

Friends of Loxahatchee BOD Mtg.

Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 2:00 PM

Present: Judy Colvard, Joan Davis, Harvey Eisen, Steve Horowitz, Kay Larche, Dave Lurie, John Marshall, Cynthia Plockelman, Tom Poulson, Pauline Stacey, Elinor Williams, and Rolf Olson

Absent: Jeff Kramer, Mitch Rosenheim, Lance Warley

- 1) President Horowitz opened the meeting at 2:05 PM
- 2) Secretary for the Day Joan Davis
- 3) September 11, 2010 Minutes as circulated by Kay Larche approved (moved by John Marshall, seconded by Davis Lurie)
- 4) Harvey Eisen welcomed as new Board member replacing George Berman
- 5) Refuge Manager's Report given by Rolf Olson: a)11/20/10 Family Volunteers Day; b)2 new resident volunteers; c)2 new six month biotechs; d)Site 1 Impoundment work to begin mid-November thru 2012; e)Elinor Williams will attend the next Staff meeting
- 6) President's report: a)Webmaster changeover complete from George Berman to Don Williams; b)Art Contest Sunday 10/24/10 a success with high quality work, 39 entries from 24 artists plus wine and cheese reception. Art work on display and for sale until 1/4/11 with 25% commission/donation to Refuge; c)23 tickets sold for "CANE" theater party w/\$5 profit per ticket. -----John Marshall took playwright on airboat ride Lake O et al resulting in change of Second Act at John's suggestion; ROG video at City Library 11/6/10----- d)Duffy Murphy offering 3-4 hour CPR course Sunday 12/12/10; usually \$45 pp; this cost for 25 persons \$500 w/ Friends paying \$400; Volunteers to donate \$5pp w/non-volunteers paying \$25pp ; e)Gator Tales final proof 10 27/10 & to printer 10/28/10 contains important articles re: Everglades Day and Carbon Sequestration. GT, 2011 Calendar, President's letter re: Annual Meeting will be mailed together in one envelope.

- 7) VP Report – John Marshall : a) Nancy Marshall NWRA BOD member attended 2 meeting at South Padre Island Birding Center in Texas, b) John attended as guest; c) tour to unattractive Border wall; d) Congress relaxing all environmental laws; e) NWRA not yet at level of NPCA; f) Nancy suggested May NWRA BOD meeting at Loxahatchee with Friends and Marshall Foundation as co-hosts ----- Elinor Williams wants financial accounting prior to any commitment ----- Kay Larche has some financial concerns voiced often ----- Budget and financial discussion went around the Bod w/no conclusion ----- g) Marshall Foundation group to attend “CANE” 11/6/10; h) Cypress seed harvest down w/Festival on Saturday 10/30/10
- 8) Dave Lurie gave Treasurer’s Report: a) \$4250 Checking Account; b) CD#1 - \$20,382; c) CD#2 - \$5115; d) Brenner Memorial Acct.- \$3200; e) Store Assistant learning computer to point of sale; f) Mimi Walling, Friends Accountant tracks all finances & also works with Elinor on membership; --- --- Cynthia Plockelman would like regular reports from Mimi -----
- 9) Pauline Stacey reported on the EVCO planned bonding retreat at Glade Haven Cabins in Everglades City, December 2-4. It will be two days of free “Public Issues and Conflict Management Training” by NOAA. EVCO members and their families will participate. Training is limited to the first 35 registrants. Info: Jennifer Hecker (238)263-0304 x250.
- 10) Kay Larche a) no new report on adoption of Lee Road; b) Bedner’s customers park on both sides of Lee Rd. on Sat. and Sun.; c) PBSO notified with no results ----- Elinor Williams said no confrontation needed; Dave Lurie said not Friends problem; Rolf Olson said Sylvia aware and monitoring; Steve Horowitz once forced to direct traffic on Rte.441.
- 11) Elinor Williams a) reported receipt of \$225 memorial donation; b) also reported that calendars are ready and available.
- 12) Judy Colvard a) reported next Volunteer training Sunday, 11/7/10 from 1:00-3:00 PM; b) volunteers are doing well; c) David Lurie will train Volunteers to use cash register in store.

- 13) Cynthia Plockelman a) hosting planning committee meeting for Everglades Day 2/12/11; b) Whitworth will allow Everglades Day parking; c) Serena has the info and is working with Steve re: bussing et al

- 14) Tom Poulson gave Science and Education Report: a) A paper published by SFWMD scientists reported water entering Everglades National Park improved since 1955 but graphs in that paper show no overall change. Tom believe inadequate source control of nutrients; b) Everglades foundation funded \$195,000 study of CERP Everglades Restoration economics showing a benefit to cost ratio of 4 to 1; c) EVCO now has Science & Technology team largely composed of ARMF & FEI Comm. of the same name (including John Marshall and Tom Poulson; d) "One Good Fern Deserves Another" is Tom's website article; e) Visitors Guide Book will not be ready by Everglades Day; f) 8 week course in collaboration between Marshall Foundation and JCC from 1/20/11 to 3/17/11 will meet once a week at JCC, Jog Rd., Boynton Beach.

- 15) Cynthia Plockelman stated Audubon of Everglades website has teachers' guide for 4th graders re: "The Last Egret" by Harvey Oyer

- 16) John Marshall wanted BOD Nominating Committee for seats open and/or renewable at next Annual Meeting. He voiced concern that BOD member could contribute as little as a \$15.00 membership.

- 17) Nominating Committee Members named by President Horowitz are: John Marshall, Judy Colvard, Pauline Stacey,

- 18) Meeting adjourned 4:00 PM

