

**Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes – Pavilion DWPSP
November 1, 2021**

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

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

President's Report:

- Kathy and Terrance attended the October 21 virtual meeting of the Florida State Park Foundation.
- Revision and Reprinting of Friends brochure: Minor revisions have been made and brochures are on order.
- Kathy is investigating the cost of adding caps and “vinyl/removable decals” to the Friends fundraising efforts.

Vice-President's Report: Kathy reported for Heidi.

- Ranger James Aldridge received the \$25.00 gift card award for the most 3rd quarter critter donations.
- New inventory and receipt procedures are being initiated for critter donations.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the October 4, 2021 Board Meeting were approved. Eric moved for approval, Phil seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Eric noted changes to Wells Fargo account policies. He also shared the September financials and pointed out notable areas. When reviewing the profit and loss YTD comparison for September 2020 vs. September 2021, Eric noted total income was up including public support (gate donations, critter donation, Adopt-A-Nest) and membership income. The overall financials were impacted by the addition of the Adopt-A-Nest program and the fact that Park was closed for a period of time during 2020 in which no special events were held.

Membership Chairperson's Report: Kathy reported for Gabriella. Currently there are 214 memberships (including individual and family memberships). This increase in memberships was reflected in the September financials.

Manager's Report:

Administration:

- The before/after hours passes are now being issued (Nov. 1). Visitors with this type of pass allow them to enter the park starting at 5 a.m.

Maintenance:

- Work on the Nature Trail is underway. Staff from Koreshan S. P. and Collier-Seminole S.P. joined Delnor-Wiggins Pass to work on dismantling the old boardwalk.

- Three days were planned for the work; the team accomplished this task in one day.
- The “Liars’ Bench” at the north end of the beach will be removed after storms have caused beach erosion that undermined the structure.

Visitor Services/Interpretation:

- Visitors enjoyed Trunk or Treat, a joint effort of Friends and Park staff, on October 30.
- Over 400 FL State Park passes were sold in October, a record.

Protection/Resource Management:

- Today, November 1, Sea Turtle Season has officially ended. Delnor-Wiggins Pass S.P. had 46 nests recorded this year.
- The State has put a new “Shark Policy” in place. The beach must be closed if staff spots a shark in the waters.

CSO Funded Projects:

- Speed limit sign: Still waiting for delivery
- New UTV has been ordered
- Most of the materials for the Nature Trail Boardwalk have been ordered and work will start this week. This project will continue through the year with completion in the spring.

Committee Reports:

Trunk or Treat: Ursula reported on the successful October 30 Trunk or Treat Event held in the boat ramp area of the Park. Approximately seventy Trick-or-Treaters visited seventeen Halloween decorated trunks to collect goodies. A selfie station, storytelling clown (thanks Richie Twiefel), Friends table with critters and Friends information, and craft tables rounded out the event. Kathy thanked Ursula for coming up with the idea and thanked PSS David Baniak and Ursula all of their work on the event.

Art Show: The committee will be meeting on November 15. Registration materials have been emailed to artists and registrations are being received.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

November 8 No Membership Meeting

December 6, 10:00 a.m. Friends Board Meeting in the Park Pavilion

December 12, 1-3 p.m. Seashells and Santa

December 13, 11:30 a.m. Friends Membership Annual Picnic in the Park Pavilion

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Valerie Thompson Approved: December 6, 2021