



Space Coast Regional Chapter of the Florida Master Naturalist Program

Officers Meeting

June 6, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Murdoch's, Cocoa Village

Officers Present:

Peter Connolly - President

Kerri Lubeski– President-elect

Deb Heystek – Secretary

Mark Prynosi - Past President

Holly Abeels – UF IFAS Facilitator

6:14 p.m. Call to Order- Peter

Minutes of Last Meeting

- April meeting minutes approved.
- We did not have a May meeting.

Old Business

- Activities
 - St. Sebastian State Park/ Marsh Landing – April 7. Successful hike and social event.
 - Turkey Creek Sanctuary birding field trip – April 27th. Led by Bert. Low turn-out probably due to the time of year. Bird migration having largely completed.
 - Quarterly Membership Meeting May 28th with Marty Main as the guest speaker. 94 people signed up for this event, but 40 attended. Marty was an enthusiastic, engaging speaker. The Board had dinner with Marty before his talk.

- Contadina Meeting on Monday April 8th: Their speaker, Mike Owen, is a biologist at the Fakahatchee Strand SP. Deb attended this meeting and arranged for Mike & Donna to guide us during the November trip to Big Cypress.
- Outreach Events
 - We supported the Enchanted Forest Earth Day event – April 20th, 10-3pm. Good turn-out and interest in FMNP.
 - We did not have any outreach events in May.

New Business

- Financials:
 - We have \$1884.62 in checking
 - \$110.29 in savings
 - P&L of \$392 net income
 - Expense:
 - \$50 - Penny McDonald, our Sampson Island speaker
 - We have 76 members
- Quarterly Meetings/Speakers:
 - Next membership meeting is August 8th. FIT doctoral student, Ms. Ann Wassick, will present her research. Her title is “Biofouling communities in Florida and how they can be used to guide management practices.” This membership meeting will be at Outdoor World, 7pm.
- Upcoming Courses:
 - Wildlife Monitoring: September 6-14th.
- Activities:
 - Quarterly Membership Meeting (November) – Kim has coordinated with City of Orlando Wetlands employee named Mark. The venue for this meeting will be Outdoor World.
 - Everglades trip, now Big Cypress and Fakahatchee Strand) is scheduled for November 9-10th. We have confirmed that we can take two groups of 15 each and receive a guided walk in the morning and afternoon at each park. We have 16 members signed up (and paid) – from the members who expressed interest (signed up) previously. We will open up registration to all members for a 2 week period, then open it to spouses of those already registered.

- July 21st– Enchanted Forest hike led by Mark. Meet at 9:15am. Following the hike we will retire to the Brix Project for Brunch.
- Keep Brevard Beautiful (KBB) has a series of activities (4) that offer opportunities for volunteering. The Space Coast Chapter will volunteer for the event on June 15th, 8am-11:30am, at Kiwanis Island Park on Merritt Island. This is a coastal cleanup event using kayaks.
- Events/Outreach:
 - “Talk Nature to Me”: June 9th at three venues – Satellite Beach Library (1-3pm), Sun shoppe Café (2-4pm), and Hell n’ Blazes Brewery (3-5pm). Deb arranged the venues and Mark coordinated with the Space Coast Chapter membership to have 2 volunteers at each venue. Mark received a FAQ from The UF facilitator, Shelly Johnson, that he will provide to each volunteer.

Next BOD meeting: July 15 at Thai Thai in Cocoa Village.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.