



**Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: May 01, 2023 Location: Delnor-Wiggins State Park
Meeting Called to Order: 10:00 a.m.**

Board Members Present:	Yes	No		Yes	No
Ursula Gibons - President	X		Kim Braham-Moody		X
Janice Kmetz - Vice President	X		Valerie Thompson		X
Donna Graham - Secretary	X		Kim Finer	X	
Eric Cosentino - Treasurer	X		Donna Wallin	X	
Amy Modglin - Membership	X				

Park Staff In Attendance

Terrance Torvund Pk Mgr	X
David Baniak Pk Service Spec.	X
Todd Ray	X

Others in Attendance

Secretary's Report - Donna Graham

Minutes of the April 10, 2023 meeting with the following revision/addition
On April 18, 2023 via Email Eric Cosentino made a motion to set aside \$5,000 for a budget to be used by park rangers for Park Projects. Donna Wallin 2nd the motion. The motion was approved.

President's Report - Ursula Gibbons

Reported on the building of the rope fence the week of April 25 - 28th. The Lowe's event was a little slow but successful having \$200 donated. Thanked David for the "mini turtle cage" that was used for the event. A shout out was placed on Facebook for a used/donated refrigerator for the rangers use. One was donated and is scheduled to be picked up.

Vice President's Report - Janice Kmetz

Thank you notes have been sent out to Bonita Beach Shell Club and Cecil at Copy Express.

Treasurer's Report - Eric Cosentino

Total assets were up \$9,902.59 or 4.7% year over year. Direct public support was down \$10,221.15. Membership was up \$4,493.84 or 47.9%. Total income was down \$10,957.15. Expenses were up 53.5 or \$11,776.05. Net income year over year as of the end of March was down \$22,733.20.

Membership Chair Report - Amy Modglin

Members as of 04-30-2023: 217
17 renewals - 4 renewed
New Members - 22

Discussion on park passes benefit was held. For the time being there are no free park passes. We will continue to give the option on a free critter.

Park Manager's Report - Terrance Torvund

1. Army Corp of Engineers - Kim Finer reported that she attended one of the meetings and the stated that "THERE IS NO PLAN". Terrance stated that the park has no comment when asked by the public.

We are focused on the opening of the park.

2. As of May 1st we will be opening the park on May 15th as long as no problems arise. This is still on the hush hush. Parking Lots 1 & 2 and the boat ramp will be opening. Currently Parking Lot 2 needs to be restriped.

The board previously approved \$19,000 to the Park.

\$10,700 blower

\$3,600 on Park Lot 1 restriping

The remaining will be used on restriping of Parking Lot 2 and miscellaneous.

\$600 given by the Bonita Beach Shell Club was used for the purchase of the first beach wheelchair.

The remaining balance was paid by the state.

3. Will be discussing with Donna Graham adding interpretive signs to the grant request she is working on. Ranger/Volunteer Day - A motion was made by Donna Graham to hold Ranger/Volunteer Day on May 12.

4. A request was made for funds by the park manager for the Morale Day event. Janice Kmetz made the motion to set a budget of \$500 for the Ranger/Volunteer Day food to be catered. Kim Finer 2nd the motion. Motion approved. The park manager will be making these arrangements.

5. Within the next week or two supplies will be coming in to allow work to begin on the installation of the signs and honor boxes as well as other projects.

6. Sea Turtle Season has begun. We currently have 2 nests. The rope fence is continuing to be finished. This fence is to keep people out of the dunes so they can regrow. Keeps picnics out of the dunes. Most of the park is now beach ... so it needs to be managed like a beach.

7. CSO Day Grand Opening - Friends will work with Park on the grand opening. To include our Turtle, welcome sign, bubbles etc.

8. End of Year Reports - Ursula, Donna Graham and others will be working on this report due on June 1st.

Committee Report

Brochure/Newsletter - Janice Kmetz and Donna Wallin gave an update. They will continue to work on the brochure. The newsletter will be sent out after the opening of the park. Those involved should watch for copy deadlines.

Adopt-A-Nest - Ursula Gibbons reported that we have 2 nests @\$500 level, 36 nests @\$250 level and 42 hatchlings @\$20 each. We have 4 comp nests (Cecil, TFR, Phil Nye & Lowes)

Wiggins Merchandise

Amy Modglin reported that there were 3 online donations, 3 donations at Lowe's and 11 member shirts given.

Donna Wallin reported there were 7 member hats mailed and 1 donation at Lowes.

Ursula Gibbons reported that 4 critters were mailed for new members

We received approval to have a friends table within the park when the park is re-opened.

Old Business

Action Items Updates: See new report

New Business

Park Opening previously discussed

Possible Volunteer/Ranger Day - previously discussed.

Membership Meetings - Ursula Gibbons brought up future membership meetings and how many to hold. It was decided that meetings would be held in October (Welcome Back Meeting), December (Christmas Meeting), January (Membership/Election of Officers), and April (End of Season).

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 was made by Janice Kmetz.

Seconded by Donna Wallin

Vote **Approved** X
Declined
Abstained

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Graham

Secretary *Donna Graham* Approved: 07/17/2023