



Space Coast Regional Chapter of the Florida Master Naturalist Program

Officers Meeting

September 12, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Osscario Bakery and Cafe, Cocoa Village

Officers Present:

Peter Connolly - President

Tara Miller - Treasurer

Deb Heystek – Secretary

Mark Prynosi - Past President

Holly Abeels – UF IFAS Facilitator

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

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

- The last meeting was a quarterly meeting with a speaker.

**Old Business**

- Activities
  - Membership meeting was August 8th. FIT doctoral student, Ms. Ann Wassick, presented her research. Her title is “Biofouling communities in Florida and how they can be used to guide management practices.” This membership meeting was at Great Outdoors RV Resort, 125 Plantation Drive, Titusville at 6:30 pm.
  - FL Museum of Natural History, Cocoa. Thur-Sat 10-5, August 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Enchanted Forest hike led by Mark on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15am. Following the hike we retired to the Brix Project for Brunch.
- Outreach Events
  - No outreach events in August or in September.

## New Business

- Financials:
  - 1 renewal, no departures
  - 77 members
  - savings account balance is \$110.37
  - checking account balance is \$2100.
- Scholarships:
  - 1 application received so far.
  - \$275 value.
  - Recipients must talk at a membership meeting and discuss their final project. So we are “owed” three talks.
  - Door closes for applications September 30.
  - We will decide and award at November meeting.
- Upcoming Courses:
  - Wildlife Monitoring: September 6-14<sup>th</sup>. This class is full.
  - Uplands: October 5<sup>th</sup> – full
  - Freshwater, Coastal – in Volusia both open
  - Freshwater: Brevard in Jan/Feb.
  - Marine Habitat restoration: book now written. Class not scheduled yet.
  - Wild About Nature: no further feedback from Tallahassee.
- Activities:
  - Everglades Trip: (Big Cypress and Fakahatchee Strand) is scheduled for November 9-10<sup>th</sup>. We have confirmed 19 attendees. We may need to “load balance” the participants between Group A and B.

Will hold a coordination meeting in October with all the participants. Holly to look at her calendar to see when she might accommodate us at the Extension Offices in Cocoa.

November Board meeting is scheduled to occur while we are in the Everglades. We may just meet while we’re there.
  - Jordan Scrub: Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Mark to lead the hike.
  - October Activities: Birding at Turkey Creek – Bert to lead. He will pick a date.
  - December: Tony to lead a hike. Deb contacted him and he has agreed.
- Outreach:

- We discussed starting a program to work with the Enchanted Forest - they take our classes (and become members) and we become members (friends) of the Enchanted forest.
- Enchanted Forest Fall Fest – Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 10-3. Mark to check on.
- Ocean, Reef, and Beach Fest. Pelican Beach Park, Satellite Beach on December 1<sup>st</sup>. In planning/pending stage for us. Holly to check on.

New officers for the upcoming year: (Mark is the nomination committee)

New Secretary: ???

Treasurer: Tara

President-Elect: Deb Heystek

Holly to send out email to solicit nominations in October. Nominations will close in November.

Next BOD meeting: October 3<sup>rd</sup> Ossacario in Cocoa Village.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.