

In-Person Meeting Held at Twin Isles Country Club
Friday, January 3, 2025
Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

UPDATE – PUNTA GORDA POLICE DEPARTMENT (PGPD) -

- Lt. Davoult reported that the department is dealing with a high-profile individual in Punta Gorda demonstrating credible threats against state officials. No issue noted as the individual is behind bars.
- He also noted that the department is pleased with the status of their staffing efforts and they expect to be fully staffed by the spring. He did note that new hires have an extensive training program to complete before being fully on-boarded.
- When asked about responses from emergency personnel and the fact that both fire and Charlotte County EMS respond to 911 calls, he shared that the fire department serves as a backup because they usually can arrive before the EMS staff and are trained and authorized to do everything except loading individuals onto ambulances.
- In relation to the new traffic circle at Carmalita, although this is a state road project, the Lieutenant noted that this area is one of the highest rollover accident locations in the city. The project is progressing according to plan.

ROLL CALL

Officers Present

Bill Page, President
Pat Iorio, Vice President
Lee Brandt, Treasurer
Jan Draber, Secretary

Directors Present

Wendy Heath Brandt, Membership
Bill Courtney, Planning
David Elkins, Neighborhood Security
Polly Green, E-Communications
Connie Higgins, Special Projects
Kathy Martinelli, Standards

Other Board and Committee Representatives

Diane Peterson, Newsletter and Directory (not able to attend today's meeting)
David Elkins – Advertising Sales

Excused:

Brian Bender, Legal Liaison
Tracy Sage, Social

A quorum has been established.

Other Attendees:

Bob Fritz, BSI resident and BSIA member
Dave DeGerome, BSI resident and BSIA member
Sharon Kramer, BSI resident and BSIA member

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Lee Brandt and seconded by Wendy Brandt to approve the Minutes dated December 6, 2024. Motion approved.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

President – Bill Page

- Bill's first item related to our intent to educate homeowners and the regulations covering golf carts and Low Speed Vehicles (LSVs) in BSI. We have recently shared information from the Punta Gorda Police Department including summaries of state laws and other regulations including that LSVs are allowed on the roads in BSI with speed limits of 35 mph or less.
- Bill reported that he and others have observed an issue with trash containers being tipped over likely by coyotes. The holiday schedule adjustments by the city have confused many residents, resulting in trash containers being left out longer than normal and trash bags being on the ground. Although we shared the schedule adjustments in the weekly and provided a link to the city notice, many were still unaware so Bill asked if this occurs in the future, that we remind residents to always put trash in upright bins with lids that close tightly.

Vice President – Patricia Iorio –

Pat noted that she reviewed the minutes from the December 6, 2024 meeting and is prepared to research the logistics, audio-visual, and location factors surrounding the annual meeting. She will discuss with President Bill Page and report back at a future meeting after she has had a chance to research the open issues noted at the November 2024 annual meeting.

Secretary –Jan Draber - No report

Treasurer – Lee Brandt

Treasurer's Reports - Lee provided copies of the following reports to the Board:

- **Financial Reports** – Budget vs. Actual December 2024 (*See detail at end of these minutes.*)
- **Banking Account Balances** (*See detail at the end of these minutes.*)
- Lee noted the shortfall of \$17,000 due primarily to the legal case.
- Dave Elkins asked Lee if BSIA had ever accepted donations. He has been approached by some members asking if they could make a donation to help with the current financial situation. Since we are not a 501c3, we can accept donations but they are not tax-deductible. Lee noted that we have accepted donations in the past. Dave suggested that the board think about a way to acknowledge this type of donation, even though we cannot offer the tax deduction.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- No items presented for discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS -

- No items presented for discussion.

Community Standards – Kathy Martinelli -

- Kathy reported that she received a lot of background information from Faith, the previous standards director. Faith also provided Kathy with a number of form letters and pro-forma emails to facilitate Kathy's responses to BSIA homeowners.
- She noted that there are still several active painting efforts and pending roof replacements.
- Bill Page asked Kathy for a status on addressing a complaint received about a homeowner with political flags tied to trees. The issue is related to the correct mounting of flags. Kathy will propose how to address the issue with the homeowner and will seek input from Bill Page before proceeding with the notification.
- In response to a discussion held later in the meeting, Kathy offered to start doing a preliminary visual inspection of the worst cases of mold and mildew still unattended following the multiple hurricanes in 2024. Once the initial pass through is complete, Kathy will start to build a list of other homes with moldy sidewalks and other maintenance issues not in compliance with our standards.

