

Committee of the Islands
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
March 13, 2015 - Sanibel Community House

President Jim Beauchamp opened the meeting at 9:30 am. He welcomed members and guests with an overview of the past forty years of the organization's growth and progress with the motto Inform, Inspire and Involve.

Wayne Ponader presented Jim a thank you gift from the Board of Directors for his leadership as president in bringing COTI into the 21st century.

Following the thank you, Vice President David Bath presented the COTI Citizen of the Year award to Sanibel Mayor Kevin Ruane.

Barbara Cooley introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Wayne Daltry, who spoke about the general growth and development of the greater watershed area in which Sanibel is located and about growth-related threats to Sanibel and other nearby communities. He is a native of Southwest Florida and has served as executive director of the SW Florida Regional Planning council and the Lee County Smart Growth Initiative and has participated in planning legislation in Florida.

Jim Beauchamp called the 2015 Annual Meeting to order at 11:10 am

- The Secretary reported a quorum with 90 proxy votes.
- The minutes as distributed of the 2014 annual meeting were approved.
- The Treasurer reported a balance of \$14, 807.58. The accounts were audited and found to be in satisfactory condition.
- Community Outreach reported that 132 stories have appeared in Island newspapers since 2010 equating to 74 full pages.
- Digital Communication has reached 1 out of 6 people on island and over 1000 households.
- Last year our membership increased by 40% to 570 members. Our goal this year is to exceed last year's total.
- Mike Gillespie, Mike Miller, Joe Salatino, Larry Schopp, Carolyn Swiney and Maureen Watson were elected to the 2015 Board. Leaving the Board are Ruth Woodham, Barbara Cooley, Phyllis Gresham, Wayne Ponader, Marty Packard and Jim Beauchamp.
- During a period set aside for public comments, several members spoke on different subjects.
- With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11.30 am.

Ruth Woodham, Secretary