

MINUTES of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
Membership Meeting – November 10, 2014

Alliene Liden conducted the 50/50. Those present numbered 26 among staff, members, and visitors.

Call to order: The Membership Meeting of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park was held in the CSO Room at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, Naples Florida on November 10, 2014. The meeting convened at 10:02 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. The minutes of the October 13, 2014 meeting were approved as read.

Officers' reports:

President: Carol, recently arrived from Minnesota, welcomed everyone and described how and when the membership renewals and new memberships would be processed after the meeting and the program. Kathe Rasch, treasurer, developed a form to be used for memberships and no gate passes were to be issued without the form being filled out. Carol commented that the passes could be used now even though they have 2015 printed on them. She suggested using any from 2014 first.

With the Nature Festival coming up on Saturday, November 15th, she asked for volunteers to help out at the event. Bins used for activities at the NF were brought to the CSO Room by Lori and Carol requested that members signed up for a particular activity go through the bins after the meeting to see what supplies are needed. Ann and Marcia will shop for supplies on Friday.

The Friends brochure is close to ready but in order to have some available at the NF and the membership meetings, stickers were printed to cover the levels of membership which have changed.

Treasurer: no report

Park Mgr: Bob thanked the Friends for the money donated toward the new ATV. The state paid a larger portion than had been specified earlier so the \$3,000 approved by the Friends did not all have to be used.

The Park has joined in a partnership with Naples Community Hospital to offer a life-vest loaner program. NCH will provide a rack with life vests of various sizes, to be used at the beach and then returned. The U.S. Coast Guard flotilla will check on the vests for safety and maintain the inventory. There is no cost to the park. The staff is investigating the best location, probably near Area #3. Vanderbilt Beach Park and Koreshan State Park offer loaner life vest in similar programs.

Elan Weisz, formerly an OPS, is now a new ranger, filling the vacancy left by Cheryl Metzler.

Bob had a lengthy report resulting from the survey that the Park conducted from December 2013 through April 2014. The survey was a requirement of Collier County and it was designed to determine if the park reaches capacity following the criteria established for this study. If the park did not reach capacity and could take more people, additional parking would be required.

At the conclusion of the study, it was determined that the park did reach capacity the required number of times and that no additional parking would be needed. Adding a second toll taker to alleviate the long lines of cars during high season is under consideration.

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Lori explained the procedure for checking out the bins and making lists for the NF activities. She has volunteers preparing Area #3 – trimming foliage, power washing tables and boardwalks. The bathhouse in Area #3 is freshly painted and spruced up for the NF. She has run off flyers to be distributed at the gate and around town. The schools have been notified electronically. She encouraged people to sign up to work at an activity or a sales table. Bob reminded us that for the hours of the event, 10 AM – 3 PM, the toll takers are members of the Friends and they have to keep a record of the cars entering with one person or more. Cars with 1 person will pay \$5 and cars with more will pay \$7. The Friends reimburse the park \$2 per vehicle and the money left goes into the Friends treasury. This has been approved by the state. The weather forecast is good, but there is the possibility of red tide.

Lori said that she has been in contact with the person who was working on the new brochure, but her priorities are with the NF during the coming week.

Committee Reports:

Unfinished business: Approval and printing of the new brochure is pending.

New Business: Christmas Potluck dinner will be on December 8th, at 5 PM at the pavilion in Area #5. This is a social event. No meeting will be held.
Wildlife and Wildlands Art Show is January 17th. T-shirt design has to be chosen.
Children's Art Show – February 7-8, 2015.

Introductions: Carol introduced Joanne and Frank Laforgia, who answered the request to help us with bookkeeping services. They are both CPAs.
She also introduced David Weinberger who will be working with membership.

Sally Madden won the 50/50 and made a \$15 donation to the Friends from her winnings.

Adjournment: 10:48 AM.

Following the meeting, Tom Belfiori presented an enlightening program called: What is it? Frequently Asked Questions of Beach Visitors. Tom showed photos of many of the things people find on the beach and wonder what they are. Most of us did not know how those holes in bivalves occurred. Not from birds pecking them but from moon snails, predators of sorts, whose radula drill into the bivalve allowing them to suck out the soft tissue. We also learned to not eat the sea pork!!

Following Tom's program, memberships were processed and work for the Nature Festival activities began.

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

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