

**BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 2, 2014**

**Officers Present**

**Directors Present**

<b>Vice-President</b> – Frank Wiechec	<b>Social</b> – Judy Vanderweele
<b>Secretary</b> – Mary Drummond	<b>Community Standards</b> – Jayne Perkins
<b>Treasurer</b> – Connie Higgins	<b>Security</b> – Donald Clark
	<b>Legal Liaison</b> – Mirko Vlcko
	<b>E-Communications</b> – Don Hallman
	<b>Planning</b> – Brian Stirling

**Officers Absent**

**Directors Absent**

<b>President</b> – Gene Murtha	<b>Past President</b> – Doug Rhees
	<b>Membership</b> – Lori Gurr
	<b>Special Projects</b> – Doug Paquin

The BSIA Board meeting held on May 2, 2014 was called to order by Vice President Frank Wiechec at 9:00 am. Roll call was held to account for Officers and Directors present.

The minutes of the April 4, 2014 Board meeting were approved and accepted. Motion to approve was made by Judy and seconded by Don C. ***The minutes will be posted on the Burnt Store Isles Association website.***

The Treasurer’s report was presented by Connie Higgins and filed for audit. Connie’s April 28 financial report was accepted as submitted.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS**

**City of Punta Gorda – Code Compliance Process**

Frank Wiechec introduced Ms.Teri Tubbs, who is a Zoning Official with the City of Punta Gorda. She is also responsible for code compliance and mowing. Teri provided us with a wealth of information regarding the city’s code compliance process and deed restriction information in a printed hand-out given to each board member in attendance. Each of us was given business cards for contact people in the code compliance area. Teri reviewed with us a powerpoint presentation on paper to explain how the city deals with code violations fairly and without infringing on homeowners’ constitutional property rights. She gave us each a flow chart showing how the city proceeds if a complaint is received regarding a code violation. The code is enforced equitably, and

proper notice and time to deal with the specific violation must be offered. The city tries to work with the homeowners and will often have complete cooperation. They begin the process with a courtesy letter, and 85% of complaints are resolved in this manner without further notification. Punta Gorda Isles asked the city to adopt their deed restrictions as the city's code, and in 1986 the City of Punta Gorda primarily adopted the current code, which includes many of the deed restrictions that apply in PGI (BSI is a part of this Special Residential Overlay District, or SRO). Teri provided us with a number of documents regarding construction, landscaping and other requirements in the city code and noted how that code differs from the deed restrictions in our community. Her department maintains a current list of code violations that are actively being dealt with in BSI. She can easily provide us with this list of cases at any point in time upon request.

#### *Twin Isles Country Club meeting with Pope Management*

Frank and Gene met with the president of Pope Management, currently managing Twin Isles Country Club, in April regarding the disappointing food and service at the club. Pope said their main emphasis will be in the food service area during the off-season beginning May 1, and they will strive to improve the dining so that members will enjoy eating and socializing there again. It is a starting point since there is now dialogue between the board of BSIA and Twin Isles. Judy provided a list of suggestions which might help cultivate a better relationship between the Association and Twin Isles.

#### *Street lighting on Madrid*

This item will be discussed as old business at the June board meeting. There was no information for discussion.

#### *Increasing the BSIA Legal Reserve*

After lengthy discussion, the general consensus on BSIA's legal reserve is that there is no need to increase the reserve fund since we have \$30,000 already allocated for that purpose and an additional \$30,000 in our bank accounts at this point in time. It is difficult to justify a dues increase for that purpose when there is so much money sitting in the bank. Don H. made the point that with our planning to make a push for compliance with deed restrictions that we will likely incur more legal fees trying to defend the Association's position. There was a question about what we should be doing with our dues revenue. A suggestion was made that we ask the city to provide some additional bike racks for school children. Mirko said that he would like to see a decrease in the annual dues rather than looking for a reason to spend what we have.

