

**BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**August 7, 2009**

**Officers Present**

**President** – Joe Sabatino  
**Secretary** –Theresa Murtha  
**Treasurer** –Ben Crosby

**Directors Present**

**Planning** – Howard Elkin  
**Community Security** – Charlie Council  
**Community Standards** – Phil Zeitz  
**Membership** - Genny Ramachandran  
**Immediate Past President** – Frank  
“Chick” Petrosino  
**Legal Liaison** – Terry Miller

**Officers Absent**

**Vice-President** – John Kruth

**Directors Absent**

**Social Committee** – Kathy Kruth  
**Special Projects** – Anne Teichmiller

The BSIA August 7, 2009 Board meeting was called to order by President Joe Sabatino at 9:05 am.

The minutes of the July 2, 2009 Board meeting were approved and accepted. *The minutes will be posted on the BSI Association website.*

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Reports were reviewed and placed on file.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

**Community Outreach Update**

Joe Sabatino reported that no new households had been added this month, and that the count of households registered for the program remains at 743.

**FPL Power Outages**

There was nothing new to report on this item. Given importance, item will be carried forward for future agendas.

## **Use of Villas Clubhouse for BSIA**

Genny reported that there was no interest on part of Welcome Wagon committee members to take the lead on staffing for BSIA Information Center at the clubhouse. She will report next month on hours that individuals are willing to work. Theresa suggested that BSIA realtors may be another group to approach for staffing the Center.

A question was raised by Chick on how new neighbors were being identified for membership recruitment; Genny explained her use of tax records to find new owners. There was also a suggestion by Howard that a new neighbor's list (anyone moving into BSI) be included on the website. Theresa made a further suggestion of including profiles of new BSIA members. This discussion was tabled to the September meeting at which time Genny was also asked to provide a status update on the membership.

## **Liability Insurance Update**

Charlie obtained ball-park figures for premium costs associated with securing general liability and Directors and Officers (D&O) Insurance for coverage of BSIA activities. (The Association presently carries D&O insurance with a limit of liability of \$1,000,000 at an annual premium of \$2100.) After discussion as to sufficiency of coverage, it was agreed that Charlie would check into what \$2,000,000 of coverage would cost.

## **Website on Sign**

Joe formally acknowledged Anne for the professional job on the signage.

## **Plantings on Median**

Plantings have been completed. Thanks were extended to Anne.

## **BSI Membership Card Update**

An issue, which arose with use of the card at Phil's 41, has been resolved, Howard reported. Each BSIA member will be given a free glass of wine with entree, husband and wife, upon presentation of card. **Members should ask to speak to owner or manager of establishment if any issues arise. Howard will include write-up on this on the web-site and will also send an email clarifying procedures.**

## **Punta Gorda Xtreme Makeover**

**Following motion was made by Terry and seconded by Charlie. : BSIA will be a sponsor for Punta Gorda Xtreme Makeover Event at a level not to exceed \$150. Approved unanimously by Board.** Announcement regarding this will be posted to web-site.

## **Nominating Committee for Board of Directors**

Thus, far Bob Semer and Bob Fitzsimmons have agreed to participate on nominating committee. Joe is working on other candidates for the committee. By-laws call for committee being in place by September 15.

Joe requested that Genny generate a list of members who have joined the association in the last eight months.

Joe also pointed out that he needed a definite answer from current Board Members on whether they will fulfill their current terms (directors in first year of term) or stand for another year (officers who have held their position for one year). He requested a response as soon as possible before next Board Meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Outdoor Storage of toys, grills in the Residential Overlay District**

Teri Tubbs, Zoning Official, City of Punta Gorda, had sent BSIA correspondence requesting BSIA thoughts on altering current code to prohibit storage of bicycles, children's toys, and grills outside residences. Joe thought, and Board Members agreed that more generic language, such as, "visual blight" would be more effective. Rather than try and write specific language for each type of problem like this, it was felt that the code needed to give Code Compliance more latitude to examine each situation on a case-by-case basis. It was also noted that BSIA is not currently have any problems in this area. Joe will communicate this to Teri Tubbs.

### **Home-based business on Bastia Court—Update**

Phil updated the Board on an issue with a commercial engine repair business being run out of a garage on Bastia Court. This has been resolved through careful follow through and, at time of meeting, business was no longer being run out of garage. Letter of complaint and photos had been sent to the city. Joe pointed out that the Association was, in this case, and would be in the future very diligent about following through with such cases. BSIA would need to be objective and consistent in these matters he noted. Joe asked that Phil keep the homeowner, who complained about this activity, informed on what has been done. Joe recommended that Phil keep a call log and copies of letters in all such matters.

## **August Newsletter**

Board members were reminded to get their reports into Stacey Scarrow for the August Newsletter.

### **Florida Friendly Landscaping**

Joe asked Terry to research the new statue covering Florida-friendly landscaping. Item will be carried forward for further discussion at September meeting.

### **Road Paving Projects in Punta Gorda City Budget**

Howard noted that the city was trying to hold the line on road paving projects. There was only one BSI project on the list for 2010, San Rocco, which is tied to the flooding issue. Public Works determines which roads get included in the plan for a given year. It was suggested that the BSIA Board suggest any streets that require work for the 2011 Budget Year so that they get on the list. Chick noted that Tripoli was in need of work. Carry forward for further suggestions at September meeting.

### **Above Ground Pool Ordinance**

**The following motion was made by Howard, seconded by Ben and unanimously approved with respect to above ground pools:**

**Recommend to the City of Punta Gorda to allow above-ground spas that are contained on the concrete surface adjoining the house only within the screened lanai area.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. The next Board Meeting will be on Thursday, September 10, rather than Friday, September 4, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa H. Murtha  
Secretary