

Bay Indies Homeowners Association, Inc.  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2018  
7:00PM – Indies House

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President George Alexander

Roll Call

Present: George Alexander, Carl Kruse, Mark Richichi, Joan Sass, Tony Tremonto, Veronica Wasserman, Kathy Gormley and John McCall

Absent: None

After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Board members were introduced the meeting agenda was followed.

At this point Joan Sass mentioned that the required quorum for this meeting was not present and made a motion that 2/3 of those present would constitute a quorum. The motion was seconded by Carl Binder and passed unanimously.

Approval of the minutes of the February 8, 2017 Annual Meeting

Joan Sass noted that these minutes have been posted on the bulletin board and on the website and asked for a motion that the minutes would not have to be read. A motion for this was made by Dave Prosser and seconded by Misty McDuffie. Motion passed unanimously. Joan then asked for a motion to approve these minutes. A motion for this was made by Dave Prosser and seconded by Misty McDuffie. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Carl Kruse

Carl gave a short presentation on the budget and noted that once it had been approved it would be posted on the bulletin board and the web site. A motion for this was made by Glen Brakeman and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Board Members

Joan Sass explained that all candidates were running unopposed due to no members attending the nomination meeting in January. Joan presented the candidates.

George Alexander – Incumbent - 3 year term

John McCall – Incumbent - 3 year term

Mark Richichi – Appointee – 3 year term

Kathy Gormley – Appointee – 1 year term

Each of the candidates gave a brief introduction of themselves for those in attendance.

George Alexander – George is from Philadelphia, Pa. and attended the University of Charleston from 1962-1966. While there he was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi. George has three children and five grandchildren and spends three and a half months up north with them and the rest of the time as a permanent resident of Bay Indies. George worked for Sears in management and is now retired. He has served on Boards here and in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is past president of the Mid Atlantic Club and attempts to play Bocce! George is currently engaged to Nancy Janish and has served on the HOA Board for three years, and he thanks all members for giving him the opportunity to serve on the HOA.

John McCall – John has lived here in Bay Indies for four and a half years but is very familiar with the park since his parents moved here in 1972. Originally from Staten Island, NY, John attended the University of New Mexico. He has worked as a trainer for the Baltimore Orioles and also with the Baltimore Police Department in a civilian capacity. John stressed that the HOA is a transparent organization open to all and he wants to be on the HOA Board to help make Bay Indies as good as it can be.

Mark Richichi – Mark is originally from Albany, NY and stressed his strong belief in God and family. He was an Eagle Scout when he was young and worked for 30 years in construction. He recently attended Keyser University, earning an Associates degree in Culinary Arts. He is currently working as a private chef. Mark tries to help others whenever needed and was on the Board at his last park, also owned by ELS, before moving to Bay Indies.

Kathy Gormley – Kathy has been here at Bay Indies for around three and a half years. She is a companion for her mother. She loves Florida, loves Venice and loves Bay Indies. Kathy has three children and one grandchild. She is originally from New Jersey and has worked in Banking throughout her working career. Kathy is very anxious to get involved with the HOA and help make Bay Indies as good as it can be.

A motion was made by Joan Sass and seconded by Misty McDuffie to elect these candidates. Motion passed unanimously.

At this point in the meeting George Alexander introduced the guest speaker who is Venice Fire Chief Shawn Harvey. Chief Harvey has been a member of the Venice Fire Department for 22 years and was joined at the meeting by Lieutenant Kyle Hartley, a 12 year veteran of the department. Their program topic was Storm Preparation.

The presentation started out by describing the many community outreach programs the Fire Department is involved in. These include CPR training, where over 100 residents of Bay Indies have already been trained in this lifesaving technique. Also, Chief Harvey explained the “File of Life” program where important information can be affixed to your refrigerator for EMT's to refer to in the event if you are unconscious. He also covered the topic of “Do Not Resuscitate” (DNR) decisions, stressing the need for the EMT's to see a legal certified original document in order for them to follow this request.

Chief Harvey then went on to speak briefly on storm preparation, stressing what he called the number one rule for surviving a hurricane: LEAVE AND LEAVE EARLY. Interestingly, he also noted that evacuations do not need to head north. Often traffic is much more manageable heading south and then cutting through the state to avoid the path of a storm. He also stressed the danger of flooding in our area and urged residents to know the evacuation routes and available shelters. He suggested visiting [www.sarasotacountygov.net](http://www.sarasotacountygov.net) for pertinent information.

Chief Harvey then went over some necessities and helpful information for surviving a storm.

1. Have 7-10 days of supplies for pets
2. The county has 22 shelters and discussions are underway to make them all pet friendly
3. We take care of residents of Charlotte County which has no shelters.
4. Not all shelters open at the same time.
5. Shelters are not about comfort, but about survival.

6. When going to a shelter take bedding, towels, medications, snacks and anything else you think would be necessary.
7. Currently Venice is working with the County to establish an official shelter locally.
8. Have at least two forms of ID with you and make sure your address is listed on the ID. Utility bills are helpful with this.

Suggested supplies which should be included in your belongings are bug spray, sun screen, cash, change, medications, toiletries, and anything else you would need in your individual situation.

The Fire Department is using Lieutenants as community liaisons. Bay Indies' liaison is Lieutenant Kyle Hartley who will also work with community education and preparedness for these storms.

A member of the audience asked how residents would know which shelters were open. Chief Harvey outlined sources of information including radio, television (SNN), web sites including [venicegov.com](http://venicegov.com) and [sarasotacountygov.net](http://sarasotacountygov.net). Also, face book and twitter are good sources of information. Finally, Code Red will keep residents informed. He advised residents to set up their account at [venicegov.net](http://venicegov.net). This service has been used 18-20 times this year and can provide mass contact with the 18 to 25 thousand residents who have already registered.

John McCall asked about the possibility of using sirens as a warning to residents about an approaching storm. It was stated that studies had been done on this and the results showed that the salt air ruins the sirens and the sound is not very effective as a warning.

At the end of the presentation a short informal discussion was held on the status of the current Comcast issue affecting many residents. Those in attendance were told that at this point there is no information coming from ELS on this topic and that they should contact Comcast for possible credits of any charges already assessed. The discussion ended with everyone agreeing that Comcast seems very confused by the whole issue.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM  
The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Fred Ceruti  
Recording Secretary

Joan Sass  
Secretary