

Minutes for P.I.E. Board Meeting
Palm Island Estates Association, Inc.
September 9, 2024
141 Kettle Harbor Dr.

President Meryl Schaffer called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. A quorum was met with the following board members present in person: Meryl Schaffer, Amy McCully, Deb Knighten, Linda Cotherman, Ember Harker and Amanda Small. Kelly Lube, Kathy Sickles, Lindsay Yates and Susanne Stubbs attended via phone. Guests in attendance were Joe and Susan Noto, from the Beach Place HOA.

Minutes: Upon motion by Deb, the minutes for the July 8, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lindsay Yates.

- Lindsay emailed the financial report to all board members, prior to meeting.
- Linda Cotherman made a motion to approve this report for information. All in favor, no one opposed.

Corresponding Secretary: Meryl Schaffer

- PIE received an email from resident Gil Collver, asking for a discussion. Meryl handed out a letter from Palm Island Transit that went out to all flex-pass holders. Linda will contact Gil via email.

Administrative Update: Lindsay Yates

- Sent to board members prior to meeting via email. No further discussion.
- Explanation of this position is to run the annual meeting, and monitor date required/annual documents and filings
- Annual meeting date to be set at October 2024 meeting.

Committee Reports:

a. Info Central: Susanne Stubbs

- Nothing to report

b. Social: Kelly Lube

- 2025 Social calendar presented via email.
- Add a port-o-potty to Palm Palooza event
- Add "dates subject to change" on calendar
- Ember made a motion to approve the social calendar for 2024. All in favor, no one opposed.
- A discussion of what PIE should be promoting on Facebook, that are non-PIE sponsored event. Essentially, if it's allowed on the PIE bulletin board, why not? Discussed adding " *Not a PIE sponsored event" to the post.

- Kathy voiced her concerns with PIE promoting commercial businesses coming to the island. Most of the board agreed they do not want to advertise for any commercial businesses coming to the island on a regular basis.
- c. Island Watch/Roads and Bridges/Fire District: Linda Cotherman**
- Iguana Control to begin October 1, 2024.
 - Linda and Kelly met with island fireman Eddie Diaz, and discussed Jason Fair, the current fire chief, implementing and planning presentations and being more transparent within the community.
 - BICI is doing a lecture series with dates to come.
 - Roads and Bridges is still working on lowering the speed limit.
 - BICI is working on a landscape plan for the firehouse.
- d. Community Liaison: Linda Cotherman**
- Deputy Billy reports of island burglary to be sent out via email.
- e. Scholarships: Kelly Lube**
- Island kid Hunter BarrettSmith is next to apply.
 - Kelly and Amy will have a committee meeting to discuss ideas.
- f. Membership/Welcome: Deb Knighten**
- Deb presented a great welcome bag for new residents.
 - Deb would like to focus on welcoming new residents and increasing our memberships overall.
 - Deb presented a \$1,076 budget for next year to replace her current budget of \$50
 - George would like to join Deb on the Membership/Welcome committee.
- g. Communications/Website: Ember Harker**
- Ember will work on an official PIE logo.
 - The committee presented their well executed “Committee Strategy” report.
 - The proposal of refreshing the website was presented and Ember made a motion to update the website. All in favor, no one opposed.
- h. Nominating: Amy McCully**
- Amy officially nominated Georgiana Sinnnett “George”
 - Linda made a motion to vote George onto the board with a term ending January 2025. Deb seconded. All in favor. No one opposed.
 - Meryl mentioned a trial period for onboarding new board members. Discussion was had around the idea. Defer to October for more discussion.
 - Official welcome to Ember and Amanda.
 - Ember’s photo and bio will be added to the site.
- i. PIE Action: Linda Cotherman**
- Linda and Michelle from LGI along with the 2 attorneys are on the same page.
 - LGIPA/PIE and attorneys are securing expert witnesses.

Old Business:

- Further discussion of the possibility of a camera at the island side ferry landing was had. Deb will create a package for the October meeting to present to the board and Linda can present it to PIT.

New Business:

- Other new business items from the agenda will be deferred to October.

Comments from Guests:

- Joe Noto from Beach Place HOA was in attendance to inform us of the following.
- There is a small parcel of land south of beach access 7. The county sold the parcel for under \$50,000. The new owner has filed an application to build a 3,000+ sq ft home partially on the dunes. Charlotte County has deferred to the state level. The site has been surveyed, the home has been designed, well onto the dunes, destroying the dunes, impacting turtles and other environmental issues. Charlotte county has written a letter stating it is “inconsistent with the comprehensive community plan” and is “recommending the denial of the proposed project”. Permit application number CC000724. The Florida DEP is reviewing the application and suggestions. The HOA has hired an environmental attorney, and certified coastal engineer who has also provided a letter asking the DEP not to grant the permit. Joe is asking PIE since we’ve spent money to build the walkover on the easement to submit a letter of opposition. Meryl said PIE will provide a letter via email.
- BICI and turtle patrol may also be great letters of opposition.

Non Agenda items:

- Meryl announced her departure at the end of her term, January 2025. Meryl has nominated Amy McCully to become the President.

Ember made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

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