

**Friends of Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
May 23, 2009**

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (“Friends Board”) met on Saturday, May 23, 2009 in the Conference Room at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (“Refuge”).

Attendees: Steve Horowitz, John Marshall, Jay Brenner, Joan Davis, Lance Warley, Tom Poulson, Mitch Rosenheim, Herb Teitler, and Kim Edoff. Absent were Elinor Williams, Cynthia Plockelman, and Judy Colvard. Also in attendance was Rolf Olson, representing the Refuge.

**The meeting opened at 9:00 am. A quorum was established.**

**Steve Horowitz asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2009 meeting. Mitch Rosenheim moved to approve the minutes. Herb Teitler seconded the motion. The minutes as circulated for the April 25, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.**

Rolf Olson reported on current informational items and upcoming events:

- Sea turtle poacher has recently been apprehended
- 4 YCC high school students start June 8 for their summer work
- A Chinese delegation recently visited
- Extra attention is being given to rookeries due to high water levels from recent rains
- 30 – 50 wood storks are currently nesting
- Exhibits will be here by the end of September—the Visitor’s Center may be closed for a brief period during installation – Grand opening slated for the week of October 12 – 18

Steve Horowitz indicated that the Friends will be a main or the sole funder of the opening event.

John Marshall presented the Friends with a certificate thanking the Friends for the \$2,500 donation for the college intern program this summer. There will be investigation into possible coordination between the Marshall Foundation interns and the YCC summer interns.

Herb Teitler gave the Treasurer’s Report. As we routinely expect during the summer months store sales are down. As of May 22, 2009, our May store sales were \$1964 which is down from the previous 4 months. Memberships and Donations for May are at \$128, also down. The balance in our checking account is \$15,141 and our 2 CDs combined are at approximately \$29,000. Our accountant and bookkeeper Miriam Walling has provided us with a report as of May 22.

Lance Warley reported on the Gator Tales in which the first layout has been reviewed. By May 30th, he expects the issue to be ready for printing. He is currently looking at printing companies.

It will be a high quality glossy 12 page document bulk mailed to all Friends. The expected cost will be several thousand dollars per issue with 2 issues per year expected.

Steve Horowitz discussed a possible new person (Stephanie Wright) to do PR for us in contacting the media directly for press releases. Steve will work with her to make the appropriate media contacts.

Mitch Rosenheim reported that 1,000 of our visitor's guides in storage at the printer may be inaccessible to us as the printer has gone out of business. He will be pursuing this with the landlords to see what we can recover. Mitch also described his involvement with the Everglades Coalition Conference next January and the possibility of leading or being involved in the canoe trips that will take place prior to the conference. It is anticipated that the Friends will have a large contingent of canoes for the last 8 miles ending in Grassy Waters. More information to come.

Jay Brenner reported that he hopes to be back more actively in the fall.

Tom Poulson will be working with Elinor to discuss the tri-fold brochure ideas.

Joan Davis reported on the last Water Resources Advisory Commission (WRAC) meeting in which they didn't get time to review the new contract for the River of Grass lands purchase prior to the governing board vote to accept the new contract.

Kim reported that next weekend the Refuge will host Morikami Park families and that the Refuge has signed a partnership agreement with the school. The question was posed to Board members on their knowledge of grant writing and if they have any suggestions, please forward to Kim. She will continue to pursue grants for children and families.

Rolf reported that Judy Colvard will be the volunteer liaison interfacing and scheduling volunteers directly.

Steve reported that the new logo is on hold while one is being developed by a third party vendor. He also passed out a grant that he and Serena Rinker had recently worked on and submitted.

Mitch distributed a proposed draft of the by-law revisions. Please review this for the next meeting.

No June meeting. Steve proposed a possible meeting schedule change. This item will be tabled until the fall when summer vacations are over.

Next meeting is July 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Mitch moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Edoff  
May 23, 2009