

**Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park  
Membership Meeting Minutes – Pavilion DWPS  
October 11, 2021**

**Board members present:** Kathy Foster, Phil Nye, Ursula Gibbons and Valerie Thompson. **Absent:** Larry Beer, Barbara Craig, Eric Consentino, Heidi Gagnon and Gabriella Miyamoto. **Park staff present:** Park Manager Terrance Torvund and PSS David Baniak (A quorum of members was established)

Board President Kathy Foster called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

President's Report:

Adopt-a-Nest Program: The 2021 Adopt-a-Nest program was successful with 63 nest adoptions. Kathy explained the program and thanked the Rangers and Ursula for their work. The 2022 Adopt-a-Nest Program will begin in the spring. Kathy acknowledged and thanked the Friends volunteer CPA Paul Sands. Kathy introduced our "Meet the Ranger" speaker, PSS David Baniak. David explained his Park responsibilities which are wide-ranging and include: Friends liaison with the Park, volunteers, events, project leadership, training, scheduling, resource management and many other facets. One of the goals David expressed is increasing volunteer programs. We welcomed David as our new PSS. Kathy reminded volunteers to record their hours on the State Park website.

Vice President's Report: Kathy reported that "critters" are available for donations. The critters are available at the Ranger Station and will be available at Friends events. The "critters" include a sea turtle, alligator, dolphin, manatee and turtle hatchling. All donations for the "critters" go directly to support the Rangers and the Park's missions.

Secretary' Report: Valerie thanked Alicia Astorga for keeping our Friends website in good order. Along with other valuable information, Alicia posts the Friends Board and Membership minutes on the website. Alicia moved for approval of the minutes from the March 8, 2021 meeting; Richie Twiefel seconded. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy shared the Profit and Loss YTD Comparison for August 2021 vs. August 2020. Income increased in 2021 due to increased income from critter donations, Adopt-A-Nest donations, gate donations, and memberships. Apparel donations and Art Show profit were down due to cancellation of Friends events. Also, income from bank interest was down.

Membership Chair: The Friends currently have 198 memberships (including both individual and family memberships).

### Park Manager's Report:

Administration: Terrance reported Delnor-Wiggins Pass S. P. was #7 in visitation out of the State's 192 Parks last year. Last year the revenue from Delnor-Wiggins Pass S. P. was \$1,122,000 and total expenses were \$700,000. Terrance also mentioned that our Park helps support other State Parks that do not have sufficient revenue.

Maintenance: PSS Steven Pindel has secured the necessary permits for work on the Nature Trail. Plans for the repair and expansion of the boardwalk in area #5 to the beach are 30% completed. All wooden boardwalks are weatherproofed. After evaluation by the District biologist, two Australian pines at the shoreline in area #5 will be removed due to safety concerns. Terrance is working with County staff to preserve natural resources and re-nourish the beach at the north end of the Park. Three hundred feet of beach have been lost to erosion; sand will be put on the north end when the pass is dredged next year.

Staff: Interviews for new rangers have been conducted.

CSO funded projects: UTV bobcat repairs, gator repairs, Dellora's Garden (tortoise barrier and critter camera), ice machine, nature trail, skylights, signs and a new UTV.

### Committee Reports:

Trunk or Treat, Saturday October 30, 9-11:30 a.m., parking lot #3. Ursula explained the event and asked that those interested in volunteering contact David or her. Donations of individually wrapped candy can be made before October 25 by dropping the candy off with the Rangers at the Park's Ranger Station.

Wildlife and Wildlands Art Show: January 15, 2022, 9 am – 4 pm in Area #3. Registration information has been sent emailed to interested artists. Kathy introduced artist and Friends member Gary Wilson.

Next membership meeting: December 13. The annual Friends Picnic will be in the Park Pavilion. More information will be emailed later.

With no further business, Valerie moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05; Alicia seconded.

### Upcoming dates:

October 30, 9-11:30 a.m. Trunk or Treat Area #3  
November 1, 10:00 a.m. Friends Board Meeting  
December 6, 10:00 a.m. Friends Board Meeting  
December 12, 1-3 p.m. Seashells and Santa  
December 13, 11:30 a.m. Friends Annual Picnic in the Park Pavilion

Submitted by Valerie Thompson  
Secretary

Approved: December 13, 2021

