

*Palm Island Estates Association Homeowners Association
Annual Meeting
January 27, 2013
Station #10 Firehouse*

Jim Gordon, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM with a quorum present.

In attendance were Jim Gordon, Meryl Schaffer, Sally B. Johnson, Donna Bright, Ken Conner, Pat Gordon, Suzy Kett, Rose Malone, and Cathy Schwartz. Excused were Jeff Minett, Don Milroy, and Kim Peacock.

A motion was made by Dick Sadenwater, seconded and approved, to forgo the reading of 2012 Annual Meeting minutes. Meryl Schaffer noted that the minutes are available on the PIE website.

President's Report

Jim Gordon, Vice President, reported that the county has fully approved and permitted the dune walkovers at beach access 6 and 12.

Thank you to Joe DeYulio, Ken Conner, Gisela Allen, and Sarah Fahlmark for their team effort in creating the new bulletin board at Palm Drive and N. Gulf Blvd. We are grateful for their talent!

Our community non-profit recipients (listed in Treasurer's Report) are very thankful for our donation this year, which is an increase over last year's amount.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Gordon, Treasurer, submitted the Annual Treasurer's Report (attached) and fielded questions from attendees. A motion was made by Jeanne Ryskamp to accept the report, seconded and approved.

Certification of Proxies

Carol Peterson and Pat Gordon tallied and certified the votes.

Election of 2013 Board Members

Jim Gordon announced the 2013 Board of Directors.

Term Continuing

Ken Conner
Jim Gordon
Sally B. Johnson
Rose Malone
Don Milroy
Jeff Minett
Meryl Schaffer
Cathy Schwartz

Re-elected to New 2-year Term

Donna Bright
Pat Gordon
Suzy Kett
Kim Peacock

Newly Elected 2-year Term

Valerie Guenther
Dennis Johnson

Committee Reports

Social

Suzy Kett reported that all 2012 social events were a huge success. The most gratifying affair was the FART Party held on November 18th to honor all our Island Fire and Rescue volunteers who protected our island, day and night, for many years.

Upcoming Events

Suzy invites everyone to attend the **Street Dance on February 9th** at Tim and Rose Malone's home at **6:00 PM**. Hot Dogs and hamburgers will be served and all PIE members attend for free. **Set-up** for the dance will be on Saturday **the 8th** at 10:00 AM, trucks are needed to haul tables and chairs from the shed.

Easter breakfast will be served to everyone after the beach service at Tim and Rose Malone's home on **March 31st**. Anyone interested in helping please contact Suzy.

Website/Newsletter

Meryl Schaffer invited all attendees to stay up-to-date with all island activities by going to the "What's New" page at the website. Meryl will be working on improving the website, adding more interactive features. So visit the site often, keep informed, and enjoy the wonderful photo gallery of all the PIE events.

Also, please inform the webmistresses, Meryl Schaffer and Suzy Kett, of any changes to your email address, submit suggestions for topics, or give a thank you for a job so beautifully done!

PIE Environmental

Kjell Plotkin presented a report on behalf of WHPP and Islandscapers (attached). Kjell shared a success story from one of the many Island animal rescues by Island volunteers. Marcia, a Kemps turtle, was rescued from a lagoon at the resort and transported to Mote Marine, where she was treated over several months and just recently released back to the Gulf of Mexico.

Island Watch

Dick Sadenwater reported on behalf of the committee, that in February 2012 ten specific island surface water areas were tested. The report will serve as a baseline for future reference (attached). A Charlotte County permit for the construction of three six-inch water lines under the Intracoastal is issued to Bocilla and Knight Utilities, our two island water companies, to connect one waterline for bulk water, second for fire protection, and the third as a spare. The committee will follow-up with new water testing when needed.

Roads and Bridges

Carol Peterson spoke on behalf of the Island Charlotte County Roads and Bridges Steering Committee, which have been meeting with Charlotte County officials to help establish parameters for selecting the Island representatives to serve on the new County Island Roads and Bridges Advisory Board. The new board will consist of five volunteers and one alternate. Applications are available on the county's website and the Steering Committee will inform Islanders of important review and vote dates. No dates have been released at this time.

InfoCentral

Sally B. Johnson thanked Barbara DeYulio for her dedication to keeping the events organized and running smoothly. The list of 2012 events is posted on the website and Sally invites everyone to relay to she or Barbara any topics of interest for 2013.

Old Business

Cathy Schwartz reported that a new **PIE Phone Directory** is to be printed and delivered to all PIE members this year. Please make sure that your phone number is up-to-date and notify Cathy if you would prefer not to have your number listed in the directory.

Creating connections by presenting a **Welcome Basket** to all new Island homeowners will help them acclimate to island life and let them see what we do. Contact Cathy Schwartz if you meet a new owner that did not purchase their Island home through a realtor. Cathy will be contacting all Island realtors for their referrals.

Bill Peterson reminded all PIE homeowners who have not requested their free **reflective address sign** to do so ASAP. The Englewood Fire Department is very supportive of this effort, which makes their job of finding your location during an emergency, especially at night, easier. Contact Cathy Schwartz.

New Business

Dan Kett pointed out that the ferry-landing **gazebo** is in need of some TLC. Dick Aulenti said he will get an estimate for **power washing** the structure and report back to the Board. Also, Dick pointed out that the stack of **pilings and railroad tie scraps** at the island landing is unsafe and unsightly. Jim Gordon will contact Dean Beckstead to see about **disposal** of that material.

Jeanne Ryskamp suggested that **PIE donate to Mote Marine** on behalf of the Kemps turtle, Marcia, which was rescued on island and taken to Mote for successful treatment and release.

Cathy Schwartz presented on behalf of the Board the need to reestablish a **neighbor assistance program** on Island. The Island Angels cared for many neighbors throughout the years and we need to get that connection back. The Board will discuss this new program at its February meeting.

Don Bright informed the members of a **safety hazard** located in the Bocilla waterway by the cement bridge; a large **utility cable** has partially submerged. Ken Conner stated that the sheriff's department is aware of the situation and they are contacting the utility for remediation.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 PM was made by Valerie Guenther and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted

Catherine C. Schwartz
Secretary