

Palm Island Estates Homeowners Association
Annual Meeting – January 24, 2016

President Jim Gordon called the meeting to order at 1:10. Board members present: Linda Cotherman, Pat Gordon, Lisa Haney, Sally Johnson, Suzy Kett, Vicki Millette-Riley, Dick Sadenwater, John Sickles, and Ray Smith. Absent were Ken Conner, Gerry Illiano, and Don Milroy.

President's Report – Jim thanked departing Board members Ken Conner, Suzy Kett, and John Sickles for their service on the PIE board. A number of projects were completed this year, including the commemorative plaque at the ferry landing, a second installment of free Tababuia trees, a trial milkweed project, and our third dune walkover at access 7. Charitable donations were significantly increased, and financial support was provided in the wake of the Stevens family tragedy. An all-island membership mailing was completed in December. We have already received over 150 new and renewal memberships.

Minutes – The minutes from the annual meeting last year were read. Jeanie R. moved to approve, Meryl S. seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Kjell P. moved to approve, Wayne A. seconded the motion. Motion approved. Noted were the donations to the following charities: E.A.R.S., Englewood Community Care Clinic, Helping Hands food bank, Kids Needs, Meals on Wheels, and Wildlife Center of Venice. We are in excellent financial shape with over \$63,000 in cash reserves. While not as financially successful as previous years, Art in the Palms did contribute over \$3,000 to the cash reserves.

Environmental – Kjell Plotkin reported on PIE supported environmental activities including Wildlife Habitat Preservation (WHPP), Gopher Tortoise Conservation, a grant application to acquire funds to help decrease predations of sea turtle nests and an update on the "Go-pher Green" project to acquire land for Gopher Tortoise habitat preservation..

Member Directory - Pie webmistress, Meryl Shaffer advised members that the membership directory is up and running but there may be a problem with Comcast internet users. Any member experiencing difficulty should contact Meryl for resolution.

Info Central – A number of people showed interest in taking the CPR class that PIE is sponsoring, probably in early-mid March. Information will be posted soon on the web site. Please contact Sally Johnson or Barbara DeYulio if you want to participate in the course. We are also seeking more ideas for possible guest speakers. Last year Commissioner Truex and Fire Chief Marianne Taylor held forums. Both were well attended.

Scholarships – None were awarded this year. There are two possible in 2016.

Social –Another active year socially, including the New Year's Day Parade, Street Dance, and Pig in the Palms.

Old Business – None

New Business –

Election of Directors – Returning directors Linda Cotherman, Gerry Illiano, Sally Johnson, Vicky Millette-Riley, Don Milroy, and Ray Smith were elected for two year terms. New directors, Susanne Hillier, Wayne Ratajack, Tom Roth, and Heather Stout were elected to two year terms. This will complete the board at the maximum of 13 members.

Membership Input – The following input was received from the membership. Mike Spallone requested that water testing data be put on PIE website. Dick Sadenwater will provide the data to anyone who would like to develop a webpage appropriate posting.

There was considerable discussion on the subject of beach walkovers. Some were in favor of them because they help preserve our dunes while others were opposed due to lack of wheelchair access and inconvenience. PIE has no plans at present to construct any additional walkovers which means there are currently available 10 PIE beach accesses and 5 public beach accesses that do not have dune walkovers. Signs directing people to the next access without a walkover were suggested.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

BOARD MEETING

Board meeting was called to order by Vice President Ray Smith. The Officers for 2016 are: Ray Smith, President, Tom Roth, V-P, Lisa Haney, Secretary, and Pat Gordon, Treasurer. Heather Stout will be the liaison for the PIE web mistress.

Next board meeting is Monday, February 8, at 5 p.m. Weather permitting it will be located at the Pt. Bocilla pool. All members are invited and encouraged to attend board meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Gordon, Acting Secretary for 2015