

Burnt Store Isles Association 40th Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Twin Isles Country Club
November 14, 2023
Called to Order 3:08 p.m.

1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bill Page opened the 40th Annual BSIA General Membership Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 REPORT FROM LT. JUSTIN DAVOULT, PUNTA GORDA POLICE DEPARTMENT (PGPD)

Lt. Davoult offered the following:

In reflecting on the type and volume of calls for the PGPD, the greatest number of calls related to scams, followed by vehicle burglaries. Year to date the scam-related losses total \$1.2M. Later year it was \$2.8M with the single largest loss at \$1.7M

Currently there are six vacancies on the PGPD.

Highlighted upcoming events in the community and recognized the success of Halloween in the historic district.

Offered an update on the recent shootings in Punta Gorda.

Discussed the volume of calls into the dispatch center (60,208 YTD), traffic crashes (877 YTD).

Recognized the volunteers who support the work of the department.

Promoted the Away From Home Program which provides vacant home checks (311 YTD).

Reminded about legal use of low speed vehicle use.

Expressed the honor to serve the community.

Responded to questions from the audience: confirmed that officers have body cams, addressed total response time an average of 6 minutes, 37 seconds.

3 CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRM QUORUM

With input provided by Pat Iorio, Vice President BSIA and meeting coordinator, and the BSIA Board volunteers who checked-in members, it was confirmed that a quorum has been established. The meeting can proceed with the purpose of electing new officers, approving 2024 budget and fielding questions from the membership.

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bill Page noted the need for approval of the December 8, 2022 General Membership Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Craigin Howland, seconded by Rich Bevak, and the motion passed without dissent.

5 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION AND VOTING

The Nominating Committee Chair, Bill Courtney, provided the following report regarding the 2024 Board of Directors Nominations

The candidates being as follows -

- Treasurer – Lee Brandt, (Second Term)
- E-Communications – Polly Green (First Term)
- Legal – Brian Bender (Second Term)
- Membership – Wendy Heath Brandt (First Term)
- Planning – Bill Courtney (First Term – Past President)
- Special Projects – Kathy Martinelli (Second Term)
- Social - Wanda Daugherty – (Second Term)

BSIA By-Laws Article VII, titled Meeting and Elections - As required, Bill Courtney read to the members, BSIA's 5 points of the BSIA Bylaws Article VII, titled Meeting and Elections.

Roberts Rules of Order - Also as required, Bill Courtney read and explained to members the guidelines indicated by Roberts Rules of Order, and as followed by BSIA, to announce nominations, and to declare elections won by acclamation.

Nominations from the Floor – After the introduction of candidates, and following BSIA historical procedures, along with adherence to Roberts Rules of Order, Bill Courtney then asked 3 times for floor nominations, for each of the offices.

Nominees Elected to Office – As there were no additional nominations from the floor, and with there being only one nominee per each position on the Board, the bylaws, along with Roberts Rules of Order, then do not require a ballot vote, therefore Bill Courtney asked the assembled members to declare the nominees elected by acclamation by a show of the voting cards, with their terms beginning January 1, 2024. This was done with no nays.

The candidates were thus elected to the offices for which they were nominated.

New 2024 Board of Directors – Bill Page then welcomed all who were nominated and elected.

6 REVIEW OF 2023 PROJECTED INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT (BY LEE BRANDT)

2023 Projected Income and Expenses – Lee Brandt, Treasurer, asked members to refer to the handouts provided at registration as he presented the 2023 Projected Income and Expenses as of 11/1/2023 noting that -

	<u>2023 Approved</u>	<u>2023 Projected</u>	<u>Difference</u>
• TOTAL INCOME	\$36,250	\$38,875	\$2,625
• TOTAL EXPENSES	\$36,248	\$38,800	(\$2,552)
• PROJECTED OVERAGE/SHORTAGE			<u>\$ 73</u>

- **CASH AVAILABLE as of 11/1/2023**
 - **OPERATING ACCOUNT \$25,743**
 - **RESERVES \$52,679**
 - **TOTAL CASH \$78,422**

Lee Brandt acknowledged a \$1,000 donation and increased advertising which increased revenue. The monument rebuild (Madrid and Tripoli) will incur expense prior to year-end. Legal expenses will also be incurred.

BSIA Member Questions – Bill asked if there were any questions from the members on the 2023 Year Budget to Actual comparison. Those recorded were:

- There was clarification on the reserves which carry no restrictions and could be deployed for legal purposes.