E-Communication – Polly Green

- Polly reported that she would like to send directed emails to the 182 members who have not yet renewed for the current period, including a reminder that renewal is necessary to be included in the printed and online directories.
- The group acknowledged the impending January 31st deadline for inclusion in the directory. When asked if late renewals (post January 31) were included in the directory on an adhoc basis, both Wendy and Polly noted that this does not take place because of the technical challenges of keeping Constant Contact and Net Suite in sync. The directory is a static once a year publication. Polly maintains an active "directory" of changes or new additions for inclusion in the directory in the following year.

Legal Liaison – Brian Bender - No report

- In Brian's absence, Bill Page reported that due to the Deputy Sheriff's funeral services, the court schedule was adjusted, including dates related to the pending BSIA case. More information will be forthcoming.

Membership – Wendy Heath Brandt

- Wendy reported a current membership of 517 with 335 listed as new or renewed. She added that the rate of new members this cycle is higher than in prior years.

Neighborhood Security – David Elkins

- Dave (with additional input from Lee Brandt) reported that the lock work, which has been delayed, will begin soon. Equipment is set to be delivered around January 17, 2025 and work should begin in early February. The group discussed the possibility of upgrading the BSIA camera at the lock. If the upgrade could be accomplished cost-effectively, a live web cam would serve to let residents observe the work on the lock and also possibly help boaters understand the schedule for openings and closings. Dave will work with others to assess the cost and report back at a future meeting.
 - Note: The BSI canal committee worked with the city of Punta Gorda regarding the lock work and the canal committee website has information regarding the schedule. To the best of our knowledge, the canal should have openings on most days.
- Dave spoke to the issue of mold enforcement. The city will respond if called but have been unable to do periodic observations due to other post hurricane priorities. The sidewalks in front of homes are the responsibility of the homeowner.
- Dave suggested that it might be helpful to have the newly elected city officials at some of our meetings. Bill Page responded that he will take responsibility to invite city officials to some future meetings, understanding that it may be agenda dependent.

Planning – Bill Courtney

- Bill noted that Diane Peterson is willing to produce the directory again. Dave Elkins will work to solidify advertisers including those whose ads didn't make it in the last newsletter. A question was asked about how much we charge for the ads. Lee Brandt noted that the fee is \$100 for 1/3 of a page ad. We may limit the ads in the weeklies this year.

Social – Tracy Sage - No Report

Special Projects – Connie Higgins

- Connie noted that she is working with Kathy Martinelli to transition to her new responsibilities. They will work together on a light that is out in the island at the Monaco Drive entrance to the community.

Past President – Bill Courtney - no report

8 PUBLISHER REPORTS

Newsletter (published 3 times a year) - Diane Peterson

Directory – Diane Peterson – no report

Advertising Sales - Dave Elkins

- Dave reported that he still needs to contact some advertisers who paid the fee but did not get their ads included in the newsletter last fall. He will work with them to let them know we will run their ads in the upcoming publication. If the advertisers wish to go another route, he will report back after he makes contact with them.

9 GUEST /MEMBER COMMENTS OR ISSUES

- Mrs. Kramer informed the board that she was attending the meeting to inquire about the possibility of BSIA becoming a golf cart community. She raised this issue when Bill Page was providing the President's report and discussing golf cart safety. Several board members shared with her that BSIA streets are city streets and therefore the responsibility for allowing and/or enforcing golf cart safety belongs to the City of Punta Gorda. Several board members added the perspective that other communities are gated, own their streets, and are also responsible for the maintenance of the roads.

OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED PRIOR TO MEETING END

None.

