

Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Minutes

January 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the President, Larry Beer. 32 members were present.

Minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

Treasurer's Report Larry reported for Diane:

Cash \$48,061.54 CD \$33,000 Checking \$5,170.18 Money Mkt \$9,891.36

The storage trailer will forever be called "The Whitehouse"

Financial reports are stored on shelf for any member to look over.

Special Events

JoAnn presented information about being a volunteer with encouragement for members to become involved, & bring in new ideas. She needs a Event Committee of 8 people. The Green Flash will partner with the Turtle Club again this year. Nature Festival- We need a children's table activity. The Art Show- assignments have been made but a few more volunteers are needed. Jo Ann passed around a list of needed helpers for members to sign-up to help. Joan's Cook Shak will be the food vendor for the Art Show.

Membership

Marcia reported 92 members. New levels of membership were covered. Steve Shea was introduced as a new member who became interested in the Friends after attending the Green Flash.

Membership Survey

Kathryn Goerig-Eastlake reported to members that a phone survey was completed on January 5 by volunteers. The data has not been compiled to-date and that she will report back to the membership at the next meeting.

Larry reviewed with members the 2010 accomplishments of the Friends Organization and passed around hard copies to the members. We have much to be proud of. Also the Board approved projects were also presented and volunteers were asked to help with these projects. We have had six resident artists to-date. A hard copy of the Proposed 2011 Budget was also presented to the members

Park Manager's Report

Bob reported that the focus this year is to help legislators understand the core values of the State Parks. Wiggins-Pass will be dredged soon. He also passed around a drawing of the turnaround proposed by the county. Bob thanked the Friends for the money and help to replace and rebuild the boardwalk in Area 5 which was built to code and Federal guidelines. Ranger station got permits but lost funding to build it. Permit lasts 1-2 years. Bob also thanked us for the funds to help Bruce and Brittany earn national certificates for Interpreters and that they will be providing us with a program at one of our future meetings. Bruce will present "Mammals" and Brittany will teach us about "Threatened Shorebirds."

Carolyn – Volunteer Program

Carolyn announced that the Florida Park Service will hold Volunteer Appreciation Day in Osprey Florida on Saturday February 5 @ 9AM and that today is the last day to send in a reservation. She also announced that she will be taking anyone interested on a walk in Area 5 after the meeting. Bob will take any members interested in walking through the mangroves over the area of our proposed new boardwalk.

Larry reported that the Potential Boardwalk through the Mangroves meeting will be held the end of February with the “Powers” that be. Larry pointed out that the Proposal includes an interpretive trail and birding and can be found in the Orange Folder that he held up.

Old Business

Marcia reported that Carolyn will hold a plant walk with volunteers and begin discussions regarding what we can and cannot plant in the Park. On January 20th @8:30AM anyone interested is invited to travel to the Plant nursery with Carolyn & Marcia. Bring your lunch and the group will return to the Park and plant in the Norris Memorial area. The group will also work in the plant nursery. Additionally, plans are underway for an archway, signage and a bench to be added to this Memorial area.

New Business

Larry announced that Kay resigned from the Board and that Dianne is also finished serving. Election of 2011 Board Members took place.

David Eastlake is running for re-election and Colleen Cleveland is interested in serving on the Board although she was not present. Olga moved that David & Colleen become Board members and Anna Petrillo seconded the motion. Motion Passed. We still have one open seat on the Board.

50-50 Drawing was won by Fran Thompson

Tickets to the Park were won by Deanna Foreman

Meeting adjourned @ 11:10AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Goerig-Eastlake

Secretary