



Space Coast Regional Chapter of the Florida Master Naturalist Program

Officers' Meeting

July 6, 2016 3:00-5:00pm

Preacher Bar 8699 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Canaveral, FL

Officers Present:

Greg Hendricks - President

Bert Alm - President Elect

Karen Rann - Treasurer

Kerri Lubeski - Secretary

Ivan Green - Committee Member

Minutes of Last Meeting:

May 4 meeting minutes need to be amended to reflect the MDC Boat Tour Date from July 16 to July 23.

June 1 meeting minutes approved with amendments to reflect Membership Total of 46 and July 23 MDC Boat Tour Bert Alm put a \$250.00 deposit to secure the date. Kissimmee Prairie Preserve St. Park will be planned for September or October.

Old Business

Financial:

Account balance as of 6-30-16

Savings Account \$50.05

Checking Account \$299.47

Total \$349.52

Membership total: 51

We picked up 5 new members from the Cocoa Coastal Systems Module. We discussed that going to the last class or close to the last class to present what our Chapter is about is an effective way to acquire new members.

Karen will draft a letter to send to members for a renewal notice of their annual dues. If no one has responded after 30 days to renew we can send a letter in the mail. She will also add new members to the Signup Genius and the SCRC group email account list.

### Activities and Events Update

#### June 17 SCRC Kayak Trip on Turkey Creek

The kayak trip was considered a success, however we would have liked to have more members. There were 7 members and 7 non members that participated.

#### July 23 SCRC Pontoon Boat Trip at Marine Discovery Center

As of today 7 people have registered. We can cancel by Friday, July 22 if we don't reach the minimum of 20 participants. Bert and Val's registration fee will be considered paid out of the \$250.00 deposit. We will need to secure an Interpreter and let them know if we want the boat to travel South bound for the tour.

#### 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.

#### September 23rd - 25th Sea Camp Workshop - NHMI, Big Pine Key

Dr. Marty Main has been notified of the workshop and told us we can consider this event as a "Meet Up". He will donate \$500.00 to the event. The Board will decide how to spend the money. The Eventbrite page has been set up for people to register on. The event is open to statewide FMNP Graduates. The maximum amount of people is set at 50 and the minimum amount of people is set at 10. Payments of \$480.00 per person will need to be submitted by Thursday, September 1, 2016 to Holly Abeels, Sea Grant Agent, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, FL 32926. Received checks will go into SCRC checking account and one check will be cut to Sea Camp on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. We didn't want to send it on Monday, September 5th as that is Labor Day.

The Board discussed talking to a professional/expert who specializes in 501(c) 3 regarding large dollar amount deposits. Due to the high dollar expense of Sea Camp the Board wants to make sure we are complying with the laws of a 501(c) 3. Karen is going to research this.

### Updates as Needed:

#### Kissimmee Prairie Preserve St. Park , Planned - September/October

This event will take place some time in September/October. Greg will provide more details at a later date.

#### Florida Oceanographic Marine Rescue Center, Planned - October

The Board has discussed creating a Doodle account to reach out to members to survey what date would work best. Dates have yet to be discussed at this time.

#### Crystal Springs Adventure, Planned - January 2017

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

### Education & Outreach Update

The Board needs to look at the upcoming FMNP classes to see if there are any outreach opportunities. Greg will update the the outreach schedule to reflect what we have done to date and other possible outreach opportunities.

### Elections Committee

The July President's Letter will announce the President-Elect and Secretary positions will be open for nominations in 2017. These positions will also be mentioned at the August 11 Summer Membership Meeting. Ivan Green will chair the Nominations Committee.

### Other Topics

The SCRC business cards have arrived. A motion was approved to reimburse Cris Wagner \$29.72 out of the checking account.

Karen and Bert attended a meeting with The Board Doctor. Cathy Allen is owner/operator of the business and there may be some interest to continue to attend the meetings for networking and learning skills to build the Chapter. The next meeting with The Board Doctor will be on July 20, 2016.

The Board also discussed starting to look at Cris' write up on SCRC scholarship requirements.

Next BOD Meeting (August 3, 2016) location at the Cocoa IFAS Extension Office. Greg will not be present at the August 3 meeting.

5:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned