

PALM ISLAND ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
APRIL 10, 2023

Vice President Heather Stout called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was met with the following board members present: Craig Baresel, Linda Cotherman, Deb Knighten, Susanne Stubbs, Kathy Sickles and Lindsay Yates. Absent: Cori Palmere and Meryl Schaffer.

The minutes from the March 13, 2023, meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Lindsay reported the following bank balances: Operating Checking \$9,184, Operating Savings \$22,044, Action Fund \$6,767, and Scholarship Fund \$9,600. Income for the month was derived from dues payments and a \$146 refund for an adjustment to the insurance premium. Expenses totaled \$375 with the largest expenditure being \$250 contribution to Bocilla Islands Conversancy for Casino Night sponsorship. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved for information.

Committee Reports –

Info Central/Susanne – The Town Hall with Commissioner Bill Truex was held on April 6th with 27 attendees. Meryl will post pictures and a recap on the website. The Board members would like to have an Info Central or meeting with Sheriff Bill Prummell and Deputy Billy Prummell. The Board members thought that trying to schedule that as soon as possible would be beneficial, even if it had to be held during the summer months.

Social/Kathy – The movie on the beach night scheduled for April 7th disappointingly had to be cancelled due to the potential ill effects of red tide. We will try again some time next year. The Beach Ball Hunt on the 8th was successful with approximately 30 kids participating and bringing along their parents and grandparents. The Easter Charcuterie Brunch was not as well attended as had been hoped, but will be tried again with better advance signage and signage at the event and more advertising. It was the majority consensus that two more popup tents should be purchased for future events. There was also discussion of events to be held over the 4th of July or other summer events, but most Board members were not in favor.

Island Watch/Linda –

(1) Roads and Bridges (R&B) Committee update:

-There is an upcoming County project to put a sealant on the wood on the bridge (decking and railings) and to replace some corroded plates. When the time comes, we will have to let people know that there will be one lane of traffic on the bridge for some period of time.

-R&B had requested that the County lower the speed limits on all island roads – 20 mph on N. Gulf and 15 mph everywhere else. The Sheriff and the Commissioners had no problem with the request, but the County Engineer opposed. It will not happen.

-R&B is going to again explore the feasibility of and obtain community input on a Multi-Use Recreational Trail (MURT). This was studied approximately five years ago, but did not proceed. R&B would like to educate the community on the different options.

-In reference to the adverse dust conditions on the sand roads, Kelly Enterprises the road maintenance contractor, is currently using crushed shell on the roads, but has agreed to set up a test strip with a layer of sand on top rather than the shell. It has been suggested that the sand would create less dust, but there is some disagreement. Sodium chloride was looked at, but it causes rust on vehicles. The costs involved with using a water truck are being investigated.

-R&B continues to request that payment for the costs of iguana control be added to the purpose of the taxing unit.

(2) Old Fire House – It was asked at the Truex Town Hall whether the County would consider donating the fire house to the island. Commissioner Truex said that sometimes happens. Prior to that meeting, the Bocilla Islands Conservancy had sent two letters to the County Commissioners requesting their consideration of a building donation. PIE at some point may want to write a letter in support of the request.

Community Liaison/Craig – Craig would like the last updated patrol report sent by Deputy Billy Prummell to be posted and/or sent to the membership. He will discuss with Meryl. Craig was asked to ask the Deputy for a definition for a term listed frequently on the report – “Directed Patrol” It was also requested that Craig ask if we could have some evening coverage even if that means that coverage would not be provided by Billy.

Membership/Lindsay – Current membership is 205 compared to 229 total at year end last year. We are still targeting new residents and lot purchasers.

Old Business – In a follow up to the suggestion to thank Terri Purse for her 50/50 raffle donation, Deb just received the tumbler and will be delivering it.

The Earth Day cleanup joint effort between BICI and PIE will be April 22nd. Meet at 8:30 at the old fire house. We will be concentrating on the road right of ways.

The next Board meeting is Monday, May 8th.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Lindsay Yates, Acting Secretary