

**BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 3, 2015**

Officers Present

Directors Present

President – Doug Rhees	Past President – Gene Murtha
Vice-President – Jayne Perkins	E-Communications – Don Hallman
Secretary – Mary Drummond	Social – Judy Vanderweele
	Special Projects – Doug Paquin
	Planning – John Forr
	Security – Kathy Williamson
	Legal Liaison – Mirko Vlcko

Officers Absent

Directors Absent

Treasurer – Connie Higgins	Membership – Lori Gurr
	Standards – Melissa Lockhart

The BSIA Board meeting held on April 3, 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 Rhees and recited by all present.

Roll call was held to account for Officers and Directors present. Also in attendance were several visiting members: Doug Holmes, Chick Petrosino, Linda Canny, Richard Canny, Chet Sliski, Lance Gotfredson, and Joanne Ziemer.

The minutes of the March 6, 2015 Board meeting and the March 10, 2015 General Membership Meeting were approved and accepted unanimously. Motion to approve was made by Jayne and was seconded by Kathy. *The minutes will be posted on the Burnt Store Isles Association website.*

President's report

Doug R. said that all went well at the General Membership Meeting, it was well-attended, and the results of the survey completed after the meeting were published to the membership. He thanked all those who helped the meeting go smoothly, especially Judy's planning for the event. Doug recommended that members should be asked to complete a questionnaire after each general meeting to express their opinions about the meeting, relevant topics, and the value of information presented at the meeting.

There is a group pushing for proceeding with the Alligator Creek cut-through from the bird section of PGI. The City of Punta Gorda is holding an informational meeting on April 6

regarding this possible project. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of lower water levels and quality in BSI as a result of a cut-through. There would be no benefit to BSI, and there is the downside of greatly increased boat traffic in the mouth of Alligator Creek. Doug suggested that BSIA needs to be well-represented at that meeting, so please encourage your friends and neighbors to attend on the 6th.

The contract for renovation of the lock has been awarded to Kelly Brothers of Fort Myers. It will be necessary for the lock to be closed to boat traffic one entire mid-week day in April. This information should be advertised on the BSIBC and BSIA websites. Completion date is May 4 for the water side of the work to be done. Doug suggested that the contractor should post signs on the water on both sides of the lock to warn boaters about the closing.

Vice President's report

Jayne reports that there are many new homes under construction in BSI.

Treasurer's report

Doug R. presented the Treasurer's report as of 3/31/15 provided by Connie. Cash balance is \$68,191. \$39,800 of this is restricted for legal (\$36,800) and landscape (\$3000) funds. The Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit.

Special Projects report

Doug P. said that we need to get the islands and the entrances looking better. Doug R. said that he and Doug P. need to get with Joan Lebeau from the City about the poor conditions of the entry islands. Shredder day is planned for May 9 from 9-12.

Membership report

Don gave the membership report in Lori's absence. There are currently 476 member households.

E-Communications report

Don presented a report on percentages of emails opened by members. Opening rates vary with the type of email sent, those on a specific topic being more likely to be opened.

Social report

Judy would like to schedule the November General Membership meeting. She is looking at dates of Nov. 16 or 17. She will call Burnt Store Presbyterian Church to reserve a date. A contribution of \$229 was made to the Peace River Wildlife Sanctuary from the 50/50 raffle at the Ponce Park Picnic. Doug said that a thank you letter was received from them.

Community Security report

Kathy said that she received numerous complaints about the landscaper that threw small plastic bags containing pebbles and his business card onto BSI resident's driveways. Kathy contacted City Code Compliance, who was to contact the gentleman to let him know that this is unacceptable. She will ask Code Compliance to ask the offender to pick up the bags because if people are not at home to pick them up, the bags blow around or just sit in their driveway. We are having an issue with residents leaving garbage out for collection in plastic bags without placing it in a container. City Code requires that garbage be in a container. We will address this at the next Board meeting.

Planning Director report

John reports that the club is willing to work with us to have a wine and cheese event at the club for local realtors. The club will do it at cost – we just need to choose a date.