General Membership Meeting July 29

This item will be discussed in more detail at the June board meeting. It is to be held at Burnt Store Isles Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. as a “Meet the Candidates” night. The cost is \$200 to use the church facility. Our social committee is providing desserts.

Properties in bank foreclosure and property appearance

Teri Tubbs addressed this in her presentation. The city requires the bank, financial institution, or mortgagor to register annually with the city, and they must maintain the foreclosure at a certain minimum level as long as they hold the mortgage on the property. If that level of maintenance is not observed, the city will mow the property and continue to post liens on the property as long for as the property is neglected. The grass and weeds on the vacant lots or foreclosures must be 12 inches tall before mowing is required.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Shredder Day

This item will remain as old business for the June meeting since Shredder Day scheduled for April 19 was cancelled due to equipment problems. Doug P. was absent, so no further discussion was held.

Cul-de-Sac Maintenance

This item will remain as old business for the June meeting. Doug P. was absent so no further discussion was held.

Credit card processing update

Don H. reports that nothing has changed regarding the plan to allow credit card usage for payment of dues later this year. He is still in the free 30-day testing period of the process and says there is no need to begin the \$20 monthly fee required by Constant Contact until we begin accepting dues renewal payments in the fall. The plan is to allow credit card payment for events next year also. Lori needs to verify that the process is acceptable for membership committee needs.

Newsletter publisher needed

This item will remain as old business for the June meeting.

Contractor compliance with BSIA building review process

Jayne reports that she does not have the same level of frustration with the builders as at the last meeting. She procured the information that she needed from the homeowners that were being difficult. She receives many phone calls with general questions about what is allowed or not in BSI. She has noticed survey stakes up for three more new homes, so she will stay busy with requesting information for approvals. Please inform Jayne if you notice new construction.

Membership goal and increase campaign for the year

This item will remain as old business for the June meeting. Lori was absent so no further discussion was held.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Treasurer:

Connie stated that our auditor had performed his work on BSIA's 2013 financial records, and she was happy to report that there were no irregularities uncovered during his audit.

E-Communications:

Don H. reports that he has had some difficulty in the last couple of weeks accessing and logging on to the Constant Contact website and using Go-Daddy email because they had a major electrical outage and server problems. This was eventually straightened out after working with some folks on their technical team, and everything is now working well in spite of Constant Contact software changes. Don has updated the social calendar on the BSIA website from Judy's committee information.

Legal:

Mirko addressed a question posed to him by Bob Armstrong regarding the CERT (Certified Emergency Response Training) program and personal liability. The participants were told by Ray Biggs (Fire Chief) that the Good Samaritan law protects a person who might take any action as an emergency responder in our community. Mirko pointed out that the language in the Good Samaritan Law provides that a responder is protected only if he acts as a reasonably prudent person under the circumstances. This language would expose the provider to possible civil liability. Mirko will investigate further.

Security:

Don C. reports that he has the new magnetic signs that say “Burnt Store Isles Association” in his possession for general use by BSIA members for promoting our association in parades, etc. Mirko suggested that perhaps we should be asking for proof of auto insurance from anyone who attaches the signs to their vehicles to protect the association from liability should the driver be involved in an accident while sporting our signs.

Social:

Judy reports that the social committee is busy making plans. In the works are functions to be publicized in the near future: June 10 Elks picnic; June 11 and July 9 School Supply Drive; July 4 Hurricane Charley’s party in conjunction with BSIBC. The November general membership meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church. The church charges \$200 for use of the meeting room.

Reporting on past functions, there were 116 members dining at Twin Isles at the Mar 10 general membership meeting. The cost to BSIA was \$6 per person. The picnic at Ponce Park on Mar 29 had 121 attendees. Forty-three people attended the Visani ABBA performance on Apr.15.

Doug Holmes, an interested resident of BSI, attended the meeting.

The next meeting will be June 6th at 9:00 at Twin Isles Country Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary C. Drummond  
Secretary