

Space Coast Regional Chapter
Officers Meeting
July 6, 2015, 3:00-5:00pm
UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office

Officers Present: Cris Wagner, Ivan Green, Bert Alm, Greg Hendricks, Kerri Lubeski, Karen Rann
Facilitators Present: Holly Abeels

Old Business:

Bylaws were presented and, with a couple minors changes, were approved.
Holly will send bylaws to Kate Hellgren and Marty Main for approval.

New Business:

Election of Charter Officers and designating committee members
Past President – Cris Wagner
President – Greg Hendricks
President-Elect – Bert Alm
Secretary – Kerri Lubeski
Treasurer – Karen Rann

Committees and Members

Education and Outreach: Ivan, Kerri, and Cris
Chapter Activities and Events: Kerri, Cris, Karen, and Greg
Membership: Karen, Greg, and Cris
Awards and Recognition: Kerri, Ivan, and Bert
Fundraising: Bert, Ivan, Cris, Greg, Kerri, and Karen

Cris will work on a membership application. Individual membership will be \$15. There will also be spaces on the membership application for “Additional Donation” and “Donation to Scholarship Fund”. Will reference St. Lucie county FMNP Chapter membership application for a working draft. Include committees on the membership application. She will also set up a Facebook page for the group (<https://www.facebook.com/FMNPspacecoastregionalchapter>).

Karen will work on getting information about a checking account for the charter. She will ask several credit unions and local banks in Brevard to see what is required.

Kerri will work on a blurb for the upcoming FMNP newsletter that will state the creation of the chapter, our purpose and goals, and our first membership meeting in November. Much of this information can be taken from the bylaws. Kerri and Cris will also work on a flyer. The front side having Charter information and first meeting date and the back side having the membership application.

Holly will talk with Linda, Brevard County Extension CED, about website for the charter, which will be located somewhere at <http://brevard.ifas.ufl.edu/>. She will also talk with Vanessa, 4H agent, about liability and insurance options that she uses for 4H and send those out to the Board. She will email Kate

and Marty the bylaws and ask Kate to put the chapter on the FMNP chapter website:
http://www.masternaturalist.ifas.ufl.edu/regional_chapters/.

The first membership meeting will be on November 5th at 6:00pm at the Brevard County Extension Office. Refreshments will be served from 6:00-6:30pm. The meeting will start promptly at 6:30pm and will last until 8:00pm. Bert will work on a draft agenda for the meeting. The Board will hold monthly meetings until then to plan and prepare for the membership meeting. Upcoming events/activities will be planned ahead of time that will be announced at the membership meeting. This will be the time to start collecting memberships and to get committee members for the Chapter committees.

Board members will attend upcoming FMNP classes in Brevard, Volusia, and Indian River counties to tell graduates about the charter and the membership meeting (check the current course offerings website for classes coming up before November <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fmnp/>). Bert and Karen will also bring up the charter and membership meeting at the FMNP Regional Meet-up in Key Largo on October 16-17.

Greg will work on an agenda for the next Board meeting to be held on August 3rd at 3:00pm. Subsequent meeting dates are at 3:00pm at the Extension office on September 9th, September 30th, and October 21st.