

BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 10, 2008
TWIN ISLES COUNTRY CLUB
301 Madrid Boulevard
Punta Gorda, Fl

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The meeting was held at the Twin Isles Country Club. Members signed up if they wanted to attend the dinner buffet prior to the meeting. Additional seating was available for the members who came only for the meeting. The meeting was called to order by President, Joe Sabatino at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Sabatino introduced Officers and Board Members for 2008 and introduced and thanked previous Officers and Board Members of 2007.

Mr. Sabatino introduced the Punta Gorda Councilman Bill Albers and his wife and introduced the Mayor of Punta Gorda Larry Friedman and his wife. Mr. Friedman then presented a slide presentation and speech called "State of the City". The main highlights of his speech – 2005 Year of Recovery, 2006 Year of the Shovel, 2007 Year of the Realization, 2008 Year of Momentum. He stated we have a \$74,000,000 Budget. The Mayor will put the presentation on the city website.

Bob Fitzsimmons: - Membership Chairman. Bob introduced the new members that were present and gave an overall report regarding the membership count. Bob stated this will be his last year and he will be retiring as he has been Membership Chairman for four years. The membership was asked to please contact Bob if interested in taking over this interesting and challenging position.

Joe introduced Kathy Kruth – Social Chairperson who introduced the Social Committee members and mentioned the upcoming social projects of April 5, Picnic in the Park, - May 16th – Mystery Train Tour, June 3-5th Key West Boat trip, June 16th – Trolley Historic Tour.

Joe mentioned the Wine and Cheese Party on March 31st for newcomers, Board and Social Committee held at the Villas from 5:00-7:00PM. We will get input from the new members of things they would like to see us do. BSIA will be forming a Newcomers Welcome Wagon ahead.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

No Fishing Ordinance Update: Regarding the no trespass situation we worked at the State level with Representative P. Kreegel. Last year we Piggy backed on a companion construction bill in Cape Coral that allowed homeowner associations to act in lieu of property owners or if the property owner is physically present can get a verbal consent and the bill was approved. There are 376 vacant lots in BSI. Fishing problems continued with up to sixteen fishermen noted to be on a vacant lot at one time.

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General Business continued

Working with PGI, BSI and the City Attorney, Dave Levin a No Fishing Ordinance was drafted that was enacted on March 5, 2008. BSIA did not respond to negative editorials published by the Sun. A Fisherman must get written consent from the Property Owner or if physically present can get a verbal consent. All of the no trespassing signs are down. Posting is not required for the new No Fishing Ordinance. Residents should call the police regarding any violation. Call 639-4111 Police. Violators will receive a written notice the first time, then \$100 fine to \$200 and finally \$300.

Tripoli Sidewalks – 2nd major success of 2008. This success was achieved through meetings with BSIA members, Department of Public Works and the City Council. They will start the sidewalk project next week. New sidewalks will run on Tripoli between Monaco and Candia. They will lay the sidewalk up to the driveways, stop and then pick up after the driveway. Delay was due to recent ADA issues that arose. Joe thanked neighbors and all who worked to get the project started.

(Cert) Training – Community Emergency Response Training was successfully completed by six BSIA residents. This training will enable us to respond to any type of emergency. We encourage additional BSIA members to participate in future programs.

Community Outreach – President Joe Sabatino discussed the Community Outreach Program designed to enhance the community from the bottom up. The kick off meeting will be held at the Villas on March 27th. All BSIA members interested are encouraged to attend

Local/Not for Profit Policy – The current BSIA policy requires that the charity must be locally active in Charlotte County. The 2nd condition must have a BSIA member active in the charity. It will get to be promoted on the www.BSIA.net website from the BSIA member after review by our VP John Kruth, Communications Director. Joe asked for a show of hands in favor and asked if any objections and there were none. Habitat for Humanity has contacted us about their organization and we will look into this further for a possible construction site day.

Meetings: Type and frequency – Goal this year 3-4 meetings. Monthly Board of Directors meetings are always open only to members if they have an issue to talk to the Board where there is a concern. A June luncheon meeting was proposed, discussed and agreed. At our next meeting, our speaker will be Tom Jackson – Utility director – covering water conservation issues. E mail ideas to www.bsia.net or contact through our web site. Your input is very valuable to help make BSIA the best community that we can. Any questions or concerns – this is your organization, we are here to serve you. No other comments were forth coming from the membership.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Kathy Kruth, Acting Secretary for Sheri Del Sasso.