

**FRIENDS OF DELNOR WIGGINS PASS STATE PARK**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETNG MARCH 11, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by acting President Ann Petrillo at 10:04 AM.

Three board members were present along with Park Manager Bob Steiger, and park specialist Donna Young.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Ann Petrillo opened the meeting asking Tom Belfiori to read the minutes. Minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ann Petrillo asked David Eastlake to read the treasurer's report.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Petrillo read a letter from President Marcia Byrd that reviewed projects ongoing, and some that have been completed.

**PARK MANAGER REPORT**

Park Manager Steiger reported on park projects. He announced that the pass dredging had started. The concession stand is now fully open on parking lot #4. He reviewed the beach red tide issues, and types of dead fish they have found.

**PARK SPECIALIST REPORT**

Specialist Young reviewed plans for the upcoming Nature Festival on April 6, 2013. The next planning date is March 21, 2013 at 10 AM. She needs more volunteers for the project. Our intern is still working on membership renewals, as they come in. Any membership questions please call.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Ryan Young, Biologist from the South District of the Department of Environmental Protection, gave us a very informative talk about the ecosystem assessment and restoration in South Florida. He is also the liaison of our UR Donna Young.

## NEW BUSINESS

Alliene Liden told the group we are still collecting names for the Loggerhead turtle. The winner will be announced on Earth Day, April 22, 2013.

David Eastlake commented that the park entrance sign for the Loggerhead will now be purchased by the Friends group. The benefactor we thought would donate the sign has not come through on it. We hope to have the Loggerhead identification sign soon.

Alicia Astorga spoke on the new process for putting our logo on future shirts. Problems were discussed regarding types of material and applying the logos to the materials. Ordering options were discussed. She also announced that the new member list will be updated on the web site. She commented that a new idea was to consider an external hard drive for Donna Young to collect all types of photos of the park area that are submitted to her.

Petrillo announced that a volunteer was still needed to attend the United Art Council meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Eastlake

Acting Secretary