

Friends of Delnor - Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes: December 7, 2015
10 AM Surf Colony Party Room

Board members present: Larry Beer, Marcia Byrd, Kathy Foster, Joe Gagnier, Gabriella Miyamoto, Phil Nye, Ann Petrillo, Valerie Thompson.

Board members absent: Kathe Rasch

Staff present: Lori Heath Thorn and Bob Steiger

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Ann Petrillo, President.
The November minutes were approved as corrected.

Reports of Officers:

President: No report

Treasurer - No report

Park Manager –

A short term vendor permit must be filed by the Naples Daily News if they want to partner with us at our events. The board needs to create a list of CSO projects and file a form with Bob. Facilities requests must be made to Bob for use of park facilities on days of our events – art shows, seminars, picnics, etc. Larry will send in what we have requested in previous years. Considerable time has been spent with Collier County Sheriff's Department to work on ways to alleviate congestion at the entrance to our park. On 26-28 December, the dual lane entry gates will be operational. On New Year's weekend, the pay as you leave system will be in place. Post Thanksgiving cleanup was not too bad. Dredging and loss of beach is still occurring. Google Earth has images back to '94 to compare the beach now and then.

Park Specialist – Lori clarified that questions involving membership need to be sent to Gabriella. Delnor Wiggins Pass patches that were found in the white trailer will be given to those making a donation for the drawing of chance at events. The Volunteer News Letter will continue to post meeting dates. Everything is set for the Nature Fest on Saturday. Alliene Liden has been very helpful. Kathe requested that at the end of the day that money just be placed back in the envelope. Kathy and Gabriella will count the money and return to Lori to put in the safe. Lori will make signs. Sell magnets \$1, give pencil – free with t-shirt purchase. T-shirts will be sold for \$15. Children's t-shirts will sell for \$12. Flyers for the NF will be given out at the gate.

Reports of Committees:

Art Show – Valerie reported that there currently are 15 registered artists - some new and some former ones. There are four that the committee has not heard from but they expect that they will. A volunteer sheet is available for those wishing to sign up for that day. The basketeers and the pastel society did not renew due to the \$50 entry fee.

Kathy read the art category list showing a variety of types of art that will be on display and for sale. Kathy passed around the latest Vanderbilt HOA newsletter which had a nice article about the Art Show. Sharon Eddy has designed Art Show book marks and 1000-1500 will be printed. Kathy stressed that members and board members need to participate and come to the Art Show. Book marks will be passed out at the gate. The banner will go up after the Nature Fest. Kathy read us the income/expenses which include \$750 income for registration, \$200 for the

banner, \$200 for printing bookmarks\$500 publicity. Resident artist chair has also been purchased. Kathy commented that what differentiates this show from others in the area is the setting and the subject matter. The committee requests donations for the “drawings of chance.” – gift cards, books, etc. An osprey print will be in the mix. Volunteer jackets and t-shirts will be among the items in the drawing of chance. Music will be provided by Amber Crowley who likes to help out non profits. Food for sale will be ice cream, popcorn, and water. It was suggested that the board grant each artist 3 family gate passes.

Children’s Art show – Marcia reported that to date 4 schools have signed up. Larry will work on the banner. Sue Huff has been contacted to do the pre and post publicity. T-shirts are designed and will be ordered after the first of the year. More details to follow in February of 2016.

Unfinished Business

Gabriella asked for some clarification of levels of membership. The brochure does not spell out the differences/advantages among the levels. After much discussion it was decided that a committee will work in March on the membership issues. Gabriella, Kathy, and Marcia formed the committee. Gabriella has created an email address for any correspondence regarding membership. It will be posted on the website. dwmembershipchair@gmail.com
Gate passes currently have the year printed on the face but some memberships are renewed or established after the January renewal. Memberships that are processed half-way through the year or later present questions as to how many passes should be issued for the given year and then the following year. It was decided that in the future gate passes will not have the year’s date on them or at least will have an expiration date on the back of them. Gabriella thought that this would be manageable.

Partnership with Rookery Bay-Coastal Seminars

No word from Gary Lytton as to the dates of the seminars. Bob needs a request for facilities before any meetings can be held.

Nominations for Board Larry reported that there were no new candidates for the board. Lori will advertise in the Naples Daily for folks interested in becoming board members.

New Business:

The Friends will have a sales table at the Nature Fest. .

Plans for a field trip in March are in the making. Bob suggested a trip to The Barnacle Historic State Park in Miami. Bob will put together some preliminary plans.

Larry did some repairs and cleaning to the white trailer and it still may be usable. It probably has three years of use left in it. The roof should have roof coat applied every year. The tag comes due over the summer so the treasurer will need to know if we are going to continue to use it. We will decide in April if the tag will need to be purchased.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 PM

The next meeting will be held on January 4, 2016 at 10 AM in the Surf Colony Party Room.

Respectfully submitted, Marcia Byrd, secretary

Date approved: _____