

**Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park  
Board Meeting Minutes, February 6, 2023  
Held at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park**

**Board members present:**

Ursula Gibbons, President

Kim Braham-Moody, Secretary

Membership Chair – Amy Modglin

Kim Finer

Donna Graham

Janice Kmetz, Vice President

Eric Cosentino, Treasurer

Valerie Thompson

Donna Wallin

Guest Alicia Astorga

**Park staff present:** PSS David Baniak

President Ursula Gibbons called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. (A quorum was established)

**President's Report:**

Ursula reported that she will be taking over the ordering of the Critters from Heidi. 50 turtles and 10 each of the alligator, manatee, and dolphin have been ordered.

The 50 caps with the DWPSP embroidered logo on the front that were ordered in a variety of colors flew out the door so another order was placed for 55 more. It was decided to have Alicia add to website so they will "countdown" when an order is placed to maintain inventory count.

A discussion was held regarding selling items versus donating – sales tax concerns and tax returns will need to be investigated.

Ursula indicated storage of inventory is becoming a problem, she may require assistance in the future for others to keep inventory since no facilities are available at the park due to Hurricane Ian.

It appears that everyone who has aol.com are now receiving email since the switch last month to Constant Contact.

Ursula made some good contacts at the CSO meeting in Orlando that she recently attended. There was conversation that soon a Facebook page for all CSO's in the state may soon be available – spearheaded by Christine Smalls – Manager of all the volunteer CSO's in the State.

**Vice President's Report:**

None - Janice is looking forward to the work of the Board – now doing Instagram page for DWPSP.

**Secretary's Report:**

A motion was made to approved the minutes of the January 2, 2023 BOD meeting by Janice Kmetz, seconded by Donna Graham. Unanimously approved. 0 abstained or declined.

A motion was made to approved the minutes of the January 9, 2023 BOD meeting by Amy Modglin seconded by Donna Wallin. Unanimously approved. 0 abstained, 0 opposed.

The new secretary was informed to send approved minutes to webmaster Alicia Astorga for posting on the website. The outgoing secretary agreed to send the recently approved minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

For 2022, assets increased 16.3% to \$210,121.

Total income increased 18.1% to \$95,550.

Total expenses increased 26.8% to \$62,614, mostly due to Hurricane Ian related expenses.

Overall, net income increased 1.5% to \$32,935.

To note- sales of hats matched sales of critters.

A motion was made by Donna Graham to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Janice Kmetz. A discussion was held regarding the decision to go forward from now on to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was restated and it was unanimously approved, no opposed, no abstained.

**Membership Chairperson:**

As of 2/2/2023 – 279 Members

Since the change in memberships from Family @ \$50 and Individual @ \$25, the following have either joined or renewed. Seagull - \$50.00 -27, Manatee – \$100 - 21, Dolphin - \$250 – 4, Osprey - \$500 – 0, Sea Turtle - \$1000 – 2

Amy officially has taken over effective 2/6/2023.

A motion was made by Janice Kmetz and seconded by Eric Cosentino to simplify the application process on the website by removing the gift option on the membership application. An amended motion was made by Janice Kmetz to simplify the application process on the website by removing the gift option but indicating it continues to be an option with the exact wording to be determined by the membership chair master and the webmaster. Seconded by Valerie Thompson, The motion passed unanimously, no opposed, no abstained.

The decision was made to modify the website to allow the applicant to opt in for a critter. Alicia,webmaster will modify the website.

**Park Manager's Update: Provided by David**

Updated provided on park/beach clean up. Will meet April deadline for seaturtle laying season.

Still in planning stages with the State for what and how can be rebuilt.

Meeting next week with biologists for sea oat renourishment

David will be honored for State Valor Award on 2/8/2023 for saving the life of a paddleboarder.

**Committee Reports:**

None

**Old Business:**

Donna Graham requested clarification that the money set aside for the Children's Art Show wasn't placed anywhere different as there is no Art Show this year. Eric confirmed the money was in the general fund.

**New Business:**

Ursula confirmed that all required filings have been or will be filed in accordance with the appropriate guidelines.

Donna Graham submitted her research on solar powered booths to act as temporary ranger stations in the event they are needed in the future.

David Baniak suggested a possible donor for porta potties if needed in the future.

Ursula Gibbons requested participation in a Friends quarterly newsletter – all offered to assist.

Beach Cam discussion was tabled at the request of David Baniak.

David Baniak requested the pursuit of Volunteer t-shirts for the volunteers to purchase to wear and distinguish them as DWPSP volunteers at events as well as upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Day on March 11, 2023. Ursula Gibbons will provide further information via email.

Donna Graham made a motion to set a budget not to exceed \$600 for the purchase of volunteer shirts to be received prior to March 11 to be purchased by volunteers. The motion was seconded by Amy Modglin. The motion passed, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Ursula Gibbons suggested that perhaps we have another membership meeting in April – discussion tabled as location could not be determined until condition of DWPSP is evaluated next month.

There will be a contractor appreciation luncheon date TBD for the beach clean up contractors. Only the Board volunteers will participate as well as Rangers.

Donna Graham asked about turtle cage material and construction. David Baniak responded that he is gearing up and will request help when needed.

With no further business, Valerie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Janice Kmetz seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kim Braham-Moody  
Secretary

Approved: Kim Braham-Moody