11 ADJOURN

It was moved by Lee Brandt, seconded by Wendy Brandt, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

The next Board Meeting is planned to be held on Friday, February 7, 2025.
The next meeting will be "In-Person" and held at the Twin Isles Country Club.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Draber, Secretary

Burnt Store Isles Association, Inc
Burnt Store Isles Association
Budget vs. Actual
From Jan 2024 to Dec 2024

FINANCIAL ROW	AMOUNT	BUDGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4100 - Membership Dues	\$22,350.30	\$23,500.00	(\$1,149.70)	95.11%
4200 - New Construction Fees	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	50.00%
4300 - Directory Ads	\$1,995.00	\$2,500.00	(\$505.00)	79.80%
4350 - Newsletter Ads	\$2,558.20	\$4,500.00	(\$1,941.80)	56.85%
4400 - Interest Income	\$827.40	\$450.00	\$377.40	183.87%
4600 - 50/50	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	0.00%
4610 - Misc. Income	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	100.00%
4620 - Badges - Member Paid	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	0.00%
4700 - Events - Member Paid	\$8,774.64	\$2,800.00	\$5,974.64	313.38%
Total - Income	\$37,840.54	\$35,800.00	\$2,040.54	105.70%
Gross Profit	\$37,840.54	\$35,800.00	\$2,040.54	105.70%
Expense				
6100 - Landscaping Replacement	\$2,550.13	\$1,000.00	\$1,550.13	255.01%
6150 - Landscaping/Property Mgmt	\$8,520.00	\$8,520.00	\$0.00	100.00%
6300 - Directory Preparation	\$1,115.63	\$1,250.00	(\$134.37)	89.25%
6350 - Newsletter Preparation	\$4,992.14	\$6,000.00	(\$1,007.86)	83.20%
6400 - Legal Fees	\$15,810.33	\$3,500.00	\$12,310.33	451.72%
6420 - Liability Insurance	\$3,164.27	\$2,800.00	\$364.27	113.01%
6500 - Donation Given	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)	0.00%
6620 - Badges	\$160.88	\$50.00	\$110.88	321.76%
6700 - Events Member Paid	\$8,897.81	\$2,800.00	\$6,097.81	317.78%
6710 - Events BSIA Paid	\$1,168.93	\$2,200.00	(\$1,031.07)	53.13%
6730 - Storage Unit Rent	\$585.28	\$900.00	(\$314.72)	65.03%
6750 - PO Box Rental	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	100.00%
6760 - Postage and Delivery	\$29.10	\$200.00	(\$170.90)	14.55%
6770 - Safe deposit Rent	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	0.00%
6800 - Software	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	0.00%
6810 - Web Data Remote Hosting	\$2,973.34	\$2,600.00	\$373.34	114.36%
6820 - Web Emails Constant Contact	\$680.40	\$800.00	(\$119.60)	85.05%
6830 - State Fees	\$61.25	\$65.00	(\$3.75)	94.23%
6900 - Misc. Expense	\$871.89	\$1,000.00	(\$128.11)	87.19%
6910 - Office Supplies	\$82.68	\$100.00	(\$17.32)	82.68%
6920 - Surveillance Cameras	\$77.87	\$0.00	\$77.87	0.00%
6930 - Meeting Room Rent	\$0.00	\$675.00	(\$675.00)	0.00%
6940 - Shredder Day	\$600.00	\$625.00	(\$25.00)	96.00%
6950 - Banners	\$78.93	\$0.00	\$78.93	0.00%
6970 - Mass Mailings	\$2,566.86	\$0.00	\$2,566.86	0.00%
Total - Expense	\$55,187.72	\$35,735.00	\$19,452.72	154.44%
Net Ordinary Income	(\$17,347.18)	\$65.00	(\$17,412.18)	-26,687.97%
Net Income	(\$17,347.18)	\$65.00	(\$17,412.18)	-26,687.97%

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Custom Cash Statement as of December 2024

FINANCIAL ROW	AMOUNT
Cash Accounts	
Bank Accounts	
000 - Checking	\$22,360.49
1101 - CD's	\$40,000.00
1201 - Money Market	\$12,802.11
Total - Bank Accounts	\$75,162.60
Total Cash	\$75,162.60