

Burnt Store Isles Association, Inc.

General Membership Meeting

March 10, 2014

Twin Isles Country Club, 301 Madrid Blvd., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Murtha at 6:45 P.M. Members were welcomed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gene acknowledged all past and present officers and directors of the BSIA and thanked them for their assistance in building a great community.

Gene welcomed new members and asked all members to solicit new association members. Our goal is to have a 10-15% increase in membership numbers this year. Lori Gurr, our membership director, or any other board member can assist with a new membership application. The forms can be obtained on our website. Our current membership level is 481 homes (equates to 900 members).

Present BSIA board members were introduced by Gene, and he expressed his appreciation for their services as volunteers.

The results of the recent BSIA survey were presented by Gene. This information will give the board guidance in priorities for projects and expenditures for the community because we now have a better idea of what is important to the residents. The results will be available for all members to review in our upcoming Newsletter and on our web site after the Household participation numbers have been determined. The numbers being presented represent the compilation by total e-mail addresses only.

Gene introduced our first guest speaker for the evening, Vice Mayor of Punta Gorda, Carolyn Freeland, whose topic was the "State of the City". Vice Mayor Carolyn presented an in-depth view of all the current City projects and the City budget. She also covered the process for determination of the projects that the City would want to undertake if the 1% optional sales tax is approved in November.

The next guest speakers introduced by Gene were City Council member Nancy Prafke and Gary Quill, manager of the Punta Gorda Airport. Council member Prafke relinquished her time to Mr. Quill, so he could have adequate time to cover the issues of flights over South Charlotte County and the plane noise. As covered, he presented that the mandated flight plan of the FAA is being followed over 98% of the time by all flights. New software will be available shortly to further monitor the compliance. The noise is a direct result of the type of aircraft being used by Allegiant Air. Within two years, they will be switching to Airbus planes which are considerably less noisy.

Gary Bruster, BSI Canal Advisory Board Chairman, was asked by Gene to give us an update on our canals and seawalls. Gary presented to everyone the status of the removal of the canal lock and our canal reserves. The projected cost on the lock removal is \$100,000. He mentioned that the CAC will be sending out a survey to all waterfront property owners to get their feedback on all the canal projects. A final discussion item addressed the dredging of the perimeter canal outlining the mandatory need and the projected cost of it at \$500,000.

BSIA Social Committee member, Cynthia Council, took the floor to remind members of upcoming social events.

The meeting was adjourned 8:25 P.M.

Minutes were submitted by Mary Drummond, Secretary BSIA