

GOLDEN BEACH ASSOCIATES, INC.

Minutes from Board Meeting at Vencie City Hall/Firehouse - January 2, 2024

Officers and Directors in Attendance:

Sandi Knepp, Gene Dillahunty, Steve Oglethorpe, John Burkhardt, Robert Mondelli, Kelly Scolaro, Margot Urmano, Andy Liscow, Mike Muhlbauer, Karen Calder

Absent: Peggy Parys, Julia Palucci, John Spada, Chris Derbak

Committee Chairs and Other Members in Attendance:

JoAnn (Gigi) Bova, Dick Eberhart, Dee Leatherbury, George Leatherbury, Nancy Liscow, Michael Mueller

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Sandi Knepp at 6:30 p.m. Board members and committee chairs whose terms ended in 2023 were thanked for their service to the community and new directors and committee chairs were welcomed.

December 2023 Secretary's Report

The Minutes from the December 2023 meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting. Motion made to accept the December minutes as written, seconded and approved unanimously.

December 2023 Treasurer's Report and 2024 Budget Proposals

Treasurer's report by Andy Liscow presented. Motion made to accept the December report as written, seconded and approved unanimously.

The 2024 proposed budget was also distributed to be finalized at next meeting. Report and proposed budget are attached.

Treasurer requested clarification on which financial actions require board approval, such as obtaining a Certificate of Deposit, and was advised that the treasurer has latitude to determine this kind of activity and to keep the board informed.

Business registration renewal is being finalized and the tax-exempt certificate should be obtained in conjunction with the renewal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Committee- Dee Leatherbury and Karen Calder presented the social committee report. 2024 Social events have been posted at the beach access and on the website.

Invitations to the January 20th tailgate event has been sent out.

The February 10th event will be at Maxine Barritt Park. Heaters are not in the proposed budget for the February event. Sandi will check with the rental company and get back to the Board at the next meeting.

Membership Communications – Margot Urmano reported the parking passes will be mailed this week. The Board decided to follow past practice and allow use of prior year parking passes to the end of January. Notice for both to be included in the monthly newsletter.

Gigi Bova reported that the directories have been printed and are ready for delivery. Debriefing on both efforts to identify opportunities for improvement may follow.

Beach Access- John Burkhardt provided the beach access report. Grass is growing on the North and South sides of the walkway. The dead palm tree on the South side of the entry has been removed but the stump remains. Most of the feedback received is to not replace the tree and just leave the empty space as is partially due to cost of replacement.

The beach access committee will work on shells replenishment for the parking area and the bare dirt area northwest of the fence by the grill.

John B. volunteered to donate a new rope for the life preserver.

Sandi will obtain the template and printing information on the parking warning cards for non-GBAI members.

Newsletter/Website- Steve Oglethorpe will be sending out the newsletter for review by the Board and will then send it out to members by the end of the week.

Sandi reported that the website's home page and documents have been updated.

History/Archives – Dick Eberhart – Confirmed that the 2024 directory has been added to archives and he continues to contribute materials to the record as they are available.

Street Captains- Nancy Liscow reported that 2024 directories were given to street captains and deliveries have begun.

Community Affairs/Charter/Bylaws- Gene Dillahunty emailed a report on the airport noise abatement efforts to the Board prior to the meeting. Report is attached. He is recruiting Gulf Shores residents to assist with collecting data on noise.

No information from Beat Lehmann on the Flamingo ditch flooding group was available. Gene will check in with Beat.

NEW BUSINESS

Blaylock Park Display - Rina Caldwell is now overseeing the Golden Beach community tree in the park. All of the decorations need to be removed by January 8, 2024. A broken sign topper will be replaced with the one-sided version in inventory.

Volunteerism - Karen Calder reported that there were some donations from Golden Beach for Toys for Tots, but overall participation was low. Turn out at meetings has also been low. GBAI is seeking suggestions for community involvement. Habitat for Humanity, food drive, and beach cleanup are suggested ideas.

Board Absenteeism – A brief discussion regarding meeting attendance ended with a referral to the bylaws, which address board members not regularly attending meetings.

Adjournment – Motion made and seconded for meeting to adjourn. Vote to adjourn unanimous. President Sandi Knepp adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm

Next meeting scheduled for February 6, 2024