



Space Coast Regional Chapter of the Florida Master Naturalist Program
April 5, Officers' Meeting
2017 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Riverwalk Nature Center, 5355 US Hwy 1, Rockledge, FL 32955

Officers Present:

Bert Alm- President
CJ Jones - President-Elect
Karen Rann - Secretary
Kerri Lubeski - Secretary

Facilitators Present:

Holly Abeels - Florida Sea Grant Extension Agent
Brandon Smith - Environmental Program Supervisor - Riverwalk Nature Center

4:30 p.m. Call to Order from Bert

Old Business

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Bert motioned to approve the March meeting minutes, CJ seconded. March minutes approved.

Financial Report:

Account balance as of March 31, 2017
Savings Account \$60.05
Checking Account \$1,022.37
Total \$1,082.42

Membership:

57 members as of April 5, 2017
Karen will send a final email reminder to members to renew their membership. Karen found six non renewals. She took them off SignUp Genius list and group Gmail list.
Board will still keep a record of their names.

Status of Standard Operating Procedures:

The following BOD members submitted their SOP's to Holly: Cris Wagner - Past president 2015-2016, Karen Rann and Kerri Lubeski. Bert created a template for SOP. Board will review

the template and decide what pieces to use.

Use of Chapter Gmail Account for Meeting Minutes:

It was suggested to have the Minutes sent from the SCRC Gmail account so the records of the Minutes are available to BOD with access to edit them. Currently Minutes are created and sent under Kerri Lubeski's personal gmail account.

Status of Outreach Box:

Karen has the digital photo frame that she will update with current photos for future use at events.

Nature Explore Classroom at Riverwalk:

Karen revised the Articles of Incorporation. Brandon suggested changing the Bylaws to add a dissolution and discrimination clause and a conflict of interest policy. Once the changes have been made all the Officers will sign it. Karen will work on making those changes.

Nature Explore Classroom Grand Opening is scheduled for April 28, 2017.

New Business

Recognition:

Past President, Greg Hendricks has accepted his nomination to the FMNP State-BOD and will be 1 of 15 board members dedicated to the continued excellence of the FMNP.

Planning for Spring Quarterly Membership Meeting:

Meeting location: UF IFAS Brevard County Extension Service

Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Special guest speaker Dr. Rachel Wentz will present "Life and Death at Windover." Dr. Wentz is a former firefighter/paramedic who retired from Orlando Fire Department and went on to complete an MS and PhD in Anthropology at Florida State University, where she specialized in the analysis of human remains with foci on ancient disease and population health. She will have copies of her book for sale at the meeting and will sign them for members.

Upcoming and Potential Activities:

Orlando Wetlands trip - Board discussed two possible dates for this trip. Friday, May 5 or Saturday, May 6. Cost is \$5.00 a person. Bert will ask if the date works and give Holly details so she can put it on Eventbrite.

Fox Lake Event will be put on Chapter Facebook page. Greg emailed the details of the event.

For the next President's Letter Bert will write about how the Members can get their five hours of volunteering. Volunteering isn't excluded to just Chapter events. Volunteering with other organizations can count.

It was mentioned that when we are hosting events we need to remind attendees to "Like" us on our Facebook page.

When we are planning our events we need to review the results from the survey from members. This will help us prioritize events that the members are most interested in and hopefully more likely to attend.

It was discussed to offer free events that are already on the calendar. For example events held at EEL properties. These events align with the Chapter's interest and can be great opportunities for "meet ups" for free Chapter events with minimal planning. Kerri offered to look at the current calendar at the different EEL locations.

Turtle walk season is beginning. Karen mentioned the using that as an opportunity for a Chapter activity.

Outreach Events:

Brevard Zoo Teacher Open House was mentioned as an event we might want to have a booth at. Teachers may be a great target audience to pitch the FMNP too as the program offers teachers in-service credits.

Next BOD Meeting, Wednesday, April 3, 4:30 p.m. Riverwalk Nature Center, 5355 US HWY 1, Rockledge, FL 32955.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.