

**BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
December 4, 2015**

**Officers Present**

**Directors Present**

<b>President</b> – Doug Rhees	<b>Security</b> – Kathy Williamson
<b>Secretary</b> – Mary Drummond	<b>Special Projects</b> – Doug Paquin
<b>Treasurer</b> – Connie Higgins	<b>Membership</b> – Lori Gurr
	<b>E-Communications</b> – Don Hallman
	<b>Social</b> – Judy Vanderweele
	<b>Planning</b> – John Forr
	<b>Standards</b> – Melissa Lockhart

**Officers Absent**

**Directors Absent**

<b>Vice-President</b> – Jayne Perkins	<b>Legal Liaison</b> – Mirko Vlcko
	<b>Past President</b> – Gene Murtha

The BSIA Board meeting held on December 4, 2015 at Twin Isles Country Club was called to order by President Doug Rhees at 9:00 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug R. and recited by all present.

Roll call was held to account for Officers and Directors present. Incoming Officers and Directors John Gruca, Ian Milne, and Su Miscia were present. Other members in attendance were Nancy Granum, Chet Sliski, Doug Holmes, Doug Young, JR Hardesty, and Bill and Steph Courtney.

Doug R. asked if there were any objections to the minutes from our November 6, 2015 Board meeting. There were no objections. Kathy moved and Melissa seconded approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously and Don will publish them on our website.

Doug also asked if there were any objections to the minutes of the November 10 Annual General Membership meeting. Mary noted that she has not yet obtained attendance numbers to include in the minutes to establish that a quorum was present at that meeting. There were no objections to the minutes otherwise, so Doug suggested that we approve them subject to that additional information being added to the minutes. Melissa moved and Kathy seconded approval. The minutes were approved unanimously. Don will postpone publishing these minutes on the website until the correction is made to add attendance numbers. John Gruca asked about the post-meeting questionnaire results.

Doug would like to discuss the numbers later in the meeting. Doug will get the results out to Board members and asked Don to publish them on the website and also in the weekly Bulletin Board.

#### President's report

President Doug R. commented that he received a call from Peggy Modglin, who was elected Secretary for 2016 at the November annual meeting. For health reasons, she must decline the position. Mary has agreed to continue as Secretary for a couple of months until a suitable replacement can be found for Peggy. Chet says that he has the name of someone who might be willing to take the position, Janie Dunn, and he will contact her promptly and ask her to follow up with me.

Doug noted that a couple of positive things were accomplished this year. One was the realtors' meeting and the other was that we are offering free memberships to new BSI homeowners to help generate interest in BSIA.

#### Treasurer's report

Connie presented the Treasurer's report dated December 1, 2015 that she provided to our group. Cash balance on that date was \$70,661. Membership dues paid so far this year are under budget at \$11,300. Connie is hoping for \$15,000. Some dues may come in during 2016 after notices are mailed in January to those who have not responded to online requests for renewal. There are still 226 people who have not paid dues yet. There were no questions or comments, so the report was accepted and filed for audit.

#### Community Standards report

Doug noted that people are complaining to him about dirty roofs at social events. The back areas of some roofs are noticeably dirty from the canals or the golf course, but it is difficult to know an address from those positions. The City personnel do not see the back of the roofs driving on the streets. Melissa says that the code compliance folks are on top of things, but ask people to contact her if they have a specific complaint, and she will relay the information to the City Code Compliance department.

#### Social Director report

Judy reminded the Board of all of the holiday events going on – BSIBC event on Dec. 6 at TICC, the BSIA Christmas party Dec. 10 at the Villas, and the BSIBC Lighted Boat Parade social event on Dec. 13. Holiday decorating judging will occur on Dec. 15. Please let her know if you would like to help or have any suggestions for homes to be considered in the contest. There will be no mixer on Jan.1 due to being the day after New Year's Eve, but dates at the club have been secured for mixers in Feb., Mar., and April. Judy has arranged for a dinner at Twin Isles for the incoming and outgoing Boards on January 12. Spouses or significant others attending would be asked to pay for their own

meals. John suggested that the date be changed because the Underground Wiring committee has selected Jan. 12 as the date for the community-wide informational meeting that is in the works. Judy will try to change to Jan. 11 or 13 for the joint dinner. The Spring general membership dinner meeting is scheduled for Mar. 8, but there is a question about venue because of attendance numbers that may be too large for TICC to handle. There may be very good attendance at the March meeting because of the current issues of underground wiring and the perimeter canal dredge. Judy will get November meeting attendance numbers to Mary in the next couple of days.