7 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2024 BUDGET

Lee Brandt, Treasurer, next presented the 2024 proposed budget, again asking members to refer to the handouts, noting that:

INCOME:

- Is estimated to total \$35,800
- Annual membership dues unchanged at \$45 (PayPal \$50)
- Membership income based on 525 members
- Advertising income slight increase
- New Construction income a decrease
- Interest Income an increase

EXPENSE:

- Is estimated to total \$36,735
- Base inflation rate

Approval of 2024 Year Budget –

- **BSIA Member Questions** - Bill Page and Lee Brandt asked if there were any questions on the proposed 2024 budget to which the following topics/questions were fielded:
 - 121 building lots remain
 - BSIA is a 501(c)(7)
 - BSIA was established as a volunteer association
 - Non-members status:
 - Discussed access to the content captured in the security cameras
 - Suggested that non-members be charged for services, e.g. approval of architectural changes
 - It was noted that non-members are charged for shredder day
 - Membership recruitment idea was suggested to place medallions on mailboxes to identify members
 - Repaving inquiry was made. Post meeting note: this link provides requested information
<https://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/home/showpublisheddocument/14755/638300431103330000>

- Deed restriction questions:
 - Confirmed that members AND non-members need to comply with deed restrictions
 - Inquiry was made about whether deed restrictions can be changed
 - How are new residents being informed of deed restrictions
 - Deed restriction renewal will be necessary in 2032
- **Motion to Approve 2024 Budget** – After a wide-ranging question and answer period it was moved by Bill Schmidt, seconded by Bob Armstrong, that the proposed 2024 Budget, provided by Lee Brandt, be approved. Then, with a show of voting cards of those attending this General Meeting, the BSIA Membership unanimously approved the 2024 budget.

8 OFFICERS' REPORTS

President – Bill Page

- Provided a reflection of the public adjustor seminars that were held post-Hurricane Ian.
- Indicated that representatives from the BSIA Board plan to attend a meeting of the Charlotte County Legislative Delegation to discuss concerns about the intersection of Madrid and Highway 41.
- Clarified the official position that has been taken on the property at 300 Monaco.

Vice President – Pat Iorio

- Expanded on the discussion of 300 Monaco, explaining the role of the Architectural Review Committee.
- Reported that there were 14 new construction starts, YTD and two garage additions.

Treasurer – Lee Brandt

Nothing additional to report.

Secretary – Charmaine Ponkratz

Charmaine encouraged the members to explore the Association's website for a wealth of information.

9 DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Community Standards – Faith Ferris

- Encouraged members to contact her if they see activity that is in violation of the deed restrictions.
- 276 requests for architectural change have been received YTD.
- 20 certified letters for non-compliance have been sent. Faith explained the process for those situations.

E-Communications – Jenny Anderson

- Expressed appreciation for the dedication of the Board members.
- Acknowledged Polly Green and Joanne Fritz in preparing to take over the e-communications responsibilities.

- Reinforced the information available on the website.
- Clarification was offered about a member question regarding the Sherwin Williams paint palette, encouraging members to always submit exterior paint change requests to Community Standards.

Legal Liaison – Brian Bender

- Affirmed the goal is to avoid the lawyers if possible – but will use the lawyer, if necessary.
- Current legal entanglement is a standing seam metal roof. A formal complaint has been issued.
- Tiki Hut is not a legal issue at this time. Conversations with the homeowner continue. The free-standing structure (the deed restriction violation) was built without a permit from the city nor approval from BSIA.

Membership – Wendy Heath-Brandt

- A welcome packet and methods to contact new residents are being planned for 2024.

Neighborhood Security – Dave Elkins

- Reported that most of the vehicles stopped for speeding in the neighborhood are residents.
- Noted that all cameras are working, ingress and egress, but do require ongoing maintenance.
- A member concern was expressed about the bus stop at Monaco and Tripoli. Bill Courtney provided a brief recap on the ideas that have been advocated, 4-way stop sign, rumble strips, lighted crossing signs, to no avail with the city.

Planning – Mary Boeringer

- Passed the planned baton to past president and incoming planning director, Bill Courtney.

Social – Wanda Daugherty

On behalf of Wanda, Bill Page reminded the members of the upcoming events planned between now and year end: angel hair, bike glo ride, Christmas party and conch blowing party.

Special Projects – Kathy Martinelli

On behalf of Kathy, Bill Page reported that the rebuild of the Madrid and Tripoli monument addresses a line of sight issue at that corner.

10 MEMBERS COMMENTS

Only two other questions/comments were posed as the meeting came to a close:

- Member questioned whether access to the county data base would identify new residents
- Member is concerned with barking dogs in the neighborhood – advised to report that to the city as a noise violation.

11 THANK YOU TO OUTGOING 2023 BOARD MEMBERS

Bill Page thanked Jenny Anderson and Mary Boeringer for their dedicated service to the Association.

Introduction of the 2024 BSIA Officers and Board of Directors

Bill Page then introduced the new 2024 Board of Directors including:

<p>Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President, Bill Page - Vice President, Pat Iorio - Treasurer, Lee Brandt - Secretary, Charmaine Ponkratz <p>Publisher – Committee Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newsletter & Directory, Diane Peterson - Advertising, Dave Elkins <p>Past President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bill Courtney 	<p>Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Standards, Faith Ferris - E Communications, Polly Green - Legal Liaison, Brian Bender - Membership, Wendy Heath-Brandt - Planning, Bill Courtney - Security, Dave Elkins - Social, Wanda Daugherty - Special Projects, Kathy Martinelli
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12 THANK YOU TO MEMBERS AND ADJOURN

Bill Page thanked the BSIA Members for attending the meeting.

David Elkins moved, seconded by Bob Armstrong, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM

These BSIA 40th Annual Membership Meeting Minutes are respectfully submitted by –

Charmaine Ponkratz, Secretary