



Space Coast Regional Friends Group - FMNP

**Board Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2021
Virtual on ZOOM (due to COVID-19 outbreak)**

Officers Present:

Deborah Heystek - President
Kerri Lubeski – Past President / Secretary
Tara Miller – Treasurer
Holly Abeels -Chapter Facilitator

6:00 PM Call Meeting to Order

Deb

Minutes of Last Meeting:

April meeting minutes approval postponed until July meeting
June meeting minutes received but not reviewed. Will approve during July meeting

Financial Report:

Checking Balance	\$2,902.84
Savings Balance	\$110.58
Profit/loss	\$239.00 (for the year)
Expenses	\$100.00 (Zoo donation)
Donation	\$100.00 (Orienne Center)

Membership:
0 Final notice
4 renewals received
68 total members

Old Business

- Orienne Center for Indigo Conservation trip was well-attended with 10 members traveling for the tour and lunch. We will stay in touch with the Center Director and schedule another tour in the future.

- The August Quarterly Meeting was attended by 5 members. The guest speaker, Callie Shaffer, Brevard Zoo, was well received.

New Business

- Board Member vacancies: Ivan Green has volunteered to serve as our new Treasurer. Tara will move to Secretary. Catherine Vecchio has volunteered to serve as President-Elect. **Holly** to generate ballot for membership voting.
- In an effort to increase member engagement, we will hold our August Quarterly meeting in person. **Ivan** will inquire if his community center room is available for us August 12th. This meeting will feature a speaker, Russ Lowers, who is a NASA Wildlife Biologist and will talk about Florida Alligators. Members will be invited to bring appetizers or desserts to share during a pot-luck social. During the pot-luck social we will poll members about the kinds of activities they would be interested in. (During the July meeting we will brainstorm a short list of options to get the conversation started.) We will provide name tags and **Kerri** will generate a short list of questions (ice breakers) to help everyone get to know each other.
- Planning for Loxahatchee River canoe/kayak trip: Deb drafted a trip write-up that will be sent to member. Holly will poll members about the best date for the trip.

Update on current and upcoming FMNP Classes

Brevard County is planning for in person classes in the Fall.

Marine Habitat Restoration will be offered as a virtual course at the end of July.

Habitat Evaluation will be offered in September.

Uplands will be offered in October.

New Course - Invasive plants will be offered in December.

Meeting **Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**

Next Meeting Date Thursday, July 15th, 6:00 p.m. Virtually via ZOOM.

President – Deb Heystek *President Elect* – Catherine Vecchio (proposed)

Past President – Kerri Lubeski *Secretary* – Tara Miller *Treasurer* – Ivan Green

Chapter Facilitator - Holly Abeels, Florida Sea Grant Agent