



Space Coast Regional Chapter of the Florida Master Naturalist Program

Officers Meeting

April 5, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Catherine Schweinsberg Road Central Library, Cocoa

Officers Present:

Bert Alm - Past President

Mark Prynoski - President

Kerri Lubeski - Secretary

Tara Miller - Treasurer

Peter Connolly - President - Elect

Facilitators Present: Holly Abeels-UF/IFAS SeaGrant Agent

5:50 Call to Order- Mark

Minutes of Last Meeting: March 1, 2018 Meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business

Financial:

To date we have 62 members.

6 new members

6 renewed members

4 patches purchased

\$20.00 received in Scholarship Donations

5 non renewals

7 last notices will be sent out this month

Income to date: \$432.00

Expenses to date: \$170.00

Net Income of \$261.00

Quarterly Membership Meetings:

Thursday, May 10 the Spring Quarterly meeting will take place at the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County in Cocoa. The guest speaker will be someone from the Sea Turtle Preservation Society. Bert will confirm the name of the speaker.

Summer Quarterly location is tbd. Bert is going to contact Betty Salter at The Great Outdoors to arrange for group tour before we set the location for the Summer meeting. We can then determine if we want to use that facility for the Summer Quarterly Meeting or for future Quarterly Meetings.

Scheduled Chapter Activities:

Marine Science Center outing on March 31 had 23 participants. Overall it was successful. Things to keep in mind for next year. Spring Break tourists were visiting and restaurant reservations could have been made ahead of time.

Upcoming and potential activities:

Mark is going to reach out to Megan Stolen with Hubbs Sea World Research Institute for a group tour in May or June.

Mark is going to reach out to Dr. Teresa M. Copper with the save the bromeliad project at the Enchanted Forest for a possible presentation and tour.

Mark will research the possibility of a late summer bioluminescent kayak tour.

Holly mentioned the Playalinda Brewing and A Day Away Kayak Pints and Paddle Kayak tour. We will look into the schedule.

Thousand Islands Kayak trip is going to be on hold due to the health of the Lagoon.

Kerri would like to organize a bicycle ride in the Fall or Winter utilizing the “rails to trails” paved trails in Titusville.

Outreach Update:

Get Connected Expo - April 8 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Eau Gallie Civic Center in Melbourne  
All volunteer positions have been filled. No tent, tables or chairs will need to be brought.

Northrop Grumman Earth Day Fair - April 17 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Holly and Mark will be present.

Earth Day at NASA - April 18 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - KSC Property  
Holly, Mark and Tara will be present

Earth Day at Enchanted Forest - April 21 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Enchanted Forest  
Two people are signed up for the morning  
One person is signed up for the lunch hour  
One person is signed up for the afternoon and tear down  
Kerri will swing by in the late afternoon to assist with tear down

Lagoonancy - April 21 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Marine Discovery Center  
Mark and Bert will open  
Peter and Kim will close

Space Coast Waterfest - May 19 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Kiwanis Park, Merritt Island  
This year the focus is the Indian River Lagoon Project. This may draw more the audience that we are trying to reach versus last year.

Sea Turtle Festival - June 8  
We are still waiting for application to become available.

Master Naturalist Classes Scheduled:

Coastal Systems - Brevard March 31 - May 19 (Saturdays) Peter will pitch the Chapter to the class.

Coastal Shoreline Restoration - Brevard June 8-9 and 15 -16 (Friday evenings and Saturday's)

Coastal Systems - Volusia June 19 - 29 Course Full

Freshwater Systems - Volusia Sept 14 - Oct 12 Course Full

Other Topics:

Peter is working on designing another outreach board and Chapter Application Form. We want to include where the member heard about the Chapter on the form.

Next BOD Meeting (May 3, 6:00 p.m. Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library

Meeting Adjourn 6:40 p.m.