



Space Coast Regional Chapter of the Florida Master Naturalist Program

Officers' Meeting

June 1, 2016 3:00-5:00pm

Florida Beer Company 200 Imperial Blvd. Cape Canaveral, FL

Officers Present:

Greg Hendricks - President

Karen Rann - Treasurer

Kerri Lubeski - Secretary

Cris Wagner - Past President

Frank - UF IFAS Extension Brevard County Intern

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

Minutes of Last Meeting:

May 4 meeting minutes approved however the Quarterly meeting locations need to reflect the counties where the meetings will be held.

May 12 Quarterly meeting minutes not approved.

Old Business

Financial: Current operating balance \$299.47

Membership: No new members as of the May 4, 2016 meeting

Membership total: 46

Membership dues are up for renewal in July for those who joined early.

Activities and Events Update

Shorebird Alliance - Greg has been speaking with Tom Barratt regarding the Shorebird Conference on September 23, 2016 in New Smyrna. We will be discussing details as more information is available.

June 17 SCRC Kayak Trip on Turkey Creek

Holly put the event on Eventbrite. As of today four people have signed up. Cheryl will be guiding the tour and wants to make sure guests are aware of the height and weight restrictions. She will need to know if anyone is over 5'10 or 250 pounds. Holly will send out a reminder and include the restrictions. The cost of the trip is \$25.00 or \$10.00 if you bring your own boat.

July 23 SCRC Pontoon Boat Trip at Marine Discovery Center

Holly will post the event on eventbrite. The event is open to anyone. Bert has put a **\$250.00** deposit to secure the date. SCRC will reimburse Bert the deposit and pay MDC by check. A minimum of 20 people will be **needed to cover the total cost of \$500.00**. Cash or check will be accepted in advance by July 16 Payment can be mailed to Space Coast Regional Chapter of FMNP, c/o Holly Abeels, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, FL 32926.

August 11 Summer Membership Meeting at Marine Discovery Center

Greg and Holly have received confirmation that the August 11 Summer Membership Meeting will take place at the Marine Discovery Center 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Allison with Litter Quitter and Patty with Blue-Tube will be the special guest speakers for the meeting.

November 10 Fall Membership Reception

Confirmation was received from Dr. Randy Parkinson to speak about climate change at the Fall Membership Meeting. The meeting will be held at the IFAS Extension office in Cocoa from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Updates as Needed:

Kissimmee Prairie Preserve St. Park , Planned - September/October
The Board discussed planning this event for September or October.

Florida Oceanographic Marine Rescue Center, Planned - October

Cris has made contact with the outfitter, she believes the charge will be \$12.00 per person. A decision needs to be made if we want to plan for a half day or full day. The Board wants to get a better feel if a Friday or Saturday works better for people to attend. Cris suggested putting together a survey on Survey Monkey or Doodle to see what day would be better for people.

Crystal Springs Adventure, Planned - January 2017

Holly is working on gathering more information as the date nears.

Fakahatchee Strand & Corkscrew Swamp Excursion, Planned - February 2017

Details to come as the date near.

Education & Outreach Update

Holly is instructing a FMNP Coastal Class in Cocoa with 21 participants. Karena and Cris are planning on presenting how to join SCRC at the class sometime between 5 - 9 p.m. on June 21 or June 23.

An updated version of the Activities & Events schedule needs to be put online.

Holly will put the PowerPoint of "What is FMNP" in the SCRC Dropbox.

Elections Committee

The Board will start to discuss Elections at Membership meetings and outing so Members can start becoming aware of the Committee opportunities that will be becoming available. A review of the Bylaws will be read to verify which Committee positions are ending and up for election.

Committees and positions will be posted on Facebook. The Board has set a goal to have the Committees filled at the August meeting.

Other Topics

Greg brought an informational booklet on SeaCamp in Big Pine Key in Florida. He has started to communicate with the outfitter on what it would cost to host a weekend for SCRC members and families to attend. The cost would be a special rate of \$480.00 per person that includes 2-nights lodging, 5 meals, and educational programs. The Board is looking at Friday, September 23 - Sunday, September 25. Greg will gather more information and send updates via email.

Cris made an SCRC outreach box instruction form so other members attending events will know how to set up the table and what information is in the outreach box.

Kerri suggested looking into a bike trip in Titusville riding on the Rails to Trail pathway. More details to come.

Next BOD Meeting (July 6th 3:00 p.m.)

4:51 p.m. Meeting adjourned