



Space Coast Regional Chapter of the Florida Master Naturalist Program
Officers' Meeting

September 7, 2016 3:00-4:00pm

UF IFAS Extension Brevard County, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, FL 32926

Officers Present:

Bert Alm - President Elect

Karen Rann - Treasurer

Facilitators Present:

Holly Abeels – Florida Sea Grant Extension Agent

Meeting start at 2:57pm.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Minutes from August meeting sent to BOD by Holly. Minutes included comments from Bert.

Old Business

Financial:

Account balance as of 8-31-16

Savings Account \$60.05

Checking Account \$484.75

Total \$544.80

Membership total: 56

Board members are the only people currently who need to renew membership. Cris, Greg, Bert, Kerri, Karen have all renewed. Karen will start to figure out and send renewal notices for chapter members.

PayPal Discussion

PayPal has been set up on membership form and will also be on the website. Members have the option to pay \$15 membership fee via PayPal or to pay \$20 membership and patch fee via

PayPal. For future trips/activities need to make sure to incorporate PayPal fees into any online payments.

Activities and Events Update

Kissimmee Prairie Preserve outing on September 17th. Thursday Sept 15th is deadline for registration. If 10 or more wish to ride in the van at \$25 per person, we'll rent it and leave from Extension Office at 8:00am sharp. Currently 11 people are registered.

Sea Camp Excursion on Sept 23-25. 10 people's checks in hand, still waiting on one more person's check. With 10 registrations complete, the excursion is a go. Greg will get with NHMI and Karen about payment.

Florida Oceanographic Society on October 14th. We are confirmed for meeting with Vincent as well as a tour of Aquaculture with Tom. Eventbrite page is setup and 1 person has registered. People registered will pay their own \$12 admission when arrive.

For future Eventbrite activities, make sure that Eventbrite orders require people to include their phone numbers.

Suggestions for future chapter activities are the FIT Vero Beach Marine Lab, Crystal River Springs, and Fakahatchee Strand and Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

Big Cypress Swamp walk on October 29th will not be a chapter sponsored activity. We will just send information out to members. Who has the information to send out?

Education and Outreach Update

Wild About Nature Outreach Event, The Avenues, October 1st, 12-4pm

Bert will get with Marcia and have her send info to sign up to Holly. Set up sign-up genius.

1st Harvest Festival, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, October 22nd, 11am-4pm

Greg will get us signed up. Set up sign-up genius.

Indian River Lagoon Day, Palm Bay, November 12th, 10am-2pm

Karen will get us signed up. She'll check with Brandon. Set up sign-up genius.

Hoot in the Park, Wickham Park, November 19th, 10am-2pm

Bert will get us signed up. Set up sign-up genius.

Ocean, Reef, and Beach Festival, Pelican Beach Park, Satellite Beach, December 3rd, 9:30am-5pm

Holly will get us signed up. Set up sign-up genius.

Future Outreach Events:

Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival, end of January. Laurilee Thompson is sponsoring a Florida Wildlife Hospital booth so we might be able to have a couple of our brochures on the table.

1st Annual Wild About Wildlife Festival in April (set up by Laurilee Thompson, all proceeds go to FL Wildlife Hospital). Wild Ocean Seafood Market, Port Canaveral.

Marine Discovery Center Lagoonacy, April 1st

Other Topics:

Elections: Need to get with Ivan to check on nominations for elections. Looking for Secretary and President-Elect for elections.

Master Naturalist classes to go visit to talk about chapter:

Get with Chad Truxall about his Coastal Class in October-November to see if he will talk to class about the SCRC. Bert and Karen can be back-ups to go talk or assist.

Orange County Uplands class, Oakland Nature Preserve. Bert and Kerri will discuss with each other about going to the class.

Environmental Interpretation in November. Bert and Karen will be in the class.

Seminole County Wildlife Monitoring Course in October 21, 22, 23. Need someone to volunteer to go to the class.

Need to figure out where to hold February membership meeting. Need to see if someone has contact within Environmental Learning Center so we can get it room rental for free. If not, maybe the Barrier Island Center would be a good backup.

Discuss at next BOD meeting possibly having the chapter sponsor a BlueTube (\$125 and get our logo on the tube).

Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

Next BOD Meeting October 5, 2016, 3:00pm location at the Cocoa IFAS Extension Office.