

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

Officers Present

Directors Present

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| President – Doug Rhees | Security – Kathy Williamson |
| Secretary – Mary Drummond | Standards – Melissa Lockhart |
| Vice-President – Jayne Perkins | Membership – Lori Gurr |
| | E-Communications – Don Hallman |
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Officers Absent

Directors Absent

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| Treasurer – Connie Higgins | Social – Judy Vanderweele |
| | Legal Liaison – Mirko Vlcko |
| | Planning – John Forr |
| | Special Projects – Doug Paquin |
| | Past President – Gene Murtha |

The BSIA Board meeting held on September 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. Chet Sliski was also in attendance.

Treasurer's report

Doug R. presented the Treasurer's report dated Sept. 2, 2015 that Connie provided to our group. Cash balance on that date was \$68, 458. There were no questions or comments, so the report was accepted and filed for audit.

Vice President's report

Jayne asked if should could clarify the free BSIA membership for newly-built BSI homes and buyers of existing homes in BSI. The free membership is for two years for new homes and one year for buyers of existing homes. Jayne will contact all of the 2015 new construction homeowners to make them aware of the BSIA offer. Lori reminded her that in order to activate the free memberships, she must have a completed membership application from the homeowner marked "new build". If the homeowner has already joined BSIA, the membership will be extended for the appropriate period of one or two years. Doug R. would like to see all renewal invoices be mailed rather than emailed. The renewal forms need to state that if you wish to pay by credit card you can do so online

and note the web address. Don suggested having an initial email notification of dues renewal, then mail invoices only to those who do not respond to the email notice. Doug R. agreed with this approach.

The minutes of our June 5, 2015 and August 7, 2015 Board meetings were reviewed and there were no objections. It was moved and seconded to approve both sets of minutes. They were approved unanimously.

Community Security report

Kathy said that since Punta Gorda Police Chief Butch Arenal is retiring, Lt. Joe King had been named as interim Chief. Lt. King has since been transferred to another department, and Kathy has been notified of a new contact person, but she did not bring that information to the meeting.

Secretary report

Mary asked if there was a need to address prior discussion by the Board regarding the “nominating loophole” that became evident during last fall’s Board nomination process regarding the announcement of candidates between the required date and the actual meeting to elect Board members. Don recalled that Mirko stated that there was no need to change the bylaws for this.

Another question that has arisen pertains to renters who are members. Members who are not homeowners do not have voting privileges. It would be helpful to know who are renters for general information, and so that we can exclude them from voting at general membership meetings. Rick Doll can amend our information system to allow us a field for this information. Doug R. will speak with Rick about this desired change. Our 2015 membership application will need to be amended to allow for collecting this data.

Membership report

Lori reports that she has a person who is interested in taking over the membership director duties. Her name is Nancy Granum, and she will be available at the end of October to meet with Lori. Lori is hopeful that this will work out. Nancy plans to have one person helping her because she is a snowbird. Our membership now stands at 499. Doug wants to set a goal of 600 for next year because of all the new homes, etc.

E-Communications report

Don says we have 42 addresses registered for the BSI Community-Wide yard sale to be held on October 2nd and 3rd. The map showing locations of participants was sent by email to members. The map will be updated before the event. Maps will be distributed at the TICC parking lot on days of the sale. The hours each day will be 8-5. Kathy will

contact the police department to make them aware of potential traffic issues in BSI those two days.

President's report

Doug R. brought up the "Summer Meeting" issue. He had to cancel our July meeting because of unavailability of most Board members and should have cancelled the August meeting because we did not have a quorum. We barely have a quorum for this meeting. Doug's feeling is that we should not hold summer Board meetings unless there is urgent Board business. The Board agreed that there is no need for summer meetings if there are no critical issues to discuss and/or if there are not enough members able to attend the meeting to make a quorum. Don said that attendance electronically is always an option.

Doug would like to see members volunteer to host pot-luck gatherings for new residents of BSI and new members of BSIA to help them become integrated into the community. He said that he and Michelle and a neighbor-to-be building a home, John Todd, would be willing to host. Mary also volunteered to have one. We can get property transfer information from the newspaper to know when homes have sold. It is going to be difficult without names and phone numbers. Members need to be proactive in getting welcome packets to new residents. We need to determine a way to get contact information from these folks. Doug will amend his letter that is enclosed in BSIA welcome packets to include reasons why every property owner should join our Association.

Doug's immediate concern is appointment of a 2015 Nominating Committee chairman and 4 members for the committee. Open Board positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, E-Communications Director, Social Director, and possibly Membership Director. Chet Sliski has agreed to be a part of the Nominating Committee. Richard Coates, last year's Chairman, told Doug that he did all of his work by email. Doug would like for potential candidates to be interviewed beforehand. The benefits of personal contact are that the committee then has some idea of the candidate's personality for the positions open, and the interviewee has a better idea of what the Board position entails. Doug would like to see a person who is fairly new in BSI assume the Social Director position.

Names that were mentioned as possible members for the Search Committee or Board: Ken Lampkin, Dave Perkins, Richard Coates, Thomas Soles, Chet Sliski, Su Miscia, Dave and Janie Dunn, Bob and Sherry Frame, Jeff Jarr, Elaine Barone, and Peggy Modglin.

Doug says we have a number of things on the back burner, but that we haven't accomplished much this year except to orchestrate and host the realtors' meeting that was held in June.

Doug would like for each Board member to assist him in composing the letter he will write for enclosure in our welcome packets. Please send him an email immediately with

whatever reasons you can come up with for why a person should belong to the Association so he can compile them. He believes that we can substantially grow our membership numbers with a little effort and new tactics.

The underground wiring initiative is in limbo until residents return in the fall. Informative meetings will be held then. Doug suggested that we all come in on Monaco, turn right on Tripoli, and view the unsightly power poles there for a perspective on the aesthetic need for underground wiring in BSI.

Doug P. collected soil samples from the medians at Monaco and Madrid. Doug R. sent them in for analysis. One median's PH tested high and the other tested low. Doug has contacted a landscaper for a quote to remove the cassia trees and replace them with pygmy date palms. He thinks it would be a good idea to have community garden club that could take on median maintenance (above and beyond what the City does) and other such gardening projects.

Doug will meet with Chet immediately following this meeting regarding his willingness to head up the Nominating committee.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 2 at 9:00 at Twin Isles Country Club. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary C. Drummond
Secretary