



Space Coast Regional Chapter of the Florida Master Naturalist Program

Officers Meeting

March 2, 2016 3:00-5:00pm

UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office

Officers Present:

Greg Hendricks- President

Bert Alm - President-Elect

Karen Rann - Treasurer

Kerri Lubeski - Secretary

Ivan Green - Committee Member

Facilitators Present: Holly Abeels-UF/IFAS SeaGrant Agent

3pm Call to Order- Greg

Minutes of Last Meeting: February 3, 2016 Meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business

Financial: Current operating balance \$474.47

Archbold Expenses had a balance of \$46.50 for use of the conference room. The balance will be paid out of the operating account.

BOD voted and approved a minimum of a 24 hour cancellation policy for paid in advance events.

Karen will be submitting the check and application with signed Bylaws for the 501(C) 3. The cost is \$400.00 and will come out of the operating account.

## Chapter Activities & Events Update

### Google Calendar and SignUP Genius

Google Calendar is on the Chapter Website. SignUP Genius will be used for Members to see what events we are supporting and to sign up for volunteer opportunities. Karen will add the new members to the Google spreadsheet and SignUP Genius.

We determined that the calendar should use the following color codes.

Meetings - Orange

Activities and Events - Blue

Education Outreach - Purple

Not Sponsoring - Green

Other - Red

Only the BOD can add or cancel events

Karen will add March 19 Viera Wetlands to SignUP Genius

### May 12 - Spring Membership Meeting (EEL Speakers)

The following speakers have been confirmed to speak at the meeting for about 15 minutes each.

Martha Pessaro at Sams House at Pine Island

Sarah Kraum with Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

Joy Winet with Barrier Island Sanctuary

### August 11 - Summer Membership Meeting Theme

Board requested Litter Quitter and Blue Tube

Cris has confirmed Alison with Litter Quitter/ Blue Tube, Patty is TBD

### November 10 - Fall Membership Meeting Theme

Holly will contact Randy Parkinson who will give a presentation on climate change. We will also invite local groups who have an interest in this topic to be part of the meeting.

### Priority Activities Based Upon Winter Meeting Vote

1. Fakahatchee Strand Preserve Excursion - 10 votes All

We will wait until next Spring Feb/March 2017

2. Sebastian River Kayak Trip - 9 votes

Bert will contact Cheryl with Palm Bay Kayaks to look into some date in June - August of this year. We discussed a full day maybe at Turkey Creek Sanctuary. If we have a large interest we can have two groups divide up. One group can kayak first while the other hikes and then switch. We also discussed having a cookout.

3. Kissimmee Prairie Preserve St. Park - 7 votes

This Winter was to wet to plan a trip. We will put this on the 2017 list of activities.

4. Crystal Springs Trip - 7 votes

5. Marine Discovery Center Pontoon Boat Trip - 7 votes We determined this would be a good trip in September or October of 2016. Bert will take the lead on coordinating this event.

6. Viera Wetland Moonlight Walk - 6 votes

The weather is getting to warm and with a wet Winter we will look into planning this event next Fall.

7. Longleaf Pine Preserve - 5 votes

This Winter was to wet to plan a trip. We will put this on the 2017 list of activities.

8. Beach & Park Clean-ups - 3 votes

9. Overnight camping trips - 2 votes

With low interest we will not be making any plans to host overnight camp. If we do it will be in the Winter months.

#### Education & Outreach Update

- Mar. 12th Pelican Island Wildlife Festival (Sebastian, FL) Karen

- Mar. 19th Viera Wetlands Festival

Greg and Ivan will be setting up the table. We determined four time slots of two hour blocks would be sufficient.

- Apr. 12th Northrop Grumman Event

Board voted and approved to not attend this event due to the nature of the event not fitting with the Chapter's mission.

- Apr. 21st & 22nd NASA Earth Day

Kerri will be point of contact. Holly, Karen and Kerri will be able to attend April 21. April 21 is just for Kennedy Space Center employees. April 22 is at the KSC Visitor Complex. The Board determined it wasn't necessary for the Chapter to have a table for April 22 since it is mostly out of state visitors.

- May 14th Sebastian Lionfish Festival

Board voted and approved to not attend this event due to the nature of the event not fitting with the Chapter's mission.

-May 21 Space Coast Waterfest Holly brought this event to our attention. The event is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kiwanis Island on Merritt Island. The Board voted to attend this event. Holly will contact Matt Culver to let him know the Chapter is interested in having a table and she will put it on the Google Calendar and SignUp Genius.

#### Membership Update

We received one more membership in February.

#### Awards & Recognition Update

Kerri will come up with some ideas on how to recognize volunteers. A discussion of the "ultimate" volunteer award could be a machete signed by Dr. Marty Main.

#### Fundraising

Topic was not discussed.

Next BOD Meeting (April 6th - 3:00 PM)

Meeting Adjourn: 5:00 pm