

In-Person Meeting Held at Twin Isles Country Club
Friday, May 2, 2025
Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m.

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

1. UPDATE – PUNTA GORDA POLICE DEPARTMENT (PGPD) -

- Lt. Davoult had a conflict and did not attend the May meeting

2. ROLL CALL

Officers Present

Bill Page, President
Pat Iorio, Vice President
Jan Draber, Secretary

Directors Present

Brian Bender, Legal Liaison
David Elkins, Neighborhood Security
Polly Green, E-Communications
Connie Higgins, Special Projects
Tracy Sage Social

Other Board and Committee Representatives

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

Excused:

Lee Brandt, Treasurer
Wendy Heath Brandt, Membership
Bill Courtney, Community Relations
Kathy Martinelli, Standards

A quorum has been established.

Other Attendees:

Bob Fritz, BSI resident and BSIA member
Joe Lanza, BSI resident and BSIA member
Mr. & Mrs. Rich Bevak, BSI residents and BSIA members

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Dave Elkins and seconded by Brian Bender to approve the minutes dated April 4, 2025. Motion approved.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

President – Bill Page

- In support of being prepared for our monthly meetings, Bill told us that he distributes the draft agenda no later than the Monday before each monthly board meeting. Recently, distribution of the draft agenda has generated requests for additional discussion items to be added which makes it challenging to get the agenda posted in time for members to see it in advance of the meeting. He asked that if any board member wants to request specific items be added to the upcoming agenda, that the request be sent to Bill's board address: pres@bsia.net well in advance of the targeted Monday publication deadline.
- Bill shared that at a recent City of Punta Gorda meeting, there was discussion once again of water shortage issues. He noted that consistent with recent press coverage, the city noted its intent to take action against homeowners for offenses such as: watering on unauthorized days, extra watering, watering during daytime hours, or overwatering which results in water pooling on city streets. Offenses will be handled as follows: First offense – citation posted on the property. Second, third and fourth offenses – fines issued starting at \$25.00 and increasing to \$250.00.
- Bill noted there was a large presence at the recent County discussion about dispatch services. The Charlotte County Sheriff effectively presented his position. They are kicking off a joint task force to study the situation for two months and then present results. One point noted at the meeting was that Charlotte County would continue to employ the current Punta Gorda dispatch staff members so they would not lose their jobs.
- Bill confirmed that the lock widening project was completed early.
- Lastly, Bill reported that the city finally installed the promised flashing red stop signs on Tripoli at both Monaco Drive corners. Several board members noted that people are still not stopping and continue to run through the stop at these corners.

Vice President – Patricia Iorio

- Pat noted that she expects that one new construction (with associated fee) will be coming through soon.
- Pat reported that President Bill Page received an anonymous call regarding a house on Macedonia with a potential issue related to solar panel installation. Both Pat and Bill followed up and determined that what was reported was permitted and the homeowner agreed to submit the required paperwork. Unfortunately, they were not able to respond to the homeowner who complained because they did not leave any contact information.
- Pat also noted that calls continue to come in about the large home on Tripoli. The builder is following all the plans that were approved, including an authorized type of metal roof.

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 April, 2025. *(See detail at end of these minutes.)*
- **Banking Account Balances** *(See detail at the end of these minutes.)*

- In Lee's absence, President Bill Page noted that several sources of income are down: 1) fees from new construction, 2) dues and 3) advertising. He suggested that we continue to monitor these accounts closely in light of increasing attorneys' fees.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- The group was asked to assist in covering the Social Committee's planned events during Tracy's absences throughout the summer. See detailed discussion under the Social Director's report (below).
- President Bill and Vice President Pat Iorio both confirmed the planned meeting date and location: Thursday, November 13, 2025 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Twin Isles Country Club. As in the past, the Boat Club will follow with their annual meeting from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS -

- We discussed the conflict with the proposed July BSIA Board meeting scheduled for Friday, July 4, 2025. The group tentatively agreed to move the meeting forward one day to Thursday, July 3, 2025. This will be confirmed at the June board meeting.
- President Bill Page and Dave Elkins both acknowledged that the black light poles on Monaco are still not working. Again, it was noted that the city is awaiting a delivery of parts in order to repair these lights.
- President Bill Page and Vice President Pat Iorio have agreed to cover all community standards issues for the summer during Director Kathy Martinelli's unexpected absence. To date, there has been a lot of activity but they are able to keep up with the volume. Vice President Pat Iorio dealt with a political sig issue at 606 Monaco where the property owner exceeded the exception period for posting political signage.

