

**BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
APRIL 4, 2008**

**Officers Present**

**President – Joe Sabatino  
Vice President – John Kruth  
Secretary – Sheri Del Sasso**

**Officer Absent**

**Treasurer – Donna Aveck**

**Directors Present**

**Immediate Past President – Chick Petrosino  
Community Standards – Bob Semer  
Legal Liaison – Terry Miller  
Membership – Bob Fitzsimmons  
Planning – Howard Elkin  
Community Security – Charlie Council  
Special Projects – Stacy Scarrow**

**Social Committee Chairperson – Kathy Kruth**

The BSIA April 4, 2008 Board meeting was called to order by President Joe Sabatino at 9:08 am. The minutes of March 7, 2008 Board meeting were approved accepted. The minutes of March 10, 2008 General Membership meeting were approved accepted. The minutes will be posted on the BSI Association website.

Reports of officers and directors have been reviewed accepted and placed on file.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

**Buffalo Graffix Printing Cost**

Chick Petrosino spoke with Buffalo Graffix representative Gail Haile who checked into the reason for the increase in billing this time for printing. One reason for the increase, there was a billing error. Additionally the cost was higher due to 3 new ads. Their will be a credit on our next printing bill. Another issue was there were 12 pages instead of 8 pages as the last several issues have been. Also the mailing list was about 100 more names than usual. The last reason for higher price this time was higher mailing quantity and we ran out of supplied inserts. Buffalo Graffix had to print extra for the ones they were short.

Reminder for next newsletter all articles must be submitted to Stacy Scarrow by May 13 for her review before being submitted to Buffalo Graffix. Publication date for next newsletter will be May 27.

### **Website – For Sale / For Trade**

The Board discussed in length pros and cons of what should be listed on the website and have decided it will be used for personal property notices only and will exclude real estate listings. Services will only be advertised in our newsletters and our yearly directory.

**Motion was made by Terry Miller: MOTION that the website for sale / for trade be used for only personal property only. Seconded by Howard Elkin, Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion rescinded by Terry Miller and Seconded by Charlie Council. Amended motion now reads, to allow usage on website for sale / for trade of only personal property excluding real estate and no services. To be listed only by members and listing will be for 60 days and then will expire unless renewed. Motion was passed unanimously.**

All communication for our website should be sent to John Kruth, communication officer for approval first and then will be forwarded to our webmaster, W. Rigg for posting.

### **CERT Training**

The first round of training was completed on March 1. The second round of CERT training will begin on May 6 and 8. The classes are on Tuesday and Thursday for 3 weeks and will be two hour sessions.

### **Community Outreach Program**

On April 3, 2008 at 1:30 pm a meeting was held at the Villa's community room. There was a good turn out to listen to the program. Ray Briggs of the Fire Department provided a brief description of the CERT program and Ray N. from Seminole Lakes describe how they designed and administered the information gathering for Seminole Lake's residents. The group went onto discuss how this program could be administered in Burnt Store Isles, and although they could see some difficulties they also could see the importance of getting the project started using CERT to introduce our residents to the Community Outreach Program. The next meeting will be April 15 at 1:30 pm at the Villa's community room.

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Charlie Council our Director of Community Security spoke about all of the recent security incidents through out the month and the community on a whole should be aware

of their surroundings and if something looks suspicious to contact the police. The police department has continued to emphasize the importance of citizens calling in any suspicious activities A.S.A.P. at 639-4111. Charlie also stated we are in need of more volunteers for the neighborhood watch program.

The Board went into Executive session at 10:25. The Board came back out of Executive session at 10:38.

### **Habitat for Humanity – Dedicated Building Day**

A possible project for BSIA so John Kruth and Bob Fitzsimmons will contact Habitat for Humanity and see if it would be a good project for our community. John and Bob will advise their findings at the next Board meeting.

### **BSIA Picnic – April 5**

Picnic will be at Gilchrist Park and the head count so far we have 53 people.

### **Website Design Update**

Winston forwarded by email his update and as soon as Dotti Vaivoda returns they will begin to work on the website in the mean time the communications committee will start working with Winston.

### **Deed Restrictions – Lawn Maintenance**

The Board decided to table this topic till next Board meeting when Bob Semer will report back the results of his investigation with the city.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Leadership Charlotte Class Project – Announcement**

Councilman Harvey Goldberg contacted President Joe Sabatino about a new non-profit program that the city and county is trying to get started. Joe was informed that there are 100 homeless teenagers, ages 14 – 18 in Charlotte County. The Board decided to make an exception to our normal policy and send out a 1 time notice to all our members, besides posting it on our website.

## **Welcome Wagon Committee**

Board decided to leave this topic for our May Board meeting, except that there was one thought of using a mix of existing and new members to start the welcome wagon committee.

## **Special 1% Sales Surtax**

President Joe Sabatino attended a meeting coordinated by H. Kunik, city manager, last week to review the status of 1% city/Charlotte county sales tax that is due to expire in December 2008. The city of Punta Gorda is requesting input from its citizens about identifying possible capital related projects that would be funded by the local optional 1% sales tax.

## **CD Coming Due**

Joe informed the Board that the Association CD is coming due on April 24. Joe is checking with several banks to see what rates they are paying. Joe will inform the Board at the May meeting.

## **General Meeting**

The next general meeting will be June 11, 2008 at the Twin Isles Country Club. Cocktails will start at 5:00pm, dinner will start at 5:30pm (buffet) and business meeting will start at 6:30pm and the final price to be determined. Our guest speakers will be Tom Jackson who is the Utility Director and Police Deputy Chief Arenal.

## **Enterprise Punta Gorda Update**

A new map was passed around to all the Board members showing all the new buildings that are under construction or tentatively going to be built.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 11:10am. The next Board meeting will be Friday May 2, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheri Del Sasso  
Secretary

