



Space Coast Regional Chapter of the Florida Master Naturalist Program

Officers' Meeting

May 4, 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

Cris Wagner - Past President

Holly Abeels - Chapter Facilitator

Facilitators Present: Holly Abeels Florida Sea Grant Extension Agent
University of Florida IFAS Extension Brevard County

3:07 pm Call to Order- Greg

Minutes of Last Meeting:

March 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes changes will need to be made to the names of the guest speakers at the May 12, 2016 Spring Membership Meeting.

April 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes - A change needs to be made to reflect Membership Total from 46 to 45.

Old Business

Financial: Current operating balance \$299.47

Activities and Events Update

May 12th Spring Membership Meeting:

Holly finalized details with speakers: Martha Pessaro Sams House at Pine Island, Sarah Kraum Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, Joy Winet Barrier Island Sanctuary. The event is on Facebook and on the Chapter website. Greg will make the agenda for the meeting. Cris made a reminder flyer. She will email it to the Board for approval. Once it is approved, it will be shared online and can be printed and shared to generate awareness of the meeting. Holly will put a reminder on EventBrite.

Topic of Discussion/Agenda for the Spring Membership Meeting

- Propose dates for upcoming activity and events
- Financial Report
- How to set up/tear down the Chapter outreach exhibit board/display (Cris will write a "How To" protocol document)
- Wish list for outreach materials
- Chapter Scholarship Fund: How to donate to the fund
- Volunteer opportunities
- How to log your volunteer hours on the Florida Master Naturalist Program website

August 11th Summer Membership Meeting

Cris has Litter Quitter & Blue Tube scheduled to attend. The Board discussed hosting the August meeting in Volusia County. Holly will contact Charity to see if the meeting can be hosted in Marine Discovery Center in New Smyrna.

November 10th Fall Membership Reception (Theme-Climate Change)

Holly confirmed the special guest speaker Randy Parkinson will present for about 45 minutes.

Priority Activities & Events Under Consideration By the Board

1. Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center Trip: Proposed month is October 2016. Cris is in communication with Vincent and staff at FOCC regarding a chapter visit to see the oyster aquaculture and tour the facility. Once a date is set, Cris will set up a carpool plan and locate a "shuck and share" restaurant for lunch plans after the tour.
2. Sebastian River Kayak Trip: Proposed month is June 2016. Bert has made contacts with vendor and will finalize the event.

3. Marine Discovery Center Pontoon boat ride: Proposed date of Saturday July, 16, 2016. Bert talked with Capt Scott regarding a Chapter excursion. The cost is \$500/2 hr ride and can accommodate up to 40 people. Bert suggested surveying those present at the May Member's meeting to identify the most ideal day/time of day to schedule this trip to accommodate for the most members to participate. The idea of making it a social/sunset cruise was discussed (beverages/h'orderves). Further details to be discussed at May meeting.
4. Kissimmee Prairie Preserve St. Park: Proposed month of September 2016. Greg will be organizing this trip. This event will be seasonal-weather dependent, if too wet may have to delay until Winter.
5. Fakahatchee Strand Preserve Excursion: Proposed month of February or March 2017. Greg and Vince Lamb will coordinate organizing this overnight excursion.
6. Crystal River Springs: Proposed month of January 2017. Holly will be organizing this trip.
7. Viera Wetland Moonlight Walk: Holly has spoken to Ivan Green about May/June 2016.
8. Anything New:

Education and Outreach

May 14th "Energy Whiz" 9AM - 3PM Florida Solar Energy Center East Florida State College Cocoa Campus. We still need volunteers for this event. We will bring it up at the May 12 Spring Membership Meeting.

May 21st "Waterfest at Kiwanis Island" Holly registered us to attend. We still need volunteers. We will bring it up at the May 12 Membership Meeting.

Membership Update No new members as of the April 6, 2016 meeting

Membership total: 45

Awards and Recognition

Kerri will work on ideas. She would like to have a ceremony at the November Members Meeting.

Fundraising

The Board discussed having a virtual run. Karen is going to read the rules for having a raffle.

Other

The Board discussed rotating the General Membership Meetings throughout the three counties. Possible dates and locations will be discussed at the May 12 meeting.

Cris looked into getting Chapter business cards printed. The UPS store would print 500 business cards for \$25. The Board approved the purchase of the cards.

June 2016 represents the one year anniversary of the first meeting to start the Chapter.

Kerri brought up an idea of reaching out to FMNP Pinellas County Chapter to schedule a meet up with the Space Coast Chapter for an event. Greg offered to reach out to them.

Meeting Adjourn: 4:54PM