7 DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Community Standards – Kathy Martinelli

- In Kathy's absence President Bill Page summarized a recent written report he received from Kathy. Several board members contributed to the discussion about issues at 527 Saint Giron Ct. The offending renters have since vacated the property and removed all unauthorized vehicles. Board members and the city of Punta Gorda have been in touch with the property owner as follow up.

E-Communication – Polly Green –

- Polly reported that in support of recent City of Punta Gorda reminders regarding water shortages, she will re-publish the sprinkler schedule associated with associated numerical street numbers in the upcoming bulletin.

Legal Liaison – Brian Bender –

- Brian shared that our initial request for a summary judgment has been denied. The opposing side has countered, but the counter will not be heard by the judge until June 3, 2025. Board members acknowledged that each of these steps requires more legal fees. In response to a question from one of our guests, Brian replied that we do not have the authority to assess households to help with any deficit that this might create. Board members added that if the need arises, we may be pressed to introduce some type of fundraising actions that could be conducted

in association with some of our events. One suggestion: run a 50-50 at the July 4th picnic or at the annual meeting. More discussion will take place if the need arises later in the year.

Membership – Wendy Heath Brandt

- In Wendy's absence, President Bill Page reported that as of this meeting, we have 443 members including two new members that were signed up at Shredder Day where we offered an annual membership as part of the \$50.00 non-member shredding fee.

Neighborhood Security – David Elkins – No report.

Social – Tracy Sage -

- Tracy shared the results of a zoom meeting held with Board members (Bill Page, Bill Courtney, Pat Iorio and Connie Higgins) to discuss recent challenge with BSIA social events including challenges with attracting members and advanced reservations. Summary recommendations:
 - Start advertising events in the bulletin 4-6 weeks ahead of time. For the joint Friday night mixers, we will include a special flyer versus running something regularly in the weekly newsletters.
 - Begin to include activities that require minimal supervision such as Introductory Pickle Ball and Charlotte Event Center Floral classes. We will also be looking at upcoming community events that we could join in on such as a rum distillery tour or wine tastings.
 - Ask that checks for event payments be delivered directly to the Brandt's home or to Bill Page's home – both which have boxes for payments on the front porch.
 - Try to have greeters at monthly social events.
 - Upcoming events:
 - The Peace River Air Boat tour is scheduled for June 14, 2025 with a cost ranging between \$32-\$37. We just issued the registration flyer and we will need a minimum of 20 attendees. The tour will possibly be combined with a luncheon.
 - The July 4th picnic/lunch at Cass Cay in Burnt Store Marina is a joint event with the Burnt Store Isles Boat Club. This event will be jointly hosted by Tracy (BSIA) and Lori from the boat club.
 - Evening darts will be on July 24, 2025. A coordinator is needed for this event.
 - The Ice Cream Social will be in August.

Special Projects – Connie Higgins

- Connie reported that the annual Shredder Day was a success and she thanked all the board members who stepped up to help in her absence. There were close to 120 participants – 100 BSIA members, 16 Twin Isles Country Club members and 2 new members who paid the fee and joined BSIA.
- Connie asked about the 3-hour window and if volume was consistent throughout the morning. Board members who were present noted a slow down during the third hour. The hourly charge is forecast to be the same next year (\$300/hour) and she asked the group to consider if we would want to run the event for 2 hours next year. The decision will be deferred to future meeting. The target date for next year's shredder day is 4/18/26 – the Saturday after tax filing day.
- President Bill Page suggested that we offer the shredding service free to the Punta Gorda City Police and Fire department members as a gesture of good will. The board agreed.

Community Relations– Bill Courtney – No report.

8 PUBLISHER REPORTS

Newsletter (published once a year) - Diane Peterson

Directory – Diane Peterson – no report

Advertising Sales - Dave Elkins – No report.

