

Minutes of Bay Indies Homeowners Association, Inc.
Annual Meeting
February 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Co-President George Alexander followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Board Members

Present: George Alexander, Joan Sass, Veronica Wasserman, Rick Petruzzi, Greg Schwartz, Barbara Colgan, Carl Kruse, Tony Tremonto

Absent: Richard Lovelace

After the introduction of Board members George introduced the guest speaker who was the newly elected member of the Venice City Council, Richard Cautero. Mr. Cautero gave an excellent presentation which highlighted the following: His personal background, Code Red Program, closure of Venice Library, experimental trolley system in Venice, parking in downtown Venice, Venice Fire Department possible merger with Sarasota County and the city's new Comprehensive plan. He also gave out his contact information. To email Mr. Cautero just use rcautero@venicegov.com. If you call his office at City Hall and leave a voice message it will automatically be forwarded to his personal cell phone. After taking a few questions from the audience he ended his presentation.

Due to the lack of a quorum present at the meeting it was necessary to invoke a section of the bylaws which relates to this. If 75% of the members present at the annual meeting approve, then those present at the meeting will represent a quorum. A motion was made by Joan Sass to this effect and was seconded and passed unanimously by the members present.

Joan then made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015 Annual Meeting which had been posted on the web site and the HOA bulletin board. Motion was seconded by Misty McDuffie and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Carl Kruse then presented the Treasurer's Report which has been posted on the web site and the HOA bulletin board. It was mentioned that the Treasurer's Report has already been examined and approved by our auditor. Carl reported on total assets held at this time and explained that for the most part our income equals our expenses. He explained that many of our expenses involve legal fees and costs associated with things mandated by State law. Carl made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Carl Binder and passed unanimously by voice vote.

George then presented the three incumbent Board members who were to be re-elected at the meeting. All three were running unopposed

1. Greg Schwartz – Greg moved to Bay Indies in 2013. He was originally appointed to the Board in January of 2015 due to a resignation. He stressed that the HOA is an important aspect of our community citing the advantage of “strength in numbers” and asked all members present to encourage their friends and neighbors to join.
2. Rick Petruzzi – Rick came to Bay Indies 10 years ago and became a permanent year round resident in 2014. He was appointed to the Board late in 2015 to fill an unexpired term due to a resignation. Rick stated that he was honored to be on the Board and glad to be involved in the Community.

3. Carl Kruse – Carl previously had an air pollution control business and moved here to Bay Indies in 2008. He is a member of the Bay Indies Church and was treasurer of the HOA between 2010 and 2012. Carl stated that he enjoys being on the Board.

Since all three candidates are running unopposed a motion was made by the Secretary, Joan Sass that they all be elected to the Board for another term. The motion was seconded by Cindy Shepard and approved unanimously by voice vote.

George thanked the block captains who came to the meeting to help with the sign-in process. There was a question from Jay Foster as to how many dues paying members were currently in the HOA and how many would constitute a quorum. The HOA currently has 445 dues paying members and a quorum would be 88 members.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carl Binder and was seconded by Misty McDuffie. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Fred Ceruti
Recording secretary

Joan Sass
Secretary