

**PIE BOARD MINUTES
MAY 4, 2004**

Vice President, Dan Kett, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Present: Bob Horswill, Cassie Ator, Mike Fahlmark, Holly Conover-Wade, Andy Nichols, Meryl Schaffer, Kevin Mackin, Dick Aulenti, Jim Clinton, Carol Peterson, Kimber Dill. Excused: Suzie Kett, Valerie Guenther.

Meryl Schaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from April 9, 2004. The motion was seconded by Dick Aulenti and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Fahlmark handed out the treasurer's report for the General Fund and the Strong Account (see attached). He reported that the Senior Prom had made a \$1,649.77 profit. Andy Nichols moved to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Jim Clinton and passed unanimously.

Scholarship Fund: Kathy Sandenwater submitted recommendations for scholarship candidates. The awards total \$3500 and will be given to 5 island students. Mike Fahlmark moved to accept the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Andy Nichols and passed unanimously.

Island Environmental Committee: Merill Horswill and Sarah Fahlmark presented a proposal for a Wildlife and Habitat Preservation Program along with a letter to be sent to island developers, realtors, builders and homeowners regarding the program. The program will encompass: native tree relocation, gopher tortoise preservation and possible relocation, land restoration, sensitive land preservation and information on eradication of invasive plant species. The thrust of the program will be informational and educational. It was suggested that the letter contain the names and contact information of committee members. Carol Peterson made a motion to accept the proposal and the letter. The motion was seconded by Cassie Ator and passed unanimously. Meryl Schaffer will ask the Steering Committee to endorse the program.

Grader: Gary Mack educated the board about what is needed to fix the roads on the islands. He suggested that we look into a product he is using on several projects called Golf Cart Path Mix. The roads must be filled and crowned before the grader can be used to keep them up on a monthly basis. There was discussion about the material, the cost of fixing the roads, maintenance, etc. Dick Aulenti suggested that we might be able to use the \$200,000 potential refund from the county for the Kosinsky bridge to fill and crown the roads. Dick also said that Islander Building would smooth the roads on an interim basis for a minimal cost but they will not move material to fill potholes, etc. Andy Nichols made a motion to sell the grader. The motion was seconded by Meryl Schaffer and passed. Dan Kett opposed the motion.

Status of the Kosinsky bridge refund: Jim Clinton reported that he believes the possibility of a refund is "slim to none". Our attorney has talked to several of the county commissioners and Jim will contact him to verify the present status.

Meeting with Palm Island Resort Homeowners Association Presidents: Andy Nichols reported on a meeting he and Valerie and Julie Nichols had with HOA presidents. They are as concerned with density issues as are the rest of the people on the islands and were very interested in starting a land trust. Subsequently, a meeting was called to establish the Bocilla Islands Conservation Foundation, Inc. and to select a board of directors. The purpose of the foundation is to preserve, protect and acquire natural areas important in the maintenance of the ecological balance of the Bocilla Islands and adjacent waters.

Legal Fund Report: Jim Clinton reported that the legal fund has \$1550 cash at hand and \$24,340.16 in the bank account.

Carol Peterson requested \$210 to buy the Turtle Patrol a set of calipers to measure stranded sea turtles. Jim Clinton made a motion to accept the request. The motion was seconded by Dick Aulenti and passed unanimously.

Dan Kett made a request to pay an outstanding bill of \$1459.95 for the grader fund-raising shirts. A motion was made by Jim Clinton to pay the bill. Andy Nichols seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Tom Moore, candidate for Charlotte County Commissioner, attended the meeting to give the PIE Board a chance to get to know him and ask him about his position on various issues affecting the islands. He gave a brief overview of his observations about the islands and said that the commissioners are very impressed by the work of the Advisory Committee. There was a wide-ranging discussion with Tom including: taxation, the comprehensive plan, wastewater treatment facilities, urban services districts, the move to increase the homestead exemption to \$50,000, MSTU/MSBUs, etc.

Carol Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Jim Clinton and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.