#### Special Projects report

Doug P. said that he will put Christmas lights up on the monuments today. Doug R. commented that the wreaths that are already up on the monuments look very nice. Lori provided new bows for the wreaths.

#### E-Communications report

Don provided a list of email addresses and phone numbers of 2016 Board members and committee chairpersons. He is still in need of photos of new Board members. Let him know if you want to set up a different forwarding email. Doug R. asked retiring Board members to meet with their replacements sometime this month to turn over all information to the incoming Board members.

#### Membership report

Our membership now stands at 518. Nancy Granum is actively working with Lori now and is doing a great job. She is taking care of membership applications. Let Lori know if you need any welcome packets.

#### Planning director report

John noted that the Underground Wiring committee is in need of funds for banners to advertise the Jan. 12 informational meeting date to the entire community without promoting BSIA on the banners. These will probably cost \$200. Doug R. suggested that Don put out an email near the time of the meeting to invite members to ask their non-member neighbors to attend the Jan. 12 meeting. John says that the committee does not plan to give out nametags, handouts, or to record names of those in attendance, but they might be asking for volunteers to help with the meeting which will be held at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church. The City, FPL, and the Committee will be a part of the presentation. The Committee also will ask our new BSIA president to make a few comments about the efforts of our Association in establishing this committee to research the feasibility of underground wiring. The Committee will be sending out postcards to all residents of BSI within the next couple of weeks to encourage attendance at the Jan.12 meeting.

### Secretary

Mary reported that she received a phone call from an architect inquiring about the possibility of developing and erecting a couple of duplexes and some other units on property near Madrid and Hwy 41. He was wondering if that property is a part of Burnt Store Isles. She referred him to Jayne since she is the Architectural Review person for BSIA.

### Community Security report

Kathy is continuing her work gathering information on the security camera project. She has met with a couple of people from the Punta Gorda police department to discuss the project. San Rocco Road is an issue because there is no camera installation planned for that area. Home Depot's cameras apparently do not reach that far. Kathy met with City Manager Kunik and he had no problem with installation. He said that we would be using City electricity if we use the wiring at the monuments, so he said we would need to get the approval of City Council for that. Kathy is on the agenda for City Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> and is on the agenda for BSCAC on the 8<sup>th</sup> because we might be using their electricity at the lock. There is some question whether the building at the lock belongs to the City or BSICAC. The amount of electricity used would be nominal. We could have signs on the seawalls regarding video surveillance at the cut-through. Howard Kunik suggested that we post a picture of a camera on the existing Neighborhood Watch signs. There is a building on San Rocco that belongs to Twin Isles for storage of maintenance equipment. Perhaps Twin Isles would be willing to work with us on a camera for that area. Kathy has not approached the club regarding this. A key for the cameras to allow access to recorded information would be kept in a Board member's possession and would be requested by the police dept. if there would be an incident needing to be investigated. Kathy is inquiring about having a longer period before footage would be written over. Maintenance costs for the cameras could be paid annually to the supplier for a 5% discount. Kathy is going to ask some home camera maintenance electrician for quotes on maintenance of these cameras that would like to install. Lori asked about Board liability in placing cameras on public property. Our D and O insurance should protect the Association.

### Newsletter report

Joanne Ziemer, BSIA Newsletter Editor, was not able to attend the meeting, but she sent an article via Doug R. for the Board to review for publication. It was sent to her for inclusion in our January quarterly newsletter and was written by a group of 5 people calling themselves "Taxpayers Against Canal Widening". Are these people members of BSIA? Doug feels that the letter is not factually correct and should be published only if sources of information are provided. Should a rebuttal also be published? Should the newsletter become a forum for this sort of article? Joanne is considering publishing it as an article rather than as a part of her "2 cents" column. Doug R. would like to see the newsletter be spiced up a little because he feels it is a boring publication. There was

copious discussion about whether or not this submission should be included as a part of our next newsletter. Bob Hardesty, one member of “Taxpayers Against Canal Widening”, was in attendance and defended the facts provided in the group’s letter. There is also a letter being circulated by email in BSI by someone that is not in favor of underground wiring in our community. It was decided that Doug R. and John Gruca, incoming President, will meet with Joanne and decide how to handle the situation. Doug thinks that the letter needs to be shortened for publication in our opinion column. A policy needs to be established by the Board about what kind of vehicle the newsletter should be. However this is dealt with will set a precedent for further received items. We would need to make it clear that opinion letters published are not necessarily the position of BSIA.

The next Board meeting will be held on January 8 at 9:00 at Twin Isles Country Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary C. Drummond  
Secretary