

GOLDEN BEACH ASSOCIATES, INC.

Minutes of Board Meeting – April 1, 2025

Board Members Present: Peggy Parys, Steve Oglethorpe, Sandi Knepp, Karen Calder, Andy Liscow, John Burkhardt, Mike Muhlbauer, Julia Paulucci Minor, John Spada, Bob Mondelli, Jay Fuchs

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

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

Secretary Report: Sandi Knepp moved and Steve Oglethorpe seconded the motion to approve the March minutes. Motion passed.

Financial Report: Andy Liscow reported that Golden Beach had one new member joining this past month. The upcoming major expenses will be for purchasing car stickers and renewing our liability insurance. Andy reported that GBAI is currently in good financial shape. Steve Oglethorpe moved and Mike Muhlbauer seconded the motion to approve the report as stated. Motion passed.

Social Committee Report: Dee Leatherbury reported that 81 people have signed up for Taco Night, as of this date. 75 people were estimated to have attended the Corned Beef event. Peggy Parys suggested introducing “crowd breakers” at the social events, to help our members get better acquainted with each other. The Social Committee will consider options to encourage more mingling. On Sunday, May 4th, the Social Committee will be hosting an Ice Cream Social, which is a new event. Details will be forthcoming.

Membership: Margot Urmano had no report.

Beach Access: John Calder reported that the northwest wall was repainted at the Beach access. Peter Virgillo was thanked for doing all the painting. One more gallon of paint to refresh the cupola will be purchased. Sea grapes were planted on the southwest side of our property. John reported that the grass may need to be reseeded in the fall. Following the hurricanes, the trees on the property suffered and may need to be replaced in the fall. The drinking fountain was repaired. Ocean Sands has a contractor looking at repairing their wall (damaged by an unknown driver) and is still considering their options. Concerns were brought up about street parking by non-members and their walking through the access. Street parking is legal in Venice; but, cones could be set up as a deterrent in the future.

Newsletter: Steve Oglethorpe asked that any content for the upcoming newsletter be sent to him in the next couple of days. He would like to have the newsletter out by the 15th. The food drive will likely be a headline with the drive ending on April 30th. Julia mentioned that GBAI members have been very generous and we have more food than the previous year to date.

Nancy Liscow mentioned that on April 21st there will be a presentation at the Community Center, from 6:00-7:00 pm, to discuss clean water. This information might be of interest to our community.

Adding a copy of the newsletter to the Bulletin Board was suggested. Concerns were that it might take up too much space on the bulletin board. One suggestion was made to try posting the first page and direct members to check out the rest on the website.

Website: It was suggested that the Flamingo Ditch Steering Committee post information on the GBAI website so that GBAI residents can go to the website to get updates and become educated about the storm water drainage issues. Sandi is thinking through ways to collect reports and assemble the information. A couple of the minutes are missing for the website.

History/Archives: Mike Muhlbauer had no report

Street Captains: Nancy Liscow reported one new member. The process appears to be working to get new members connected. Sandi updated homes that were either for sale or are unoccupied.

Volunteerism: Julia reported that the Food Drive is going well and will continue through the end of April. Wendy Derbek is helping Julia with the project of creating a list of community resources.

Community Affairs: Peggy Parys reported the Gene will be stepping down from his position in Community Affairs. A search will begin for a replacement. His contributions to Golden Beach have been very helpful and he will be missed. A person with a legal background would be helpful to fill the vacancy.

Flooding: Peggy shared that a group of GBAI owners got together to try to influence the city to work to resolve the flooding of the Flamingo Ditch. Some GBAI members were asked to write letters to encourage the city to include the Flamingo Ditch on the Venice Capital Improvement Budget. Peggy reported there is currently no money allotted in the city's budget for any Flamingo Ditch improvement, and that City Council members can only advise the City Manager.

Facebook Page: The next newsletter will share information about the Facebook page to GBAI members and Sandy will put a link on the GBAI website.

Other Business: Andy expressed concerns whether the bugler playing taps every evening in March is appropriate. While some people seem to enjoy the daily taps at sunset, there are others who find it disconcerting. Next spring, attempts will be made to share concerns with the bugler.

Adjournment: At 7:30 p.m., John Burkhardt motioned and Steve Oglethorpe seconded the motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Calder, Secretary

