

Minutes for P.I.E. Board Meeting  
Palm Island Estates Association, Inc.  
July 8, 2024  
141 Kettle Harbor Dr.

President Meryl Schaffer called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. A quorum was met with the following board members present in person: Meryl Schaffer, Lindsay Yates, and Amy McCully. Kelly Lube, Kathy Sickles, Deb Knighten and Susanne Stubbs attended via phone. Linda Cotherman was not able to attend. Guests in attendance were Ember Harker, Glenn Pritchard, Lisa Haney, Amanda Small, Georgianna Sinnett and Andy Ball.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Meryl, the minutes for the June 10, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report: Lindsay Yates.**

- Lindsay emailed the financial report to all board members, prior to meeting. Amy read this email aloud for guests to hear.
- Meryl Schaffer made a motion to approve this report for information. All in favor, no one opposed.

**Corresponding Secretary: Deb Knighten**

- Nothing new to report

**Website: Deb Knighten**

- Nothing to report.

**Administrative Update: Lindsay Yates**

- Nothing to report

**Committee Reports:**

**a. Info Central: Susanne Stubbs**

- Hurricane Preparedness was a great success. Impressed that the Director of Emergency Management for Charlotte County was there. The conversation was extremely island specific and many great questions were addressed.
- Potential for another Info Central around October.

**b. Social: Kathy Sickles, Kelly Lube, Amy McCully**

- Meryl informed everyone that Kathy has decided to step aside as the committee chair since she is not on island for a few months at a time, and that Kelly has agreed to take on the Social Committee chair position effective immediately. Kathy has done a terrific job both on and off island, with PIE social events in the past.
- July 4th celebrations were a hit. Thank You to Glenn Pritchard for being willing to help at all events as our official PIE Judge. 2023 sandcastle turnout was 17

teams. 2024 was 22 teams. In Kelly's encounters with people in attendance, she felt most people were owners on the island or friends/family of owners. The feedback from the island was that it was a great event. There was a concerned islander that sent a very nice email to Kathy. Although she enjoyed the castle contest and ice cream truck, she felt that the PIE eating contest was unnecessary, while our country has a problem with childhood obesity, hunger and wastefulness. She asked that next year's event consider doing something other than that. And even recommended the potential of supporting a local food bank. Kathy sent a nice reply. Glenn also recommended the potential of offering or selling bottled water.

- c. Island Watch/Roads and Bridges/Fire District: Linda Cotherman (absent), Meryl Schaffer**
- Roads & Bridges- Community Plan is still moving forward.
  - Iguana Control meeting 7/11/24 at 9:30am at San Casa. Right of way supervisor Joey Jackson, along with Chuck Peters, will also be in attendance. A concern, in the event the EU (central sewer project) gets approved, we'll be losing landscaping in Right of Way.
- d. Community Liaison: Linda Cotherman (absent), Amy McCully**
- Amy will reach out to Deputy Billy to touch base on 4th of July holiday coverage, if any and report back in at the September meeting.
- e. Scholarships: Kelly Lube, Amy Mccully**
- BICI has adopted the idea of a "borrow bin" to be located at beach access 13. Kelly thought it would be a good project for our "island kids" to be a part of. BICI will be in charge of monitoring, managing and or removing. Katerina would like to be able to offer a workshop for island kids come August/September. Lindsay voiced her confusion of the project and a lack of need for it on the island. Lisa Haney, who serves on the BICI board, gave a little more information to help explain the concept. The main concern is the bin collecting trash. Kelly will update at the next meeting.
- f. Membership/Welcome: Deb Knighten**
- Nothing new to report.
- g. Communications: Deb Knighten, Kelly Lube, Susanne Stubbs**
- The committee was supposed to have a meeting about who is taking the reins on what. ie Facebook, bulletin board etc, and was to report back in this meeting. Deb has asked to defer until the next meeting, due to travel and the inability to get together and discuss. There will be discussion in the upcoming weeks.
  - Meryl, again, proposed Correspondence, Communications and Website all become one role.
- h. Nominating: Amy McCully, Deb Knighten**
- Amy did reach out to Georgiana Sinnett who had previously shown interest in joining the board. Amy encouraged her to attend another board meeting. She was in attendance at this meeting.

- Amy announced an official nomination of Ember Harker, with a term expiring in January 2026, to join the board. It was later voted on by all Board of Directors, with a unanimous decision in favor of the nominee.
  - Meryl brought up the stipulation in our current by-laws, that the number of Board of Directors for the upcoming year be decided on, 90 days prior and to be a minimum of 9 members but not to exceed 13 members. Later, Meryl made a motion for an official vote, to set aside the by-laws requirement and null the vote 90 days before. All Board of Directors voted in favor of the decision. No one opposed.
  - It was agreed upon that Lindsay would look into why this was ever put into the by-laws.
- i. PIE Action: Linda Cotherman (absent), Meryl Schaffer**
- We wait for a 7/28/24 post CASR- docket schedule
  - Fundraising is at \$45,292 as of 6/30/24
  - Linda is speaking with Michelle Barnes, LGI alliance, daily.
  - Thank You to Ember Harker for designing the yellow yard signs, in addition to the very informative door hangers disbursed over the 4th of July weekend. And to Kelly for posting the hangers on Facebook.

**Old Business: Meryl Schaffer**

- Community Plan/Neighborhood Plan is available to be viewed on the PIE website, [www.palmislandestates.org](http://www.palmislandestates.org) under “hot topics”, “central sewer”, “community plan”.
- A common question has been asked over and over. What is stopping EU from coming back year after year, and fighting a voluntary homeowners association, like PIE? The short answer is PIE is now looking into what Gasparilla Island (Boca Grande) did to become a state approved, conservation district. To see that, visit [www.thegicia.org](http://www.thegicia.org) An info central on this, and our current community plan would be a great asset to the island in October.

**New Business:**

- Meryl made a motion to skip the August 2024 meeting, and resume meeting in September. All in favor, no one opposed.

**Comments from Guests:**

- None

**Non Agenda items:**

- Lindsay thanked Kelly for having the PIE yard signs, addressing “picking up after yourself” at the 13 beach accesses down in a timely manner.
- Meryl is working on an outlined version of board member/committee roles, and told all guests in attendance that she’d email them a copy.

Meryl made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm.

Amy McCully, Recording Secretary. Submitted 07/09/24