

Member Meeting Minutes for the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park

November 8, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President, Larry Beers at 1PM.

A quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report

Larry reported for Diane that we have \$9,890.58 in a Money Market CD

Checking balance is: 5,836.84 and CD in the amount of \$33,000.

Membership Report

Marcia Byrd explained our new ticket system for members. Each member this year will receive 12 color-coded ticket passes. White for family; green for individual and corporate will receive silver.

Marcia introduced Pat Crawford, new member and corporate member.

Trailer Report

David Eastlake reported that two roof-cap vents were installed on the trailer so now the inside vents can be left open permanently to provide proper air circulation. Cupboards were moved and a board was cut to fit as a countertop and then covered with contact paper. The small cabinets were removed. License was purchased for the trailer. A weatherproof lock was installed on the door. Also a new door lock assembly was installed. Bob S. suggested that we consider purchasing an additional lock for the hitch so no one can steal the trailer—cost \$48. (Board will address this expense)

The window that was lost in route and a piece of aluminum was installed and calked. David recommended that the trailer keys should be separated, and put on two separate key rings. Carolyn has possession of both sets of keys in her office. The trailer needs a railing. Larry asked about tires on the ground and David said that the tires should be on a piece of wood. Also mentioned was how were the stabilizers cranked down on the trailer. If there is a hand crank, where is it now? It should be kept in the trailer.

One Person Art Show

Jo Ann Linck reported that Sandra Galloway will not have her show due to surgery. A date will be set for her show probably in February.

Old Business

Alliene Liden and Joan Oberton went through the lost and found items. Most items were taken to charity and Joan has a few items of worth.

Minutes were read and approved.

Volunteer Coordinator Report

Sally Madden reported that everyone needs to help her create a data base of volunteer information which will include volunteer's name, address, phone number and area(s) of interest. This will be put on the website by Alicia and members will be asked to send the information to Sally. Sally announced that the following projects were identified for volunteer development: a garden of native plants; a memorial area, and a kiosk with waterproof protection for distribution of park and wildlife information. We need a committee and a team leader to assist in the development of these projects.

Park Manager Report

Bob S. reported that there has been a staff turnover and the following new rangers were hired: Terri Nowack and Kimberly Keohane. Bob also presented the Park budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

Bob also reported that Park visitation was down 22.8% to-date and can probably be attributed to the oil spill and last year's cold winter.. He also reported that attendance is down in all Florida Parks for 2009-2010 season. September attendance, however, was up 1,500 over last year.

Bob also reported that a new volunteer Mr. Hale from Wilson and Miller, is working on a CIS certificated and that he has printed a new area photo of the park at no cost. Mr. Hale is also photographing endangered cactus and working on propagation and he is also taking a gopher tortoise survey.

Bob also reported that State department heads will be coming to the Park for a meeting regarding the new Boardwalk but no date has been set yet.

Carolyn's Report

Carolyn reported that Bruce & Brittany are going to school to get a National certification in interpretive programs. One of the requirements for the certification is to give programs in the Park. The certification costs \$130per Ranger for the first year of the program. Jo Ann Linck moved that Friends pay the \$130per ranger and Pauline Cataldo seconded. Motion passes.

Turtle Report- Carolyn reported that we had 20 turtle nests (22 last year). One nest was lost due to a storm; hatched 2115 eggs; 1299 released and 453 not fertile.

New Business

Larry announced our Christmas picnic will be held December 13 @ 5pm.

He also announced that nominations for Board are now being taken and if anyone is interested in serving on the Board they need to fill out a form that is being passed around at today's meeting.

Larry asked for future program ideas and Field Trip suggestions.

Green Flash Report

Jo Ann announced that Kay Drake will be the Green Flash.

Jo Ann explained our ad appearances in v various newspapers and radio interviews on 89.5. Marcia Byrd will be on the Dave Elliott Show on Wednesday. Dave will be the MC for the Flash.

Georgia Hiller will be coming and doing the Toast. Music will be by the Caribbean Connection.

Plans have been put into place if we do not sell out our tickets—members may purchase a ticket for the dinner only. Jo Ann will need help for inside work on the Flash on November 18th @ 9am and she may also need help on the 19th.

Drawings

Marcia Byrd won the Gate Passes.

Jo Ann Linck won the 50/50.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Goerig-Eastlake, Secretary