



***Space Coast Regional Friends Group - FMNP***

***Board Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2020***

***Thai Thai 100 Harrison St. Cocoa Fl***

**Officers Present:**

Kerri Lubeski - President

Peter Connolly - Past President

Deb Hystek - President Elect

John Yuhas - Secretary

Tara Miller - Treasurer

Holly Abeels -Chapter Facilitator

**6:15 PM Call Meeting to Order**

Kerri

**Minutes of Last Meeting:**

February Meeting Minutes Approved

**Old Business**

**Financial Report:**

Checking Balance \$1,906.46

Savings Balance \$110.51

Peter and Kerri need to call Nicole at Space Coast Credit Union at 321-752-2222 x6754 to be added to the account so Mark Pynoski can be taken off the account.

### **In Kind Donation**

\$50.00 for the nonprofit selected by Mark Sees with the City of Orlando Wetlands program Winter Quarterly Membership meeting on Feb. 13th.

\$50.00 for the Friends Group of Kissimmee Prairie Preserve for the guided tour on February 16th.

### **Membership Report:**

81 Members

4 Renewals

6 people have received their final membership renewal notices

### **February Winter Quarterly Meeting:**

February 13th. Mark Sees with the City of Orlando Wetlands program was our guest speaker.

18 people attended the meeting.

### **February Activities:**

Kissimmee Prairie Preserve was attended by 12 people. Everyone had a great time.

### **New Business:**

**Increase donation amount for special guest speakers:**

### **Update on current and upcoming FMNP Classes:**

New classes for Brevard County are:

Coastal Systems March 21 - May 9th. Registration closes March 16th.

Environmental Interpretation March 6 -14 Registration closes March 2nd.

Marine Habitat Restoration - Dates will be announced in Spring 2020

### **Pitching Friends Group at FMNP Classes:**

Bert Alm Presenting on March 9<sup>th</sup> to Conrada Florida Native Plant Society (Melbourne)

### **Upcoming Outreach/Exhibit Events:**

**Pioneer Day** Sat. Feb 8th at Sam's House went well. One of the tables was left behind and will need to be picked up.

**Eco Fair and Farmers Market** Sat. April 4th hosted by Blue Sky Community Garden 7400 N. Wickham Rd. Melbourne Google Maps says this is at Suntree United Methodist Church 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Invited from Ann Cook on Jan. 25 The Board decided not to exhibit at this event this year. Kerriemailed Ann Cook on Feb. 18 declining the invitation

**Earth Day** at the Enchanted Forest Sat. April 18 is a go. Kerri will send in application.

**Turkey Creek Day** Sat. May 2nd is a go. Kerri will send in application.

### **Update Educational Field Excursions:**

Orlando Wetlands Park Sunday, March 22 - Holly will send out an Eventbrite

Trip to Gainesville - still in planning stages

**Community Events:**

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Space Coast Audubon Society The Magic of Moths at Sam's House – Merritt Island

**Open Discussion:**

T-shirt purchase option for new members. Peter will send Kerri the art work. Kerri will call local print shop, Print Boy to see if they can support our needs.

Meeting **Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting Date Thursday, April 9th 6 p.m. Crying Monk 333 King St. Cocoa, FL**

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