

**BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 3, 2014**

Officers Present

Directors Present

President – Gene Murtha	Special Projects – Doug Paquin
Secretary – Mary Drummond	Membership – Lori Gurr
Vice-President – Frank Wiechec	E-Communications – Don Hallman
	Social – Judy Vanderweele

Officers Absent

Directors Absent

Treasurer – Connie Higgins	Past President – Doug Rhees
	Legal Liaison – Mirko Vlcko
	Security – Donald Clark
	Community Standards – Jayne Perkins
	Planning – Brian Stirling

The BSIA Board meeting held on October 3, 2014 at Twin Isles Country Club was called to order by President Gene Murtha at 9:05 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was held to account for Officers and Directors present.

The minutes of the September 5, 2014 Board meeting were approved and accepted unanimously after one correction. Lori said that the Airport Authority is spending \$24,000 annually (not just a one-time fee) for software maintenance. Motion to approve was made by Doug P. and seconded by Frank. ***The minutes will be posted on the Burnt Store Isles Association website.***

The Treasurer’s report was presented by Gene. Connie’s September 26 financial report was accepted as submitted and filed for audit.

Judy requested a check for \$200 for the use of Burnt Store Isles Presbyterian Church for our Annual General Membership meeting on Nov. 11. She made a motion that we spend \$200 for the use of the Church’s facilities. Motion was seconded by Frank. Judy will contact Connie for the payment.

Doug requested reimbursement for the 4 large flags and poles that he purchased for our entrances. He will ask Connie for a check.

GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

Nominating Committee for 2015 Board

Richard Coates has a full committee of four: Jim Aveck, Claire Phelen, Sue Bareither, and Tony Vanesco. Richard and his group will now begin the difficult job of finding willing members to fill the open positions for next year.

Board of Directors 2015 Volunteers

Jayne has offered to move to the Vice President position which is open for 2015. John Forr has volunteered for Vice President, Planning Director, or Standards Director. We would like to keep Jane on the board as the V.P., and Gene thinks John would be a good fit for either of the other two positions. Planning has been neglected, and Gene would like to see some very interested person as Planning Director.

Establishment of a "BSIA Underground Wiring Feasibility Committee"

No one besides Richard Dressel has volunteered to be on a committee to study the feasibility of installing underground wiring in BSI. We are hoping for a group of 5 for this important and comprehensive work. PGI is not interested because of the projected expense. We should advertise on the website that we need committee members with experience in this field that can gather all of the relevant facts and evaluate the pluses and minuses of the underground wiring project.

November Annual Meeting

November 11 is the scheduled date for our Annual General Membership meeting. It also happens to be Veteran's Day. Gene plans to make a verbal tribute to all of the members who served in any branch of our Armed Forces. The meeting time will be 7:00, preceded by a social period beginning at 6:30. There will be a need for time to check members in and hand out voting cards, so this should allow time for this process. Sheriff Bill Prummell will be the featured guest speaker at the meeting. Gary Brewster will also be there to speak to the status of the BSI canals. Agenda items are not yet finalized, but we will be electing Officers and Directors, approving a 2015 budget, and voting on the additional funding for our legal fund which was approved by the Board at its July meeting.

Discussion of Bylaw Change to Extend Officers Terms

The Board feels that there is a need to have terms of service for all BSIA Officers extended to two years from the current one year that is specified in our Bylaws. This would be a positive move and would allow the Board to maintain continuity from one year to the next without a great number of Positions on the Board changing over at

year end. It would be best to stagger the terms of Directors with Officers so that there is always a Board with experienced members. There was discussion about the possibility of electronic voting for the Board and for the entire membership. It was decided to table electronic voting for the entire membership at this point in time, but it will most likely be addressed in the future. The Board would like to be able to exercise this option of remotely attending meetings by conference call. We will ask Mirko to write up the two suggested amendments to the bylaws: (1) longer terms for Officers and (2) the ability of the board to vote electronically if unable to physically attend a meeting. The Board will vote by email on those two proposed amendments as written by Mirko. By the BSIA bylaws, we are required to notify members at least 14 days in advance of the vote on bylaws changes.

Policies and Procedures Manual: Review of Cul-de-Sac Maintenance Policy

Our Board's Policy Manual regarding Cul-de-sac policy should be in alignment with the Code for the City of Punta Gorda. Our policy is correct except for a provision that has been added to the City Code regarding "Other Maintenance". Mary will update the cul-de-sac policy currently in the Manual so it agrees with city code, and it will be signed and dated as our current policy. Mary will save this as a Word document, and when we have completed the review of all policies in our Manual, they will all be posted to our website.

Credit Card rollout for dues payments

Lori is working with Rick Doll to get an accurate database for mailing out all membership dues renewal notices. She is planning to mail them on November 1.

Discussion on request for donation from Saturday Farmer's Market

Gene and Don H. received a request from a couple of people involved with the Saturday Farmer's Market – John Weil and Jerry Presseller. They are trying to raise \$5000 to begin a program for people who are on food stamps to get more out of their dollars (and purchase food at the Market). The booths at the Market are for-profit vendors, and the Board agreed that it was not appropriate for BSIA to make a contribution. Gene will correspond with them to let them know that their request was denied by the Board.

Discussion on Removal of Contractors list from BSIA website

BSIA does not need to be in the position of recommending contractors to members because businesses and personnel change and we cannot keep up-to-date on what is going on with all of these contractors. Members can ask neighbors for suggestions of contractors with which they have had good experience. A motion was made by Frank to remove the list of recommended contractors from the BSIA website. Judy seconded and the motion carried. There was also discussion of items for sale on the website. It was decided to leave that on the website because it benefits members, but we will ask Mirko

to write a disclaimer for that area of the website so that the Association will not have any liability.

Review of Planning Director Proposal

Brian was absent, so we could not discuss his proposed description of duties.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Social

Judy reports that the Social committee wants to have a Pool Party as a member event at Twin Isles Country Club, but the club is refurbishing the outdoor tables, so it will not work to have a group there at this point in time. They will try to schedule a pool party in the future. Judy spoke with the new general manager of TICC, David Bright, regarding holding lectures or meetings there, and he said the club would happily accommodate a group at little or no charge depending on set-up required. She also had a discussion with David about possibly including BSIA members who are not club members in social events at the club (such as a Halloween party). He was receptive to the idea and said he would bring it up at a TICC Board meeting.

The next meeting will be Nov. 7th at 9:00 at Twin Isles Country Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary C. Drummond
Secretary