** The Thompson Group has also begun the work on the playground fence. Ryan Knowles & Stella Higgs are raising funds through the 'Pickets for Jarret Park' project that will go toward replacing playground equipment. Monica will organize a painting party to get the pickets painted.
- 3. Private Home Repairs/Rebuild:-**



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- a) Andrew Curry has worked closely with a private funder to obtain, and ship building materials for repairs to various locals homes. (donor specified).
- b) It's the committee's intent to quickly put to use the materials arriving on island. The Thompson Group has offered ECRA the use of one construction crew at cost (\$5,000/week). This allows us to provide labour when building materials become available.
- c) Sabine & Reinhold Probst has donated \$100K through Restore Hope Foundation (temporary until ECRA bank account opens). \$50K of which is earmarked to fund the labour of these projects (approx. 2 months.) Projects include: Mercedes Lowe's house, Patty Sands' roof, Gerald Sweeting's roof, Peter Albury's roof, Delcean Mackey's roof, Rhiannon Bethel's shingles, gutters, and others.
- d) The other \$50K is earmarked specifically to provide funding for ECRA.
- e) ECRA discussed the importance of including local carpenters/construction crews in the same manner as above. Although the approximate \$5K figure above is at cost, the committee feels that this is an opportunity to provide work to locals, and fill gaps in their work schedule. The Committee is considering how to ensure more opportunities for local workers as part of this programme.
- f) Transparent and accountable bid procurement and procedure criteria are still being laid out by the committee.

**\*Noting:** The Committee has learned from Help.NGO that they still hold \$100,000 for use to purchase building materials (as of Wednesday, Adam advised these materials were not purchased yet (although he advises he is ready to spend) as there was not warehousing or shipping organized – there had been problems with both. The Committee understands that these are funds raised for the community through HTVFR. As these are critical funds and long-awaited building materials, the Committee will pursue this to see how these funds/materials can be expedited to help with local homes ASAP.

**4. South End:** ECHOS group has done a fabulous job thus far, and continues to make great headway at clearing debris on the south end of the island. The group wishes to continue to work with ECRA on fundraising to support our efforts. More exciting updates to follow!



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## **5. Logistics Support and Shipping:**

Kim Rody has been in brief contact with a gentleman by the name of Mike Rettig who owns a well-known logistics company with a good reputation for getting things done. The Committee discussed the current endless challenges with shipping and logistics, and are diversifying outreach to ensure problems and issues can be resolved through multiple avenues, as needed.

- 6. Disposing of Hazardous material (used oil, etc.):** The Committee will check with Clay to see if the dump is able to accommodate this as before. Old procedure was that you had to put it in a plastic container clearly marked and take it to a specific site at the dump. It cannot go in your household trash.

Other project progress updates:

\*\* SP has cleared the debris north of Vernon's store and Edith's Straw shop. Thank You SP for constant support and efforts!

\*\* The Sunshine park clean up (Vacant area across from the Hope Town School) has been cleared and graded. Thank you to Ken Bethel for such a great job!

## **7. ECRA Development**

(a) Ingrid's update on Legals, etc: Ingrid summarized to the group for final approval, the draft Articles and Memorandum of Association.

\*\*Motion #1 – Reinhold motioned to approve the articles of Membership and Association, and the attending committee members (9) approved.

These articles will now be sent to the attorney. The Committee intends to make these documents public, and share them with the community as soon as the final legal version is approved by a Bahamian Attorney. Ingrid will now complete the PERC application form.

(b) Mari – Website, Emails etc.: Following the committee's decision to move forward with a new and fresh website, Mari has started the work to build the Elbow Cay Restoration Association's website:

[elbowcaycommunity.com](http://elbowcaycommunity.com).

Mari has completed the overall design and now Carol Lyn, Mari, and Kim Penning are working on the writing up content.

Please note the change of email addresses:



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Mari has done a wonderful job on building the site, and we are excited to share this with the community once it's complete.

**Next meeting: Monday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 20. The Great Escape – Hope Town Residence.**

**Meeting adjourned: 3:43PM**

**Minutes Compiled: Kristina Malone – Committee Secretary – Minutes Approved by Committee**