

## MINUTES of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park

### Membership Meeting – February 10, 2014

**Alliene Liden** conducted the 50/50 and a winning ticket was drawn.

**Call to order:** The Membership Meeting of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park was held in the CSO Room at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, Naples Florida on February 10, 2014. The meeting convened at 10:03 AM with retiring president Marcia Byrd handing the gavel to Carol Ann Belfiori, incoming president, with Marcia Byrd as secretary. A quorum was established.

**Board Members in attendance:** Larry Beer, Carol Belfiori, Tom Belfiori, Marcia Byrd, and Robert Steiger

**Absent were:** Joe Gagnier, Elsie Morgan, Phil Nye, Ann Petrillo, and Kathe Rasch

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes from the Annual Membership Meeting on January 13, 2014 were approved as read.

**First Order of Business:** Bob Steiger conducted the official swearing in of the officers.

#### **Officers' reports:**

- President: Carol made a few introductory remarks and then conducted the meeting.
- Vice Pres: No report
- Treasurer: Copies of the Year End Financials and January Financials were distributed. Tom read the treasurer's report, highlighting the Year End report from 2013, a very positive year. Income exceeded expenses by \$6,322. We earned \$3094 more than we budgeted and spend \$2378 less than we budgeted. Everbank Money Market has \$34,275.90. Financials for January included income from the Art Show at \$1128, memberships at \$1165, and apparel sales at \$902. Expenses for apparel and costs for the Art Show were \$1,460.
- Park Mgr: The 50 hour passes have been scrapped by the division. Sand is filling in the pass on Barefoot Beach side. Bob met with FWC to discuss moving no wake signs and channel markers. Continuing with beach survey and help is still wanted. Winter shore bird workshop, organized by Cheryl Metzler, to be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM in the CSO Room. Gopher tortoise survey complete - 179 burrows, 79% active, population ~110. 20 years ago there were none so

the park service moved some from Barefoot Beach.

Park Svc. Spclst:

Distributed flyers for the Children's Art Show – February 22-23.

Donna reminded everyone to take the state test, required.

Still need help with visitor surveys.

Eagle Scout kiosk, Area 5, completed – will have fishing info and events

Newsletter will go out today.

Award luncheon is on March 14, 11 AM at Carrabba's

Thanks to Pat Lindhoff for putting together the new member folders.

Thanks to outreach program volunteers.

Still need clear plastic tennis ball cans.

About 10 volunteers are going to the Highland Hammock Volunteer App. Picnic

Nature Festival is November 15 – a new time of year to attract locals

**Committee Reports:**

Children's Art Show – Marcia and Donna reported that 5 schools are participating  
Volunteers will be needed Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Membership – Carol reported 160 members on the current list

**Park Programs Development Specialist** – Carol Imbriani- Bennet, thanked volunteers for all their help.

Wants to receive good stories which she sends on to other CSOs, bureau chiefs. Works

Closely with treasurers of CSOs, especially with tech questions.

**Unfinished business:** none

**New Business:** Field trip in March to Koreshan State Park. 11 AM, bring your lunch

Carol and Tom will conduct a botanical and historical tour. Free admission.

Josie Arpaia – new Family member – loves being a beach steward

**Announcements:** Next meeting – March 10, 2014 at 10 AM in the CSO Room

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM

**Program:** Bryan Fluech, Florida Sea Grant Extension Agent – gave a very informative program on Red Tide.

The entire powerpoint is available through Donna's office

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Byrd, secretary

Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park

Date of Approval\_\_\_\_\_