

**BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 2, 2011**  
**REGIONS BANK – 1410 TAMIAMI TRAIL, PUNTA GORDA, FL. 33950**

**Officers Present:**

President – Charlie Council  
Vice President – Theresa Murtha  
Secretary – Audrey Young  
Treasurer – Bill Bareither

**Directors Present:**

Special Projects – Doug Rhees  
Community Standards – Ken Lampkin  
Social (non-voting) -- Cynthia Council  
Community Security – Bob Hutt  
Membership – Genny Ramachandran  
Planning – Brian Stirling  
Immediate Past President (non-voting)– Joe Sabatino

**Absent:**

Legal Liaison – Mike Huston

President Council called the meeting to order at 9:05. A quorum is present.

Charlie welcomed the incoming officers for the 2012 Board.

Doug expressed thanks to Charlie for a very successful year as President of BSIA, leading the Board thru year-long deed restriction challenges and other successes.

Doug went on to outline some of his priorities for the coming two years as President .Increasing membership from the current 50% of residents is at the top of the list. We need to appeal to the new and younger residents, some still working. The future demands new ideas and revitalization of old ones. Doug will explore areas where we can work with the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association. Joe mentioned that in the near past and in the distant past, initiatives to achieve this have not materialized. The South County Coalition Council (SCCC) is our district group for action on issues concerning the twelve Homeowners Associations south of the river. Don McCormick, the president, is leading a strong organization. The meetings are every third Thursday at 9:00 am at the Civic Assoc. on Shreve and all members are welcome.

Charlie called for approval of the minutes of the Board meeting of Nov. 4, and the General Meeting of Nov. 7, 2011. So moved by Bill and seconded by Doug.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:**

**PRESIDENT:** Ron Frasier has been named to the BSIA Canal Advisory Committee.

The San Rocco flood remediation project has been completed with the repaving of the street. The Condo owners will benefit from BSIA's long (approx. three years) efforts to move this project to successful conclusion – proof of the strength of BSIA in achieving results for all residents.

The City is participating with the FL. DOT in upgrading lighting along Rt. 41 between Taylor and Aquí Esta. This has been an issue for some time and hopefully, lighting will improve.

**TREASURER:** Bill's report is in the hands of the Board. There are no questions. Bill suggests changing the fiscal year to run from October 1 thru Sept 30. Discussion followed and the issue will be referred to Les Totten to see if this would be to our advantage.

**SOCIAL REPORT:** Cynthia stated a letter of thanks from St. Vincent de Paul has been received for the food and for \$215.00 sent from our General Meeting to that organization. Joe stated the need is great. St. Vincent will be sponsoring a walk to raise money on January 28, 2012.

In the past, the Board has supplied paper products and set-ups for the Holiday Party. With the consent of the Board, this will continue. The party is on December 9, 2011.

Members have received fliers on other up-coming events.

**COMMUNITY STANDARDS:** Ken reports continuing fence issues which he handles, following Deed Restrictions, as they arise.

The home at 552 Madrid has been brought up to landscaping standards.

"For Sale" and Builder's signs are also being monitored and brought in line with deed restrictions.

Roofs are gradually being cleaned as residents return to BSI.

Three new homes are being built in BSI. One owner wants to do his own landscaping and was informed that a plan for his work must be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) before building can begin.

The addition on St. Florent is completed and is as the ARC required.

Joe commended Ken on his diligent work maintaining the standards required in BSI. This is a very difficult assignment and Ken does it extremely well.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** The entry monuments are decorated for the holidays with some new material. On the advice of the City and our landscaping contractor, the planting of the new palms to complete the entry islands, will be deferred until spring for the best results for our money.

Bonnie, who sees to the medians, is aware of the weedy appearance of the Monaco medians. She has twice treated them in November.

A few cul-de-sacs look better, but it will be a big challenge for Robert, the incoming Special Projects man.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Genny places our paid members at 143, as of to-day. We need all members to pay by December 31, 2011 to be included in the 2012 Directory and it can be in the hands of members by early spring.

Revitalization of the Welcome Committee, as an arm of membership, is needed. Doug has offered his wife, Michelle, to head up this effort and an adequate number of volunteers are needed. A personal visit to a new neighbor gets the best results with committee members working in their own neighborhoods. A Realtor would be most helpful on this committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Complaints of noise from low flying commercial jets continue.

Charlie suggested a new Board of Director position of Communications Director be established. Email and the website have become increasingly important to our organization and a "Director" designation would give added weight to this position. Donna Aveck is currently doing an outstanding job as Webmaster.

Joe pointed out that an amendment to the bylaws would be required and can be ready to present to the membership at the Spring General Meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members at that meeting would be required.

Charlie thanked the Board for their co-operation and loyalty during his tenure. He will move to a non-voting position in 2012. President Council replaces Joe as the Immediate Past President on the Board.

Joe presented information on the Community Outreach Initiative, a National program to aid in emergencies such as a hurricane, tornado or fire. Since the initial survey of BSI residents six years ago, many changes have occurred and updating of the information is badly needed. People have moved in and out, some have died, some would need help in a severe weather event, some garages have gas stored for their boat, some homes have propane, some have animals that would need attention. All this important information was passed on to Police and Fire Dept to use in an emergency. Now this info needs updating and an effort is needed to accomplish this. You will hear more on this initiative.

The incoming Board will need to set up signatures at the Bank to pass on authority to the Board of 2012. Regions Bank provides the Board with this meeting room at no charge. BSIA does all its banking with Regions

Rick Doll asked a question. People ask him about our large bank balance, approximately \$50,000.00. Charlie answered that the need to pay for possible legal challenges could require \$25,000.00 to \$40,000.00. It is felt that having the money in reserve, rather than an assessment of members should the need arise, was the preferred course.

The possible uses of the land at RT.41, Monaco and Tripoli are an issue of concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.