

GOLDEN BEACH ASSOCIATES, INC

Minutes of the Board Meeting – May 4, 2025

Board Members Present: Peggy Parys, Steve Oglethorpe, Sandi Knepp, Andy Liscow, Karen Calder, John Spada, Bob Mondelli, Steve Meinsen, George Leatherbury

Committee Chairs and Members in Attendance: Nancy Liscow, Dee Leatherbury, John Calder

Call to Order: Peggy Parys called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Steve Oglethorpe moved and Sandi Knepp 2nd the motion to approve the April 1st minutes. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Liscow reported that the April Taco Night expenses were \$323, and the Association paid for additional paint for the gazebo cupola. Andy also reported that there are 317 total lots at Golden Beach; with 286 members, which reflects membership at 90%. Andy is looking into finding a higher interest rate for our saving account.

There have been members asking to purchase a brick. Andy raised the question of whether GBAI should again offer the sale of bricks for additional revenue. Sandi moved and Steve Oglethorpe seconded the motion to renew the sale of bricks. Motion was unanimously approved.

Sandi reported that the company that prints our directories has raised their price and she was not pleased with the directory this past year. The raised prices might impact the budget in 2026.

Another cost concern was raised regarding the car sticker quality and we might need another option; and, it was mentioned that purchasing stickers every two years is a big savings.

Questions were raised regarding raising the Annual dues or raising the cost of name tags. No decision was made at this time.

Steve Oglethorpe moved and Bob Mondelli seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

Social Committee: Dee reported that she will be resigning as the Social Chairman. She was thanked for her service and will be missed. Dee offered to continue taking reservations for the Gazebo use this summer. She will also monitor the use of the lighting, if the gazebo is used in the evening.

Karen Calder reported that the ice cream social went well, with the turnout of 64 members. Bob Mondelli is setting up a meeting with the Italian Club for GBAI to learn about the possibility to use their facility in 2026 for a social event.

Beach Access: John Calder reported that fertilizer was applied to the lawn and the health of the trees in the access will be evaluated in the fall. Sea grapes have been planted on the south side of the property. John Spada raised the question of whether we have insurance for the property, and

John Calder responded that we only have liability insurance. Ocean Sands has not decided how or when they might fix the damage caused by the car on the northeast wall of our property. John Calder also reported that the culprits to the damaged wall have not been found, and that the cupola has been re-painted.

Andy Liscow raised a question regarding giving members replacement car stickers and whether the practice should be continued or is being abused. There were questions if there should be a charge for a replacement? Other concerns were to find a way to control scuba divers leaving a sandy mess in the gazebo after returning from their swim, and controlling the public from walking through our gate to use the beach. One suggestion was to put up signs on the gate; such as, “you are on camera”.

Newsletter: Steve Oglethorpe will ask if Susan McCue’s family would approve a recognition of Susan’s death in the newsletter. Nancy Liscow suggested that Steve might include information regarding Hurricane Preparations and include dates of informational meetings in Sarasota and Venice. It was also suggested that we remind residents of their evacuation zone.

Flooding/Flamingo Ditch: Peggy Parys reviewed a letter written by Beat Lehmann to the city that demanded the city fulfill their promises to clean up and maintain the Flamingo Ditch. Over time, the ditch has accumulated sediment, has less capacity, and there is a need for the ditch to be dredged. Steve Meinsen would like the water tested. Nancy Liscow suggested he contact EPA and she gave him a contact person in Sarasota who might be able to help. Steve did report that the city had been to the ditch recently and took out some large tree limbs. The consulting firm that was hired by the city will have a closed-door meeting with city officials in May and there may be another open meeting in June to report their findings. Peggy has offered to send email updates to Board members.

Street Captains: Nancy had no report this month

Website: Sandy will post any updated information. Bob Mondelli has offered his expertise to set up a new website URL.

Adjournment: Steve Oglethorpe moved and George Leatherbury seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Calder, Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 2nd

