

Friends of Delnor - Wiggins Pass State Park

Board Meeting Minutes: March 5, 2018

Surf Colony I Meeting Room

Board members present: Larry Beer, Marcia Byrd, Milagros Dougan, Kathy Foster, Gabriella Miyamoto, Phil Nye, Valerie Thompson

Board members absent: Joe Gagnier

Park staff present: Zachary Lozano

Board President Kathy Foster called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was established.

Reports of Officers

President's Report--Kathy thanked Marcia and her committee for their work conducting another highly successful Children's Art Show. The Board has one vacancy and Board members were asked to consider people they think would be good board members and share their names with Kathy. Board application forms are available in the CSO Room. The Friends have been selected to receive memorial donations for Ahlke Schmidt, a Naples resident who enjoyed the Park. Kathy requested a thank you note be written to Park Ranger Rosa Simone for the restoration of Lunetta.

Vice President's Report—no report

Secretary's Report—Minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting were amended and approved.

Treasurer's Report--Larry presented concerns about designated vs restricted funds and how these funds have been interpreted and handled in past budgets. He provided a history of the establishment of funds that were to be used for long-term park projects, in particular a planned Mangrove Boardwalk. Larry prepared a listing of annual contributions that were to be directed to this fund from the Friends net profit. Following discussion, the Board approved that \$15,000.00 from the recent Norris Foundation gift be moved into the "designated funds" category of the budget. Milagros made the following motion: "Once a year when the budget is developed, the Board will determine any changes to the designated fund. This will supersede any previous Board motions related to the 'designated funds' ". Kathy seconded the motion. The motion passed with the Board vote: 5 yes; 1 no; 1 abstention.

The Treasurer's Report is attached.

Membership: The memberships number stands at 102, twenty-one art show artists' family memberships are included. Additionally, fourteen memberships are up for renewal and not included in the total. Family memberships and single memberships are each counted as one. Twelve membership applications have been processed at the gatehouse. Marcia asked that the Board consider giving annual family memberships to Collier County Schools art coordinators Skip Pardee and Linda Cummings who have been Children's Art Show judges. The Board agreed to her request.

Volunteers: In September and January, Marcia and Gabriella will send an email to members to invite them to volunteer for various Friends and Park activities.

Sandwich sign outside ranger station:

The District Office approved the sign and Kathy polled the Board via email for approval of the purchase. The cost was estimated at \$175.00 (less discount of \$17.50) for a total expense of \$157.50. Kathy made a motion to confirm the email vote. Marcia seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to confirm the email vote and purchase the sign.

Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park magnets or stickers to be given with memberships: Will not be pursued.

Reports of Committees

Children's Art Show: Marcia reported on the successful event. Students from eight Collier County elementary schools participated in the event that attracted many families and first time visitors to the Park. Marcia provided a history of the Children's Art Show and the procedures used to organize and hold the event. New procedures instituted this year included the pickup and delivery of artwork by volunteers. Teachers appreciated this new option. The Beach Bus worked well and facilitated entry to the Park and

Show in area #5. Marcia thanked Zach for working with the County transit personnel to provide this exception to the normal bus route. Gabriella, Mary Limont, and Linda Cummings served as judges for the 2018 Show. Marcia thanked her committee. She also thanked Phil, Jacquie and Wally for taking care of photography and food.

Wildlands and Wildlife Art Show: Valerie shared Andrea Stetson's "Art Show" article that was published in the *Bonita Banner* newspaper.

Park Manager's Report

- The park is back to full staff with new Ranger James Aldridge and OPS Ranger Sara Grant
- Zach reported on the red tide conditions. Park staff members are actively collecting and burying fish that wash up onto the beach. "Red Tides may be present" signs have been posted.
- Visitor numbers were up from Feb. 17 to Feb. 18 due in part to unseasonably warm month.
- Pass dredging: Park staff members are waiting to hear from county personnel. The project has been approved at the county level. Zach anticipates the project will start sometime this month.
- Kathy and Zach will attend the District CSO meeting at Honeymoon Island State Park this month.
- Larry asked if, as in the past, lost and found items could be given to Friends to sell. Zach said yes and that a storage area is needed to keep lost and found items, he will investigate storage options. The *Park Operations Manual* outlines procedures and timeline for lost and found items. Various options were discussed for Friends use of unclaimed items.

Unfinished Business

Dellora's Garden: Zach sent the garden proposal to District office and has yet to hear back. When approval is given, Zach will send an email to Friends members to recruit gardening volunteers.

Todd Richard's fundraising ideas: Zach will check with Todd at their next meeting to see if he is willing to sell Friends merchandise, e.g. t-shirts, caps, visors, etc.

Grant proposal, FFS (Friends of Florida State Parks). Upon their request, our Friends organization submitted a grant proposal idea to FFSP. Zach communicated that FFSP staff have been gathering information and gauging the interest of its member CSOs. FFSP is currently not in a position to accept formal grant proposals.

New Business

Away Trip on April 9: Zach reviewed the day's activities. Cost was set at \$35.00 per person with a registration deadline of April 2, 2018. Parking will be in the shop area and at the boat ramp. Marcia is preparing an invitation; Kathy will email it to members.

Webcam: Alicia Astorga is heading up this project. Two vendors have been to the Park and will forward proposals.

Volunteer Lunch: Lori will give a special certificate to Wally and Jacquie Lucas, Resident Volunteers.

Fundraising: Marcia presented an idea for brick donations. Following state guidelines, Zach said that the bricks could not be a "memorial" brick. The Board thought the idea was worth considering. Kathy asked for a volunteer from the Board to investigate this fundraising option. No one came forward at this time. Zach will ask rangers where a donation brick area could be located.

Upcoming Dates

Friday, March 9	Volunteer Luncheon, noon @ Bonita Springs Carrabba's
Monday, March 12	Membership Meeting - 10am Speaker: Ms. Rachael Kangas, Public Archeology Coordinator SW Region, Fl. Public Archeology Network
Saturday, March 24	District #4 CSO meeting-9:30am
Monday, April 2	Board of Director's Meeting- 10am
Monday, April 9	Away Membership trip - 8am

Adjournment: 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Thompson, Secretary

Date approved: 4.2.18