

Friends of Arthur R Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Board Meeting Minutes October 25, 2008

Attending: Jay Brenner, John Marshall, Judy Colvard, Sidney Rotter, Stephen Horowitz, Jean Poleshuck, Cynthia Plockelman, Joan Davis, Ruth Levow

Jay Brenner, President opened the meeting at 9:AM.

By-laws were distributed to board members.

Treasurer's report: Financial balance, Bank of America Chk \$19,983.75, Business Economy Chk \$3,200.77, 4 mo CD \$25,385.46 totaling \$48,569.98.

Discussion as to changes in the Budget shall be reviewed by the Budget committee, Jean Poleshuck Steve Horowitz and Mitch Rosenheim.

Solicitation of funds for the exhibits will be written by Joan Davis and Mitch Rosenheim and presented to the Board at the November meeting.

Refuge report: Rolf Olson informed us that a Japanese Film Crew filmed our Refuge. This film was used in a live broadcast Ecotourism Show. The crew donated \$1,000 to the Refuge. He announced that there would be a meeting of the Everglades Coalition at the Refuge on November 10, and a Family Volunteer day on November 22.

The Plaque honoring Arthur R Marshall will be discussed at the next meeting after John Marshall and Mitch Rosenheim present content of plaque and research as to cost.

Since people are already asking about the photo contest, there should be information on our Web site and e-mail. Everglades Photo shall be requested to notify George Berman and Elinor Williams.

It was announced that 14 of Anne Ake's books on the Everglades have been sold at the Gift shop.

Judy Colvard was introduced to the Board by Jean, Herb Teitler's contributions were introduced by Steve and Ruth Levow was welcomed back by Jean.

The board voted to appoint Judy Colvard, Herb Teitler, and Ruth Levow as board members.

In light of problems in increasing and holding volunteers to work in the Gift Shop, Judy Colvard agreed to accept the position of Friends Volunteer Coordinator.

Today the Marshall Foundation has brought 500 children to the Refuge for Photography experiences. The effort was appreciated by the Board for outreach to the community.

A reception for the past Photo Contest Show will be held on November 16, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Cindy Bartosik is hosting the reception and Ruth Levow, Sid Rotter and Jean Poleshuck have volunteered to help Cindy in whatever way needed.

Joan Davis, Chair for the Friends Annual Meeting proposed that the meeting be held on Sunday, January 18th 2009, from 3:00 to 4:30 PM at the Refuge in the Auditorium. Wine and Cheese will follow from 4:30 to 5:00

PM. Motion was accepted. Director Sylvia Pilizza will be asked to be the main speaker.

Steve brought to the attention of the board the concept of the Friends hosting the Friends of Florida Refuge Conference in 2010 and scheduling it so that the Friends Everglades Coalition Conference precedes the Refuge Conference. The concept was accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35.

Submitted by Jean Poleshuck