

PALM ISLAND ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

July 10, 2023

President Meryl Schaffer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was met with the following board members present either in person or by telephone: Craig Baresel, Linda Cotherman, Deb Knighten, Heather Stout, Susanne Stubbs, Kathy Sickles and Lindsay Yates. Absent: Cori Palmere Also present as visitors were PIE members Deanna Dunlap, Vicki Hasenfus and Amy McCully.

The minutes from the May 8, 2023, meeting were approved unanimously.

Member Comments – There were none.

Treasurer's Report – Lindsay reported the following bank balances: Operating Checking \$9,186.29, Operating Savings \$22,044, Action Fund \$6,767, and Scholarship Fund \$9,600. Income for the month was derived from dues payments in the amount of \$550. Expenses totaled \$538 for Easter social events, Info Central and Earth Day Cleanup supplies. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved for information.

Report of Corresponding Secretary - None

Website – Meryl reported that she has been working on update the website by pulling off some of the very old information and has posted pictures of the July 4th sand castle contest. A new page will be added to the site for proposed community plan information and education.

Committee Reports –

Info Central/Susanne – Susanne is working on ideas for fall programs. It was suggested that perhaps a meeting with Palm Island Transit would be beneficial if there were a definitely-defined agenda outlining scope of discussion and if it were monitored to assure a productive exchange of ideas. Community Liaison Craig Baresel will broach the subject with Chris Shepard to see if he might be willing to meet.

Social/Kathy – The July 4th Sand Castle contest was quite successful and had a great turnout for a first-time event. All feedback was positive. Kathy proposed adding a function to the previously-approved social calendar – the Taco Boat party to be held in November. It was discussed that there were already other events in November including the Trunk or Treat (Oct), BICI fall fundraiser on November 4 and Tropical Nights at the resort on November 18. The social committee will report back at the August meeting.

Island Watch/Linda –

Roads and Bridges (R&B) Committee update: The project to seal the wood on the Kosinski bridge has been completed and it should not have to be redone for a number of years. The committee is discussing budgeting for the eventual repaving of N. Gulf Blvd. At the meeting on July 13th the committee will be discussing the procedure for developing a community plan and will also be discussing a Multi-Use Recreational Trail (MURT) to determine whether it should be budgeted for. Also to be discussed will be how the right-of-way (ROW)

ordinance is going to be enforced. The blocking of the ROW on N. Gulf has recently been reported to and inspected by Code Enforcement. Included in the ROW discussion will be the potential loss of funding for beach renourishment if the public parking spaces are not maintained.

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The new Charlotte County golf cart ordinance goes into effect on October `1st.

Barrier Island Fire District MSBU/Linda – The County has notified the fire district residents of a public hearing to be held at Tringali Community Center on July 18 at 5:00 to hear public input on the proposed MSBU tax increase from \$718 a year to \$883. The purpose of this increase is to start accruing funds over the next 5 years for the purchase of a new fire truck. This assessment will most likely continue to increase over the coming years.

Community Liaison/Craig – We will have a report on island law enforcement activity from the Deputy by the end of the quarter. Craig will ask for information about the activity over the 4th of July holiday.

Scholarship/Heather – Heather will be stepping down from her chairmanship of this committee. Meryl asked that the Board review the scholarship page on the website for updating.

Nominating/Deb-At the November meeting the Board will decide – as per the Bylaws – how many members will comprise the Board for 2024. Deb has had good response to her recruitment efforts for new Board members.

Old Business –

Craig reported that he had looked at the walkover at Access 7. It is his opinion that it is not dangerous, but does need some work.

Linda distributed a list of people who have agreed to “Adopt an Easement,” and also distributed a map showing the location and number of each beach easement. Linda stated that Charlotte County Department of Natural Resources, Charlotte County Code Compliance and Charlotte County Department of Public Works have become involved in helping us to preserve our rights to/use of the easements.

New Business –

Linda suggested that PIE develop a program educating residents on the following subjects: Erosion control line (any beach property west of the erosion control line is public), rights to and importance of maintaining the beach access easements and, finally, road rights-of-way (public property) versus private property and the importance of maintaining the right to use those rights-of-way.

The next Board meeting is Monday, August 14th.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Lindsay Yates, Acting Secretary