

Meeting Minutes for Supporters of Del-Nor Wiggins Park Inc. CSO Membership, April 10, 2006

President Lois called the meeting to order at 10:35 am with 14 members present together with 4 Park Staff.

Helen Zimmerman presented a brief informational program about loggerhead turtles who nest on the beach from May until October. She encouraged members to participate in identifying sites and documentation. Last year there were 15 sites.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and approved.

The treasurer's report indicated as of 04-01-2006 we have \$33,925.87 in all accounts. We received \$1967.60 in receipts and \$284.55 went for expenditures. We currently have a total of \$35,618.92 in all accounts.

Vice President Dick shared a summary of how our funds have been distributed in CDs with higher interest earnings, thus increasing our annual revenue by \$2200 or more. The investments are in federally insured accounts with Wachovia Bank.

President Lois offered several announcements including a letter from the District Office with positive feedback on Carol Imbriani's assessment of our CSO practices and the relationship with park management. A letter to the Bonita Shell Club (3/31) was read, thanking them for their generous donation to our program. Also summarized were events and activities of the Annual Volunteer Appreciation weekend, supported by Friends of Florida State Parks, Inc. Lois was nominated by park management as a volunteer of the year based on achieving 500 hours of service for 2 consecutive years. A new category "Volunteer Emeritus" was created by the Florida Park Service which recognizes volunteers over 80 years of age for their contributions and productivity. Our park had 8 CSO members listed out of the 123 on the program. The following will receive special certificates at our picnic meeting on May 1st: Pauline Cataldo, Betty Gardener, Kay Hadam, Anne Knowlton, Kay Peley, Art Peley, Edie Sadowski, and Jack Shea.

Park Manager, Robert reported that the Ranger Station development project is on hold because of FEMA flood level rules. We have received monies to renovate two bathroom areas to ADA standards. These projects will be put out to bid including receiving County permits. Bob also spoke about revised regulations with the County that restricts work volunteers can do in repairs and renovations. A new RFP will be forth coming for the concession stand as the current contract expires at the end of June.

Assistant Park Manager, Mark indicated he is hiring more part time staff under the OPS program. He thanked the volunteers for all their efforts, especially selling passes at the gate during busy times. He also demonstrated the new spotting scope recently purchased by the CSO for the rangers to use for the birding programs. The Park has received a partnership award with the County for its cooperative efforts in the electronic sign

development. An alert, if dry conditions continue the park may be closed to any cooking fires at the picnic sites.

Park Service Specialist, Carolyn listed the ongoing Friday morning ranger programs through the end of the month of April.

Our end of season covered dish picnic will be held at the pavilion at 12:30 PM on Monday, the 1st of May. Dick and Alliene volunteered to provide the main course, which will be fried chicken. Easter Monday, April 17 will be cleanup day at 8:00am. April 27th is a regular work day and we will prepare Area 3 for the 29th, which is our 3rd Annual Family Discovery Day. A work schedule was circulated and several more volunteers signed up. Members were updated on the planned activities for the event. Lois handed out a new schedule of activities for May-December. The next newsletter is projected for May 19th with a deadline for news input by May 5th. Two members volunteered to coordinate getting the newsletter from the printer, dropping off the check, folding, sealing, labeling, stamping and mailing it out. A big thank-you for helping with that. Meeting adjourned at 11:55am for refreshments (provided by Alliene Liden) and social activities were followed by a Discovery Day planning meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Gagnier, Secretary