

Space Coast Regional Friends Group - FMNP

Board Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2021 Virtual on ZOOM (due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Officers Present:

Kerri Lubeski – Past President / Secretary Deb Heystek - President Tara Miller – Treasurer Kevin Shropshire- President-Elect Holly Abeels -Chapter Facilitator

6:00 PM Call Meeting to Order

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Febuary meeting minutes approved

Financial Report:

Checking Balance \$2,757.10 Savings Balance \$110.58 Profit/loss = \$93.00 (for the year) Expenses total: \$136.00 (\$75.00 Quicken Books and \$61.00 Sunbiz) Patch purchase \$ Scholarship donation \$

Membership: 3 Final notice 10 renewals received 0 patch requests 0 new members 71 total members Deb

Old Business

River Lakes Conservation Area Hike was well attended with 11 adults and 2 children. Feedback from attendees was overall very good. They would like us to keep scheduling more hikes and outings.

Kerri presented the FMNP to Brevard Public Schools Partners in Education Zoom meeting on March 3rd. Information was well received. There will be a PIE Kick-off Fair on August 20th at Melbourne Auditorium. Kerri will look into the details to attend.

New Business/issues which were not resolved:

Quarterly Meetings speakers identified. Deb will confirm Callie Shaffer - Brevard Zoo for the Spring meeting and Russ Lowers – NASA Wildlife Biologist for the Summer meeting. Kerri will connect with Marcia Booth – Recycle Brevard for the Fall meeting.

Speaker List and Hike/Outings List is now on Google Drive so all BOD can access it and add information to it.

• We will share the Hike/Outings List on our Facebook page so members can see what we have come up with and share their favorite places. We will also ask them if they are a trail expert and would be willing to be a guide for future hikes. The list will not locked so people cannot edit it, but they can submit their ideas to us via social media and email.

We have received about 60 pictures for our outreach display. We may send out another reminder for photos.

March hike will be at the Brevard Zoo Linear Trail on Sunday, March 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Other outing ideas:

- April hike may be a bike/hike on the Al Tuttle Multiuse trail in south Brevard. Kerri
- Orianne Center Indigo Conservation staff to see if we can schedule an outing. Holly
- Flat Island Preserve in Lake County and Paynes Prairie.

 Jonathan Dickinson State Park kayak the Loxahatchee River (summer months) – Deb has made phone calls and got information. She will write it up and present at a later date.

Recycle Brevard Earth Day Collection – Ten for Ten Collection Challenge Celebrating Recycle Brevard's 10th Anniversary and Earth Day March 22 – April 22 go to recyclebrevard.org and print out the label and record your collection. Goal is to collect 10 pounds of waste. April 22 the collecting will stop and the recycling will begin. Extension may be a collection site. Kerri will work on a document to share with members to participate either by collecting waste or volunteering to help Recycle Brevard sort the waste and drive it to the recycle center.

Update on current and upcoming FMNP Classes:

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next Meeting Date Wednesday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. Virtually via ZOOM.

President – Deb Heystek President Elect – Kevin Shropshire Past President – Kerri Lubeski Secretary – Kerri Lubeski (Temporary) Treasurer – Tara Miller

Chapter Facilitator - Holly Abeels, Florida Sea Grant Agent