



Space Coast Regional Chapter of the Florida Master Naturalist Program

Officers Meeting

January 3, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Ryan's Pizza & Pub, Cocoa

Officers Present:

Peter Connolly - President

Kerri Lubeski - Present Elect

Mark Prynosi - Past President

Deb Heystek - Secretary

Tara Miller - Financial

Holly Abeels - Facilitator

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

**Minutes of Last Meeting:**

- November meeting minutes approved.
- No December meeting took place.

**Old Business**

Financial:

Tara provided a year end summary for 2018.

January 1 - December 29, 2018

Income

Interest/Dividend Income 0.11

Member Donations 10.00

Membership Dues 1,016.51

Miscellaneous Revenue 25.59

patch donation 79.04

Scholarship Donations 25.00  
Total Income \$1,156.25

#### Expenses

Awards and Grants 450.00  
Charitable Contributions 173.85  
Operations 61.25  
Books, Subscriptions, Reference 50.00  
Total Operations 111.25  
PayPal Fees 9.15

Total Expenses \$744.25

NET INCOME \$412.00

#### **New Business**

- Board Meeting venue
  - Board agreed to rotate among restaurants in Cocoa Village.
  - Pub Americana will be the venue for the next meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>
- Winter Quarterly Membership Meeting: will be at the Extension Office February 14<sup>th</sup>.  
6:30- 8:00pm Pending Holly approval.
- Board Signatory Authority following officer transition:
  - Mark and Tara still have signatory authority (from 2018)
  - Peter is also on the account
  - Kerri will have to be added
- Space Coast Chapter Website suggestion:
  - Add a Gift Membership option to the website.

#### Outings and Field Trips:

- Board discussed a **trip to Gainesville** to see both the UF Bat Houses and the Devil's Millhopper. Possibly in the March/April timeframe
- Board discussed a **trip to the Big Cypress Gallery Fall Festival** (and the Corkscrew Sanctuary). This would be an overnight trip. The festival is held in late October. Deb will gather information on this potential activity.

- **Kayak trip** – general interest in organizing a local kayak trip. Possible destinations include Samson’s Island, Thousand Islands, and Turkey Creek.
- **Bike Ride:** Kerri will pick a date and organize this
- January Member event: - - **Triple N Ranch** (uplands, pine flatlands) Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup>. Peter and Kim lead.
- Board discussed having a monthly group hike - either locally or at locations accessible for a single day hike . We should assign this action to someone!

OutReach Events:

- Consensus is that we support fewer of them. We’ve had trouble staffing all events. And the payoff seems to be uneven. So we will be more selective moving forward.
- Need to print more FMNP brochures for all our outreach events – (Action Holly.)
- Events we intend to support:
  - Enchanted forest – earth day AND Fall Fest
  - KSC ( employees) Earth Day event
  - Pelican Island
  - Pine Island, Sam’s House
  - FL Scrub Jay Festival – Feb 23rd

Scheduled classes:

- The next special topic class has not been scheduled. We believe it will be Conservation Science.
- Mark to do Chapter pitch at the Freshwater class to be held at Turkey Creek, and at the upcoming class in Volusia county.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.