



Space Coast Regional Chapter of the Florida Master Naturalist Program
Officers' Meeting
March 1, 2017 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Riverwalk Nature Center, 5355 US Hwy 1, Rockledge, FL 32955

Officers Present:

Bert Alm- President
CJ Jones - President-Elect
Karen Rann - Secretary
Kerri Lubeski - Secretary

Facilitators Present:

Holly Abeels - Florida Sea Grant Extension Agent

4:30 p.m. Call to Order from Bert

Old Business

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Bert motioned to approve the February meeting minutes, Karen seconded. February minutes approved.

Financial Report:

Account balance as of February 28, 2017
Savings Account \$60.05
Checking Account \$929.26
Total \$989.31

Membership:

62 members as of February 28, 2017
Karen will send a final email reminder to members to renew their membership. Renewals have until the end of March to send their payment in. Nine people have not renewed as of yet. If past members do not renew they will be taken off the email list, however the Board will still keep a record of their names.

Status of Standard Operating Procedures:

BOD's that haven't submitted their SOP have until the April Board meeting to submit them to Holly. Holly will review and have them ready for archiving by May.

Status of Outreach Box:

Holly updated the items in the Outreach box. The next event is Pelican Island Wildlife Festival on March 18.

Nature Explore Classroom at Riverwalk:

The members discussed and confirmed the decision to move forward on supporting Riverwalk Park's Nature Explore Classroom. The BOD members agreed that as long as current Treasurer, Karen Rann agreed to the extra administrative responsibilities that the Treasurer would be responsible for the grant process. We would commit to supporting Riverwalk Park as a chapter endeavor. Karen confirmed that she would be responsible for the grant requirements. Karen did bring up the concern that these increased responsibilities may create a bigger challenge when trying to elect a replacement for the Treasurer position should she not run for and/or be elected at the end of her tenure (ends December 31, 2017). The board decided that this would not be an issue that would preclude filling the Treasurer position as needed.

As part of the requirements of grant application Karen agreed to put together a budget for fiscal year 2017 and create Articles of Incorporation for our chapter. Karen wrote up the Articles of Incorporation based on an example that Brandon Smith supplied and emailed the Articles to the board members on March 1, 2017. Once they are reviewed and acceptable she will submit them to the State of Florida.

The Bylaws will need to be edited to include verbiage about dissolution and the money going to a similar 501 3(c).

It was also mentioned that we want to include verbiage for 5% of the grant award to go the Chapter.

New Business

Review of Winter Quarterly Membership Meeting:

Meeting location: US Fish and Wildlife Service 1339 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL

February 9 at 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Overall the meeting was successful.

Fourteen members attended.

Beth Powell gave a thorough description of what volunteer opportunities and park systems are available in Indian River County.

Bert is going to ask Beth if we can put her PowerPoint presentation on the SCRC website for a resource.

The location may not be ideal due to travel distance for future meetings.

We are going to look at having it at the Barrier Island Sanctuary in Melbourne Beach next year. We are also going to explore having the Quarterly Meetings on a weekend with an event/activity before or after the meeting.

Outreach:

Pioneer Days, Sam's House at Pine Island, Merritt Island February 11

Second year for SCRC attending. The event was considered a success. SCRC volunteers noticed that the Saltwater Fishing Regulations was a nice lure to get people to stop by the table. It was also mentioned to put some trash bags in the outreach box for trash disposal.

Pelican Island Wildlife Festival at Riverview Park, Sebastian March 18

One volunteer slot remains open at this time.

Karen will send out a reminder to sign up

"Lagoonancy" at Marine Discovery Center, New Smyrna April 1

Holly will check with Charity about signing up

NASA Earth day, April 20

Holly will ask Tara who works on KSC property if she can volunteer. Holly will also put it on SignUp Genius.

Earth Day at Enchanted Forest, Titusville April 22

Holly will put it on SignUp Genius.

Kiwanis Island Waterfest - BOD agreed to not have a table at Waterfest this year. This event doesn't have the target audience for our mission.

Florida Wildlife Hospital Baby Shower event in April - Bert is interested in having a table at this event. He is going to look into it.

For the next President's Letter Bert will write something to ask the members if they have any other ideas for outreach events that they think would be a good fit for the Chapter to attend.

Brandon Smith invited us to attend the Youth Making Ripples Film Competition at FIT on March 16 at 6:30. CJ, Bert and Karen may attend.

Youth Making Ripples Film Competition is an opportunity for K-12 students (< 18 years of age) to use their creative talents and serve as a voice for our oceans. They encourage elementary, middle and high school students to create their own marine related film on a topic of their interest.

Upcoming FMNP Classes:

The Board identified which classes they could sign up to go and speak about the Chapter.

Conservation Science – Brevard County – Riverwalk Nature Center, course runs March 10 -18.

Class is held on Friday and Saturday

Assigned speakers: TBD

Holly Abeels is teaching this class if there are enough participants

Coastal Systems – Volusia County – Marine Discovery Center, course runs Feb 17 – March 24.

Class is held on Friday

Assigned speakers: Charity Jackson or Bert Alm

Freshwater Systems- Brevard County- Turkey Creek Sanctuary, course runs March 3-25

Class is held on Friday and Saturdays

Assigned speaker: Karen Rann

Upland System – Volusia County – Lyonia Environmental Center,

course runs Feb 24 – March 31

Class is held on Friday

Assigned speaker: Kerri Lubeski

Coastal Systems – Brevard County – Riverwalk Nature Center

Course runs April 21- May 20

Class is held on Friday and Saturday

Assigned speaker: TBD

Brandon Smith is teaching the class

Other Topics:

Board needs to review SCRC website to identify if any content needs to be edited. Any edits need to be submitted to Holly.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.