



Space Coast Regional Chapter of the Florida Master Naturalist Program

Officers Meeting

April 4, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Murdoch's, Cocoa Village

Officers Present:

Peter Connolly - President

Mark Prynosi - Past President

Deb Heystek - Secretary

6:00 p.m. Call to Order- Peter

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

- March meeting minutes approved.

**Old Business**

- Activities
  - UF Bat Houses and the Devil's Millhopper. Holly to try to get a speaker for this. A summer activity.
  - Tara asked Holly if it would be possible to get someone to talk about the PAFB shore restoration at a membership meeting? Holly will follow up trying to find out about a PAFB speaker.
  - Bike ride from Titusville to Chain of Lakes Park on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to lead by Kerri – was well received/enjoyed.
- Outreach Events
  - Turkey Creek Day: FMNP Space Coast Chapter supported with a booth. Significant interest.

## **New Business**

- Financials:
  - 5 new members
  - 2 patches
  - \$100 scholarship donation
  - \$100 reg. donation
  - 78 members!
  - Our Chapter can expect to lose a few members as the Volusia country Chapter is being re-formed.
- Quarterly Meetings/Speakers:
  - Next membership meeting is May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office auditorium - 7:30 pm. Marty Main will be our speaker. 65 people have signed up so far.
  - Board/members will have dinner w/ Marty before his talk.
  - We need to put a list of potential endowment donors together prior to the Marty Main visit. These potential donors could join Marty for Breakfast following his talk. Names that were floated include: Vince Lamb, Lauralie Thompson, Jonnie and Jim Swann.
  - Pole the Board to determine headcount for dinner. @5:30pm dinner. Vietnamese place??? Dinner suggestions?
- Upcoming Courses:
  - Conservation Science: May 3-11.
- Activities:
  - Salt Lake: Mark was able to “preview” this area as a potential group activity. Mark felt that the park exhibited limited interest.
  - St. Sebastian State Park/ Marsh Landing – April 7. Meet at Visitor Ctr at 9am. Lunch to follow.
  - Mark, Peter, and Kim will check out Devil’s Millhopper etc while at the Wildflower Symposium.
  - Turkey Creek Sanctuary birding field trip – April 27<sup>th</sup>. Bert to lead.
  - Ideas for June: water venue, keys snorkling?
- Events/Outreach:
  - Deb - to contact FIT to see if a grad student can come talk about their research at a future membership meeting. Muck aeration

- City of Orlando speaker – an Orlando Wetlands employee named Mark. Kim followed up. He would love to talk to our group. Board agreed that we should schedule him for August. Possibly hold the Membership meeting at Outdoor World? Mark will contact them.
- We will support the Enchanted Forest Earth Day event – April 20<sup>th</sup>, 10-3pm.
- None in May.
- Contadina Meeting on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>: Their speaker, Mike Owen, is a biologist at the Fakahatchee Strand SP. Deb will attend this meeting and try to arrange for someone to guide us during the November trip to Big Cypress.
- “Talk Nature to Me”: First (planning) meeting @ River Rocks on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Deb to try to identify FIT speakers.

Next BOD meeting: ?? Possibly skip May.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.