9 GUEST /MEMBER COMMENTS OR ISSUES

- Mr. Fritz asked about the large loose royal palm branches that appear to be a liability while cars are waiting at the stoplight at the corner of 41 and Monaco. He was wondering who would be responsible if one of the large heavy branches fell on someone's vehicle. President Bill Page responded that even though BSIA maintains the upkeep of the islands, it is the city's responsibility to take care of the trees.
- Bob also noted that he thought the Florida Department of Transportation changed the timing of the light at the corner of Monaco and 41.

10 OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED PRIOR TO MEETING END – NONE

11 ADJOURN

It was moved by Dave Elkins and seconded by Pat Iorio to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

The next Board Meeting is planned to be held on Friday, June 6, 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
Custom Cash Statement
End of Apr 2025

FINANCIAL ROW	AMOUNT
Cash Accounts	
Bank Accounts	
1000 - Checking	\$28,931.02
1101 - CD's	\$10,000.00
1201 - Money Market	\$12,823.51
Total - Bank Accounts	\$51,754.53
Total Cash	\$51,754.53

Burnt Store Isles Association, Inc
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Budget vs. Actual
From Jan 2025 to Apr 2025

FINANCIAL ROW	AMOUNT	BUDGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4100 - Membership Dues	\$22,134.61	\$25,000.00	(\$2,865.39)	88.54%
4200 - New Construction Fees	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	0.00%
4300 - Directory Ads	\$1,577.50	\$2,000.00	(\$422.50)	78.88%
4350 - Newsletter Ads	\$570.00	\$2,600.00	(\$2,030.00)	21.92%
4400 - Interest Income	\$1,354.92	\$1,000.00	\$354.92	135.49%
4500 - Donations Received	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	0.00%
4600 - 50/50	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	0.00%
4610 - Misc. Income	\$575.00	\$50.00	\$525.00	1,150.00%
4620 - Badges - Member Paid	\$70.00	\$120.00	(\$50.00)	58.33%
4700 - Events - Member Paid	\$162.00	\$2,000.00	(\$1,838.00)	8.10%
Total - Income	\$26,484.03	\$34,870.00	(\$8,385.97)	75.95%
Gross Profit	\$26,484.03	\$34,870.00	(\$8,385.97)	75.95%
Expense				
6100 - Landscaping Replacement	\$0.00	\$450.00	(\$450.00)	0.00%
6150 - Landscaping/Property Mgmt	\$2,840.00	\$8,520.00	(\$5,680.00)	33.33%
6300 - Directory Preparation	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	(\$1,250.00)	0.00%
6350 - Newsletter Preparation	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	0.00%
6400 - Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	(\$3,500.00)	0.00%
6410 - Attorney Fees Reserves	\$16,923.50	\$42,592.00	(\$25,668.50)	39.73%
6420 - Liability Insurance	\$3,533.61	\$3,200.00	\$333.61	110.43%
6620 - Badges	\$64.64	\$120.00	(\$55.36)	53.87%
6700 - Events Member Paid	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	0.00%
6710 - Events BSIA Paid	\$369.10	\$2,000.00	(\$1,630.90)	18.46%
6730 - Storage Unit Rent	\$271.92	\$864.00	(\$592.08)	31.47%
6750 - PO Box Rental	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	0.00%
6760 - Postage and Delivery	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	0.00%
6770 - Safe deposit Rent	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	0.00%
6810 - Web Data Remote Hosting	\$0.00	\$600.00	(\$600.00)	0.00%
6820 - Web Emails Constant Contact	\$0.00	\$800.00	(\$800.00)	0.00%
6830 - State Fees	\$61.25	\$65.00	(\$3.75)	94.23%
6900 - Misc. Expense	\$453.69	\$500.00	(\$46.31)	90.74%
6910 - Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	0.00%
6920 - Surveillance Cameras	\$189.92	\$700.00	(\$510.08)	27.13%
6940 - Shredder Day	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Total - Expense	\$25,607.63	\$70,661.00	(\$45,053.37)	36.24%
Net Ordinary Income	\$876.40	(\$35,791.00)	\$36,667.40	-2.45%
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