

Friends of Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2010

Call to order 9:03 AM a quorum being present.

In attendance: Steve H, John M, Dave L, Tom P, Elinor W, Lance W, Kay L, Joan D, Jeff K (arrived 1000 AM due to early canoe trip).

Absent: Pauline S, George B, Judy C, Marta I, Cythia B, Mitch R

Motion by Lance, Seconded by Tom To accept the Minutes of the April and May meetings as previously circulated. Approved.

Treasurer Dave L. reports that we have \$11000 in checking, \$25000 in CDs, and \$3200 in a money fund.

Motion by Dave, Seconded by Kay To adopt the USFWS guidelines and forms for reimbursement when attending meetings on behalf of the Friends. Approved.

Joan reports that the River of Grass Phase II Everglades Restoration Plan has been suspended by the SFWMD due to legal challenges.

Lance suggests that he can look into preparing a book of photographic images that could be sold in the Gift Shop.

Elinor suggests that everyone try to get a \$250 ad for the 2011 calendar she is working on.

John gave out copies of Art and Culture Magazine with an article on Loxahatchee; a copy of the Dudley Edmondson DVD of the January canoe expedition; and suggested that we have a printed agenda at future meetings.

Jeff pointed out the need for another display rack in the VC near the front desk.

Tom reminded about the idea of a display case above the water fountain.

Kay felt that the Refuge website is not as useful as it could be. Out of date items should be removed and new information posted in a timely manner.

Steve: 1. The new boardwalk can be viewed to see the wire mesh sides and top rail.
2. Hope all can attend July meeting to finalize Bylaw revision.
3. Bedner's is trying to get a Special Use Permit to facilitate bringing in groups.
4. Refuge is planning on 1 or 2 8-10 passenger golf carts for minitour groups.
5. Bedner's may be purchasing the land it currently leases and donating the treed area to the Refuge. The Master Plan expanded boundary needs to be approved.
6. David U. is looking into the possibility of adding a cell phone tour system around the Refuge.

7. The Jay Brenner Memorial Committee has met once and will meet again in July.
8. Copies of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Refuge were distributed. It runs until 2013.

Adjourned 10:40 AM Some wanted time to see Bee Pollinator Day program in VC, some wanted to go to beach for Hands Across the Sands, and Jeff has another canoe trip tonite.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Horowitz, Secretary Protem.