

**Friends of Delnor - Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes: October 19, 2015
10:00 AM
Surf Colony 1 Community Room**

Board Members present/absent:

Present: Marcia Byrd, Joe Gagnier, Kathy Foster, Phil Nye, Ann Petrillo, Kathe Rasch (via phone for treasurer's report), Valerie Thompson (via phone for Art Show report)

Absent: Larry Beer, Elsie Morgan

Quorum established

Staff Members present: Mark Nickoletti

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 PM by Ann Petrillo, President.

The March 2015 minutes were approved. Notes from April do not require approval.

Reports of officers/personnel:

President: Ann thanked Phil for running the membership meeting on October 12th. A memorial service for Rosemary Miktuk, a former president of the Friends (then Supporters), will be held on Friday, October 23 at 11 AM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church. Someone from the board will attend along with a member of the park staff.

Treasurer: Kathe emailed a copy of the current budget to Ann. The treasurer's report given at the membership meeting stands as corrected. Kathy Foster got financial information from Kathe regarding the Art Show and asked for her thoughts on unsold t-shirts (see below).

Park Manager: Mark Nicoletti reported for both Bob who is on vacation and Lori who has a day off. As requested, he brought the report from the state biologist regarding the elevated boardwalk structure through the mangroves. Three routes are outlined – y-shaped, u-shaped, and closed loop. The report will need to be reviewed by the head of the biology department at the state level. Much review and permitting will be necessary and the environmental impact on the mangroves may require mitigation under the state statutes. The report is available through the park office. The board approved a request for the yoga classes to be held in the morning and at sunset on Wednesdays. Lori requested that the educational/interpretive funds be used for the Art Show flyers. The board approved.

Volunteers are needed for the Nature Festival, December 12. The Friends will set up a table to sell t-shirts, etc.

Reports of Committees:

Wildlife and Wildlands Art Show:

Kathy Foster along with Valerie Thompson (phone) gave an impressive report on the Art Show scheduled for

January 16, 2016 from 10 to 3. The committee has developed goals and made some changes to the criteria for the

resident artist. Betty Wilson was recommended as the new resident artist for 2016 and the board approved.

It was recommended that t-shirts that have not sold by the time the newly designed t-shirt is ready for sale be

offered at cost to the retiring resident artist. The board approved. Publicity will be handled by Kathy, Valerie, and

Lori this year removing Sue Huff as publicist. After analyzing the profit from the 2015 Art Show and after

researching other local art shows, the committee recommended that artists pay a \$50 registration fee in addition

to the 20% commission on gross sales. The board approved. Suggestions for ways to bring in additional profit

include "drawings of chance," sales of water and popcorn. Kathy requested that the financial report for each

event include a breakdown of income and expense for each item such as t-shirts, caps, visors, food, water, etc.

Children's Art Show:

Marcia brought t-shirt samples from the 2014 and the 2015 Children's Art Shows. The 2014 shirt will be sold at the

Nature Festival in December. The board approved the printing quote from t-shirt express. We are supplying the

shirts. The board also approved the printing of our logo on the nape of the neck on 19 Green Flash shirts also to be

sold at the NF. The board approved the quote for printing the 2015 t-shirt, a dozen each of youth sizes, with the

Friends supplying the shirts.

Unfinished business

The work on a video showcasing the Friend has been tabled.

Membership will be handled temporarily by Phil who will pick up the mail at the gate and deliver it to Ann. Ann and

Marcia will process the memberships. Deposit of checks to be determined after consulting with Kathe.

No information was available on what needs there are or have been for park facility support equipment.

New Business:

The board approved the partnership with the Friends of Rookery Bay as outlined at the October membership meeting by guest speaker, Gary Lytton. Marcia will contact him with the decision to host two forums at the park in 2016 and find out what we are expected to do.

The storage trailer is deteriorating and now has leaks and mold. The consensus is that we should purge the contents of the trailer, look into possible places to store what is left, and dispose of the trailer. Kathy Foster and Marcia Byrd will begin the clean out process that Ann and Marcia started earlier this year.

NEW DAY and TIME for the BOARD MEETING!!! The board will be meeting on the FIRST Monday of the month at 1:00 PM. Be sure to check the agenda for the location which will change during season.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Byrd

Approved: _____