

Friends of Delnor - Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes: March 16, 2015
1:00 PM, CSO Room

Board Members present/absent:

Present: Marcia Byrd, Kathy Foster, Elsie Morgan, Phil Nye, Ann Petrillo, Valerie Thompson

Absent: Larry Beer, Joe Gagnier, Kathe Rasch

Quorum established

Staff Members present: Robert Steiger, Lori Heath Thorn

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by Ann Petrillo, President.

The February 2015 minutes were approved.

Reports of officers/personnel:

President:

Ann reported that the Cayo Costa State Park trip was a big success. Friends brochures are stacked up on the book shelf at the door. Ann asked board members to take some for future distribution.

Treasurer:

Treasurer's report was sent electronically. Some questions arose about the concessionaire's donation during our events. There was some interest in drawing up a contract with the concessionaire. Questions about the books and notecards came up. Ann explained that the books were those from Erv Kraus and the notecards were the ones showing *Joe Wiggins* at our beach. Alliene may have both the books and the notecards.

Park Manager:

After participating in a teleconference on March 13th, Ann asked Bob about the Chapter 258 statute that was mentioned several times. Bob brought the document and read excerpts from the 2014 Florida Statutes: Chapter 258. He described it as the document that allows Florida state parks to have the power to exist and the authority to operate the way it does. Teleconference participants were Bob, Lori, and Ann. At the conference Ann asked for suggestions as to how to raise money since under the new agreement the CSOs cannot get money from the gate during events sponsored by the Friends. Someone will get back to her. Before the meeting, Bob spent two hours tromping through the mangroves with Chris Oliver from Mayakka Wild and Scenic River Association and Karen Schanzel, coastal biologist from Mote Marine Aquarium. They walked the proposed path for our boardwalk. They considered the loop trail discussed by Donald Forgione and considered the impact to the mangroves. A report will follow.

Park Services Specialist

Lori said the invitees enjoyed the volunteer appreciation luncheon. It cost the Friends \$6 per person. Lori thanked the Friends for funding the event.

The April membership meeting will be a brief meeting followed by lunch. Kathy will buy meat, etc. Gene Byrd will cook the meat. This is a Friends only lunch, on April 13th. Lori will send an email invitation to the meeting/lunch to just the Friends

Lori asked for a volunteer to be at the park on April 11th for the 2nd park beach cleanup sponsored by Keep Collier beautiful. Marcia volunteered to work the morning shift. Ann will join her mid-morning.

Reports of Committees:

Art Show budget needs discussion. Kathy and Valerie will meet with Kathe Rasch regarding their questions. Children's Art Show – Marcia will bring t-shirt information to the April meeting. Possible sale of these at the Nature Festival as a fundraiser. It was suggested that we use only one design for the t-shirt.

Unfinished business

There is still need for a membership coordinator. Lori wants a contact phone number for her to give to people regarding membership issues. Marcia agreed to be that contact person. Marcia will contact Alliene Liden and Susan Zimmerman to see if they would be available to process memberships. As approved in the February minutes, this is step 2) *Processing memberships – Collecting mail/checks, mailing out gate passes, email blasts and mailing information to members and former members, getting the checks to the treasurer.*

Planet Earth: Outreach table free for non-profits on March 28th. Kathe and Susan will represent the Friends.

New Business:

Wildlife and Wildlands Art Show: Valerie and Kathy have been meeting with Lori and others to put together a working plan for the Art Show. They have been compiling notebooks with Art Show material. Lori is working on a timeline with JoAnn Linck. Valerie has a box of old advertisements for the Art Show. A question of a goal for the event was discussed – possibly increasing the revenue by 10%, net profit, next year. The co-chairs are planning to meet with Sue Huff in March. The committee is looking into possibilities for a food concession.

Chamber of Commerce: Ann suggested that we drop our membership in the Naples Chamber of Commerce costing \$240 / year. The board voted to not renew our membership.

Adjourn: 2:55 pm

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