

Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2011

Meeting was called to order by President Marcia Byrd @ 6:05 pm.

Board members present: Kathryn Goerig-Eastlake, David Eastlake, Marcia Byrd, Larry Beer, Joe Gagnier, and Bob Steiger, Park Manager

May board minutes were approved.

President's report: Green Flash was successful; signage is completed on the trail.

Treasurer's Report

*Checking \$2,352.60 Money Market \$10,958.32 CD \$33,607.40
Total 46,955.32*

Larry moved that the money in the CD should be segregated from the normal operating funds and that this money be dedicated to the Boardwalk. He also recommended that the proceeds from the Green Flash Sponsorships; Donations & Auction Donations totaling \$5,222 be added to the dedicated account. These actions will leave us with an operating fund in the amount of \$8,125.92. Motion Passed.

The Board agreed that our CD total will be invested in Everbank Money Market & 12 Month CD.

Larry shared a printed financial report on the Green Flash.

Larry is also getting our 2012 Membership Passes Printed.

Membership Report

Kathryn reported that 2011 new members to-date total 26. We have 53 Family; 38 Individual; 2 Patrons, 2 Corporation; 4 Artists. Kathryn and David set up a Membership Drive table at Publix River Chase Shopping Center November 15 from 12-3pm and passed out 50 brochures.

Park Manager

Bob passed out a Park Facts Card to each member. This card was created by the Friends of Florida State Parks and sent to all of the Florida State Legislators.

Marcia requested permission to attend the FFSP Annual Workshop

January 6-8, 2012 in Gainesville, FL. Motion to approve reimbursement of up to \$250, per Board member, (receipts required) to attend the FFSP Workshop. Motion Passed.

Donald Forgione visited the Park and suggested to Bob that a volunteer kiosk be set up at the South end of the Park beach. Bob reported that plans are underway for this to be built by the rangers. Bob requested that volunteers man the kiosk when it is completed.

The Board thanked Bob and his staff for all of their hard work in getting the lighting installed for the Green Flash and for helping with set up.

Committees

Marcia passed out the results (table form) of her request at the last membership meeting for members to help on a committee. It appears that she has several members signed up to help on each committee except the Palm Tree Press. Marcia said that she will ask for help again at the next meeting.

Old Business

Marcia reported that the Call Chain is not working. There are 15 people in our organization who do not have email. Marcia requested that perhaps Carolyn could help us keep these members informed. Marcia gave Bob a list of the non-email members.

New Business

We have a Nominating Committee of Steve Shea & Johann Schwertner. Marcia had one Board application. Joe suggested that some sort of background check be run on our future Board members before they are accepted. Perhaps Steve & Johann could take care of this. Board members whose term is up December 2011: Olga, Joe & Larry.

25th Anniversary Plans

Committee: Alliene Liden, Joan Erb & Pauline Cataldo. Board recommended the first weekend in December 2012. Plans may include combining a ribbon cutting/boardwalk virtual tour/party.

Palm Tree Press

Larry spoke of creating a template, sending it to a printer and letting the printer take care of dropping the articles into the newsletter. Suggestion was

made to print 40-50 copies and make them available in the CSO Room and use in new member packets, and given to others who help at the Park.

3rd Annual Green Flash

Marcia passed out notes from the Green Flash Wrap-Up Meeting held 11/14/11. Compiled by Natasha.

Suggested date for the event November 3, 2012. Natasha's contract for services for next year was also discussed. After much discussion, the Board decided to hold a meeting with Natasha to ask her some questions before approving her services. Marcia will set up that meeting within the next two weeks.

Marcia will also forward to all Board members copies of Natasha's contract from last year and her newest proposal.

William North Memorial

Larry shared that the memorial bench will cost \$439 delivered. Bob will order the plaque for the bench. Motion to spend no more than \$600 for the memorial passed.

By-Laws

Discussion regarding increasing Board size and Joe suggested that we wait to see if we have more members interested than nine this year. We will change the by-laws if there is more interest.

Membership in Organizations

Larry wanted to verify that the Friends belong to the following organizations: We are members of:

United Arts Council – JoAnn Linck, contact person

Chamber of Commerce – Steve Shea, liaison

Friends of Florida State Parks

Naples Backyard History

Kathryn suggested that we post somewhere in the room that we are members of all of these organizations so that the members are informed as well.

Boardwalk

Heather Shuke will be invited to visit our Park. She is a Park Service Consultant. We have to come up with a narrative of our vision for our boardwalk. Bob & Larry will work on this project.

*In order to assure that our organization is viewed by the public in a positive, accurate, and professional manner, the Board passed the following motion that: Any correspondence or information representing the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park **MUST BE** sent to President, Marcia Byrd, V-Pres. Larry Beer (proofreader), & Bob Steiger for approval, before it is released for printing or to the public. This includes email blasts, letters and all printed material.*

Turtle at the Ranger's Station

David shared some information regarding his investigation of a turtle replica at the Park gate. Board likes the idea and David will continue to gather more information and report back at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: December 12 @ 2pm @ CSO Room before the Christmas dinner.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kathryn Goerig-Eastlake
Secretary*