

MINUTES of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
Membership Meeting – April 14, 2014

Alliene Liden conducted the 50/50 which netted \$36 just enough to pay for the lunch items.

Mike Odom, park ranger, presented a very informative program on native plants. With beautiful photos of plants in our park, Mike shared his knowledge and expertise about The Primary Dune (The Beach), The Secondary Dune (Maritime Hammock) and the Marine Tidal Marsh (The Mangroves). Mike talked about how the Native Americans used many of these plants and that he had actually made jelly from some berries harvested in the park. The program ended outside while he pointed out plants in the mangroves and maritime hammock. Mike thanked the Friends for their efforts in fundraising and for promoting the park to the public.

Call to order: The Membership Meeting of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park was held at the pavilion at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, Naples Florida on April 14, 2014. The meeting convened at 10:40 AM by Carol Belfiori, president, with Marcia Byrd as secretary. A quorum was established.

Board Members in attendance: Larry Beer, Carol Belfiori, Tom Belfiori, Marcia Byrd, Elsie Morgan, Phil Nye, Ann Petrillo, and Robert Steiger **Absent were:** Joe Gagnier and Kathe Rasch

Approval of minutes: The minutes from the March 10, 2014 meeting were approved as read.

Officers' reports:

President: Carol distributed park passes provided by the Friends of Florida State Parks. They are good through June and allow admittance in any state park in Florida. We were glad that Ann Petrillo was on her feet and able to attend the meeting. Ann will conduct the meeting in October. There will not be a meeting in September. Marcia thanked Carol and Tom for their outstanding tour of Koreshan State Park on March 20th.

Vice Pres: No report. Ann will run the October membership meeting.

Treasurer: No report

Park Mgr: Bob thanked Donna for coordinating the beach count study which is ending April 30th. The traffic survey of the intersection indicated that it is in acceptable use on busy days. Staff changes: Wayne Martin resigned, David Sidars has been hired to fill the absence of Alyssa Rothstein, Patty Hall has taken the position of administrative assistant to Bob, approval came for two OPS rangers. There are seasonal and temporary categories for the OPS positions. Bob is working with Mark to assign these rangers. Heather will attend Ranger Academy at the end of April. The Park brought in over \$100,000 in February. Erosion of Wiggins Pass was found to be in acceptable limits given that the channel markers were moved two weeks ago and that sand has migrated northward. Tallahassee announced that a new ranger station is out of the question but a new administration building, containing four offices, will be constructed somewhere in the garage area by the break room. Hope to begin in July. Donna and Mark's offices will move and that space will be used as garage/shop space.

Park Svc. Spclst: Donna asked for volunteers to promote the Friends/Park at the SWFL Conservancy's Earth Day event on April 19th. Tallahassee is offering parks a tablecloth with the State Park logo, and kit for outreach. Thanks to Pat Linhoff for working up the new member packet and thanks to everyone for helping with help gathering data for the beach chart.

Committee Reports: Carol announced that Family membership went to \$50 and Corporate went to \$500. Gate passes will be printed early and we will grant those at the start of season.
Dates: Wildlife and Wildlands Art Show – 17 Jan 2015
Children's Art Show 7-8 Feb 2015
Larry and Gene Byrd installed the Liar's Club plaque in memory of Jack Shea.

Unfinished business: It was agreed that the official membership meetings will begin in October.

New Business: Legislation brought up regarding the CSO's in the future. Nothing new was reported.
Boardwalk question raised: It has been tabled indefinitely -no money, no people to do it. Therefore, not feasible. But the state has approved it.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM

A luncheon was provided by Sweet Tomatoes and MacDonalds.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Byrd, secretary
Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park

Date of Approval: 10.13.14