

Bay Harbor Improvement Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
Saturday, March 14, 2009

Vice President Pam Williams called the board meeting of Bay Harbor Improvement Association to order, Saturday, March 14, 2009, at the home of Betsy Redfield, 3702 Tradewinds.

Pam welcomed the board and guests. She thanked Betsy for hosting the meeting. A quorum was established with eight members present. Attending members were: Pam Williams, John Halsey, Cathy Francis, Pat Gatlin, Jessie Bradshaw, Betsy Redfield, Gail Choate and Bill Hand. Absent were: Rob Traugott, Carl Finney, Ginny Gilliland and Bill Aylor. Guests included were: Pat and Ed Jackson, Linda Strebel (GAIN), Cole House and Larry Bain (guests of Betsy).

The minutes of the past meeting had been distributed. A correction was made by Betsy Redfield in the committee reports under restoration. The name of Chris Benson was incorrectly reported as Kris Burton. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Jessie Bradshaw and seconded by Cathy Francis. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report had also been distributed. The secretary/treasurer reported that some mandatory property owners had not paid their assessments. One owner owed \$300. The secretary was instructed to write the property owner a strong letter requesting immediate payment and send it certified mail. The secretary was also instructed to send a reminder to those that have not paid their assessment.

The secretary/treasurer explained that in the case of a check with no designation of distribution, she would credit the dues first and then split the amount between the Island Restoration and Marina Disaster.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report as distributed was made by John Halsey and seconded by Pat Gatlin. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Fishing Tournament – Bill Hand- There was discussion about the coming Fishing Rodeo. Suggestions included box lunches for sale. They could prepay when they sign up.

Silent Auction – Cathy Francis has handled it. Letters have gone out to prospective donor businesses. A suggestion that when one approaches a prospective donor, give them a newsletter and an Island Restoration brochure.

GAIN/WGIPOA – Linda Strebel from GAIN spoke briefly about the organization. She stressed that GAIN represents the whole island. She said that dues are \$30 for the subdivision. The organization is covered at guidrynews.com. After her talk, a motion to join GAIN was made by Pam Williams and seconded by Cathy Francis. Motion carried. A motion to nominate Bill Hand as our representative with Carl Finney as an alternate was made by Betsy Redfield and seconded by Patsy Gatlin. Motion carried. Pam Williams had attended the WGIPOA meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance – Bill Hand suggested that we get copyright privileges from June Lobit for the book her mother, Roberta Christensen, wrote, Pioneers of West Galveston Island. We could dedicate the book to Roberta and it would generate income royalty.

Marina - We still need a bid from Tim Kurtin for the work at the marina.

Sewer/Saltwater & Beach access – Bill Hand reported that he is the sole point of contact for the sewer project to FEMA. The sewer project is one of 42 project drafts just sent out. The draft states that the object is to put sewers in all unserved areas of the island and restore sewers in the rest of the city. Once the draft is approved, FEMA will find a source of funds. There was some discussion about the Walla development.

Restoration Project – Betsy Redfield brought the board up to date on the restoration project. We still need matching funds. Betsy is reviewing all the applications and when some can be refiled. The board applauded Betsy on her dedication to this project.

Annual Meeting – John Halsey reported that Sam’s Club had 20 x 20 foot tents for sale. A motion to spend up to \$400 to buy tents was made by Pam Williams and seconded by Cathy Francis. Motion carried.

Silent Auction – The letter has been mailed to the merchants. Our contact list has the contact person, manager and phone number.

Membership – The St. Pat’s party has been postponed until next week, due to the weather. Cathy Francis has a basket she has made to raffle off. There was discussion and assignments.

Friendship – Gerry Hillendahl was reported doing well. Her house is for sale.

BOAT – Jessie said that BOAT is really not a committee, just neighbors helping neighbors. New BOAT cards are needed to replace the ones lost in Hurricane Ike.

Newsletter – John Halsey reported that the next issue will be mid May.

Web Page – A call is to be made to Bill Aylor to put a link to guidrynews.com on our web site. Also gtownsurf.com has photos.

The next meeting will be Saturday, April 11, 2009, 10 AM, at the home of Carl and Gail Finney, 3814 Tradewinds.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Halsey and seconded by Pat Gatlin. Meeting adjourned.