We are on hold on security cameras until a survey of the entire membership is completed. There was positive feedback on the survey done at the General Membership meeting last month.

As for the consideration of new or revamped entryway monuments, John has several volunteers for a committee but no design expert. Gene says that he can recommend an engineering firm that could propose changes to our existing monuments.

Secretary report

Don emailed within a week of the General Membership meeting the results of the voting for the proposed bylaws changes. All of the proposed changes were accepted by the membership. Mary mailed by USPS on March 20 the same notice to those members who do not have email addresses or had requested to be notified by regular mail.

BUSINESS

Planning for E-survey to General Membership

Doug R. has asked Jane and John to come up with items that need to be addressed in a survey to the entire membership. The underground wiring issue is one obvious item for polling. Other issues for consideration were presented by Jayne, including the visibility issue at Tripoli and Monaco because of our monuments. Doug R. brought up the issue of metal roofs not being acceptable by our deed restrictions, but it was decided that metal roofs will be accepted as long as the roofing material is shaped to look like tiles (metal tiles). Another issue to be added to the survey is the dredging of the perimeter canal (\$500,000 cost). Doug would like to finalize the survey at the next Board meeting. Should the underground wiring issue be a separate survey? Should underground wiring be marketed beforehand? These questions need to be addressed.

Planning Meeting for Realtors

Doug R. says we need to organize a gathering for the realtors to make them aware of what is happening in BSI to improve our area for boating in addition to our deed restriction information. They also need to receive membership packages for BSIA, BSIBC and Twin Isles. Doug R. and John will organize a wine and cheese party.

Deed Restrictions / Code Compliance

Lance Gotfredson, current member and resident who is building a new home in BSI, attended the meeting to voice a complaint about the \$150 fee for house plan approval and his dissatisfaction with the Board for their strong-arm tactics in attempting to collect the fee. He doesn't understand the logic and the use of the fee charged. Lance thinks that there should be something in writing stating that the fee will be charged since there is nothing in the deed restrictions regarding this fee and there should be a welcoming attitude rather than a negative one. There could be something on the website to inform potential home builders of the fee that is charged. Doug suggested that we could give the new homeowner a BSIA membership for a year or two when the \$150 fee is paid. Lance was satisfied with the solution.

Richard and Linda Canny brought an issue to the Board regarding their next door neighbor who does not take care of her yard. It is poorly landscaped and she feeds birds and animals which are a nuisance. They have tried to be neighborly and help her to no avail. They asked the City to get involved, and there was very little change other than burying of the irrigation pipes. After much discussion, Mirko said that he will compose a letter to her (with the help of a written complaint from the Cannys) because she is obligated to keep her yard looking nice by our deed restrictions. If she does not comply within a certain time period (i.e. 30 days), we could press the issue by taking her to court. The Cannys were appreciative of some assistance regarding this ongoing issue.

Newsletter

Joanne Ziemer, recently-appointed editor of the newsletter, is working with Charlie Council on the next edition of the BSIA quarterly newsletter. They are going to Buffalo Graphix today with the information to be printed. Joanne says the next one should be easy. She is planning to add an editorial page to the following newsletter.

Underground Wiring Committee

Chick Petrosino from our Underground Wiring Feasibility committee came to the Board with a status update. The committee received a positive response (from survey results) to their presentation at the Mar. 10 General Membership meeting. The next step is to get a positive response from a survey of our entire membership. The committee feels that an email prepared by Don with Doug Holmes' power point presentation that was made at the Mar. 10 meeting needs to go out as a stand-alone email with the option to vote for or against the underground wiring project. There will be some marketing beforehand to

generate interest. If there is enough interest shown from the full BSIA membership survey, all HOAs in BSI would be approached to inform them of the movement toward underground wiring. Then the committee can proceed with the straw ballots for all property owners in BSI. We want to be able to show city council that our community is embracing the project.

Doug R. asked for consensus from the Board that we should survey the entire membership within the next 30 days. This passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be May 1st at 9:00 at Twin Isles Country Club. The BSIA and BSIBC mixer will be held that evening at the Club.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made. Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary C. Drummond
Secretary