

MINUTES of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park  
Annual Membership Meeting – January 12, 2015

Alliene Liden conducted the 50/50.

**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 January 12, 2015. The meeting convened at 10:05 AM by Ann Petrillo, President, with Marcia Byrd as Secretary. A quorum was established.

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

The first order of business was the election of the Board. All four directors whose term expired agreed to remain. They are Larry Beer, Joe Gagnier, Ann Petrillo, and Kathe Rasch. Additionally, Valerie Thompson agreed to serve on the Board and a new member, Kathy Foster, turned in her board application after the meeting. The Board of Directors slate was voted on favorably.

The minutes of the November 10, 2014 meeting were approved as read.

**Officers' reports:**

President: Ann distributed a sheet listing the Friends' Accomplishments in 2014. She highlighted some of the major ones and asked the members to read the rest on their own. These will be emailed to Alicia Astorga for posting on the website.

Ann reported the sad news that Lou Erb, one of our charter members, passed away. A card will be sent to Joan, his widow.

Treasurer: Kathe reported that in spite of low attendance and few children we made money on the Nature Festival held November 15, 2014 - \$1,590 gate collection, \$640 T-shirts, \$500 Food, \$133 donations.

The checking account has \$12,148.02. Major purchases in 2014 included \$1800 toward the ATV, expenses for the Nature Festival – supplies, publicity. A good influx of membership and the \$2700 from the sale of the Rolex watches that were left at the park will help us come in near budget in 2014. Final reports will be forthcoming after our new volunteer accountants, Joanne and Frank LaForgia, crunch the numbers in the QuickBooks program.

Park Mgr: Bob thanked Lori for doing the WINKTV interview and thanked Ann for taking over as the President, following the resignation of Carol Belfiori.

He spoke about Coach B's renewed contract for Summer Camp and Beach parties and the state getting 10% in return.

Bob and staff members met with the Bureau Chief, Donald Forgione, to finalize the details of Collier County's permitting approvals for the boardwalks and stairs to bath houses. They also met to discuss alleviation of the congestion at our entrance. Recommendations include adding up to four toll booths. That would require moving the offices in the gate house to a new location back by the shop. Also, we have learned that the County plans to create another lane from Gulfshore Dr. to our toll collection area.

Bob reported that Mike Odom, ranger, and Susan Lindner, toll taker, have resigned.

A new CSO Handbook has been published and Bob, along with the Board, will read through it for clarity and understanding. The Board will meet after the meeting to study the document.

Park Svs. We congratulated Lori on her 7AM WINK TV interview regarding the Art Show.  
Spclst.: The Art Show schedule is complete and Lori said that there was need of a few more members to offer relief for the artists who might need to leave their table during the day. Anyone wishing to help at the Art Show should contact her.

Lori will oversee the final edits and printing of the new Membership Brochure. She showed us the draft and will meet with the board to determine the number to print.

### **Committee Reports:**

Membership – Kathe, who is handling membership till we can get another volunteer to do it, said that the email blasts have netted good results for renewals. She stated that membership totals fluctuate between 100 and 120.

Children's Art Show - Marcia reported that the Second Annual Children's Art Show to be held on February 7-8, 2015, is planned and involves 8 schools this year. Volunteers will be needed on Friday, February 6, 2015, to process certificates and to attach the hangers to the artwork. The artwork must be hung on Saturday morning before 9 AM and help will be needed with that as well as during the day. At 3 PM the artwork comes down for storage overnight. The artwork gets rehung by 12 Noon on Sunday and the People's Choice Award is displayed. The show ends at 3 PM and again the artwork must be removed and stored for pickup by the art teachers.

### **Unfinished business:**

Ann remarked that Larry had opened up the boardwalk discussion again. He will report on it at the next meeting.

### **New Business:**

There being a number of new faces in our audience, Ann asked anyone who was new to introduce themselves. Six self-introductions followed. We welcomed them for membership.

Ingrid Twiefel won the 50/50 and donated her winnings to the Friends. \$52 was collected for our membership parties.

### **Adjournment:** 10:50 AM.

Following the meeting, annual memberships were processed along with the gate passes. Ann served delicious cookies to all. The Board stayed after the meeting to review the new CSO Handbook.

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

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