

BSIA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 3, 2016

Officers Present: John Gruca, President ; Ian Milne, Vice President

Directors/Committees Present: Kathy Williamson, Security; Doug Paquin, Special Projects; John Forr, Planning; Don Hallman, E-Communication; Nancy Granum, Membership

Not Present: Doug Rhees, Past President; Su Miscia, Social; Melissa Lockhart, Standards; Joanne Ziemer, Newsletter; Mirko Vlcko, Legal Liaison; Janie Dunn, Secretary; Connie Higgins, Treasurer.

Visitors: Bill Hughes, Bob Fritz, Doug Holmes, Gene Murtha,.

The BSIA Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, June 3, 2016 was called to order by President John Gruca at 9:00am. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John G. and recited by all.

A roll call was held to account for Officers and Directors present, as noted above. John G. asked for any objections to the May 6, 2016 minutes; there were no objections. **Ian M. moved to accept the minutes and Don H. seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.** There was additional discussion regarding the necessity of approving the minutes at the board meeting since they are approved electronically within a week after each meeting and published on the website. The consensus was to continue to approve and publish minutes, on the website, as quickly as possible and formally approve at each meeting also.

President's Report: John G. requested an update from Bill Hughes on the "Official Burnt Store Isles Straw Ballot" which is the underground utility straw ballot being conducted by the City of Punta Gorda. Bill stated that the City did not send out the ballots by first class mail, which had been agreed upon. Therefore, ballots sent to addresses with mail forwarding in place were not forwarded but were returned to the city. The city reports they have resent those ballots by first class mail and there is adequate time before the June 30 deadline for residents to receive the resent ballots and respond. The city reports:

- 1145 ballots were sent out
- 85 were returned and sent again by first class mail, 30 votes have been received from these 85
- 675 total votes to date have been received.

Gene Murtha clarified that the BSIA board is taking a neutral position on this project. John G noted that BSIA is just providing information so BSI residents can make an informed vote and the primary goal of the BSIA is to have a large percentage of residents vote.

John G. also noted receiving phone calls from residents with other questions and he communicates with the City of PG to get answers for the residents. John noted several questions regarding the street paving projects which have also been relayed to City. John G. is continuing to follow-up to ensure that residents get the questions answered.

John G. also noted that BSIA has had some requests from candidates, for election in November, and it was noted that if BSIA invites any candidates to a meeting all candidates for that position would be invited. BSIA does not actively support any particular candidate.

John G. reported the additional bike rack, that school children use, had been installed and both racks have been secured. Gary Stevers & John Forr helped John G. secure the racks.

Vice President's Report: Ian M. reports two new applications for construction have been filed and there is not further information on the possible condos on Madrid. John & Ian reported that Ian will represent BSIA at the PG City Council workshop on Bicycle Capital Projects on June 9 at 8:30 am, PGI Civic Association.

Security's Report: Kathy W. stated the cameras are installed at Monaco, Madrid, and the lock. The company that the cameras were purchased from supplied some signs noting security cameras in use, but the discussion included the need for larger, easier to read signs. Kathy W. provided a sample of possible sign design at a cost of \$50 each for three signs.

Don H. moved to authorize purchase of three signs at \$50 each and Nancy G. seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Kathy W. also noted that three board members will have keys to the security camera boxes and they will receive training of how to view the images. It was noted that all requests for viewing anything recorded by the cameras should go to the police first, and the police make a determination whether to request anything further from the cameras. Doug H. suggested BSIA have a protocol for the cameras and request a copy of the police protocol.

Kathy W. will also provide information, to be included in the electronic Bulletin Board or newsletter, about how these cameras work with Neighborhood Watch.

Membership 's Report: Nancy G. reported there are 547 members in BSIA; with 3 new members in the last month. Nancy G. noted that BSIA is out of membership directories and that to reprint a small number for the remaining months of this year would be expensive—approximately \$19 per directory. Nancy G. referred further discussion of directories to Don H. since he had researched possible alternatives.

Treasurer's Report: Connie provided the treasure's report by email earlier this week.

Special Projects' Report: Doug P. reported a turnout of approximately 100 cars on Shredder Day. In addition, he noted placement of flags at the entry signs for Memorial Day. Everyone felt the flags looked very nice this year.

E-Communication's Report: Don H. discussed possible revision to the Membership Directory such as using binders that would be kept year-to-year and a new insert with current information would be provided annually. This would eliminate the printing each year of information that does not change such as deed restrictions. Doug Holmes noted that the boat club spends about 91 cents for postage to mail each annual update to their directories. Nancy G. reported that first class postage for BSIA directories was close to \$4. Don H. has talked with Rick Doll regarding how the database can be formatted differently for the directories and asked Charlie Council to discuss with Buffalo Graphics different options. Gene Murtha noted that C&R Graphics often have competitive prices also. This will continue to be researched and a recommendation brought to the board before the 2017 directories are printed.

Don H. also noted some changes in the Florida State charters that BSIA was originally organized under. After discussion regarding these changes it was decided that the BSIA legal liaison could review any changes and provide the board with any recommendations.

Social Director's Report: Su M., although not present for the meeting, sent an email report. She noted there was mixer planned for June 3 and August 5, with no mixer in July. She also thanked the committee that has been working on the collection of school supplies. Su noted that she is willing to continue in the Social Director position and it was unanimous to encourage her to do so.

Planning Report: John Forr reported he will be attending the Burnt Store Promenade shopping center meeting with City of Punta Gorda and Publix representatives to review their upcoming project.

Doug M. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Don H. and approved by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Granum