

Friends of Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2011

Friends of Loxahatchee BOD met in the auditorium of the Visitor Center.

Present: Steve Horowitz, David Lurie, Harvey Eisen, Joan Davis, Bill Ross, Judy Colvard, Jeff Kramer, Kay Larche, Tom Poulson, Mitch Rosenheim, Pauline Stacey, Rolf Olson

Absent: Elinor Williams, Cynthia Plockelman, John Marshall

1. Judy distributed hard copy of March minutes as previously circulated via email. Unanimously accepted.
2. Bill is in process of setting up next edition of Gator Tales. Has enough articles for a full 12 pages. Steve will assist in editing.
3. Tom gave us an update on the new Visitor Guide. He is working with illustrator Laretta Grimshaw, recommended by Pauline. Motion to approve 1/2 payment now (\$375) and 1/2 payment on completion to Tom's satisfaction. (Amendment to not make final payment until publication was defeated 9-2). The main motion passed 9-2. Mitch offered to do a Spanish language version. This will be discussed at a future date.
4. Pauline advised of her efforts to get 2012 EVCO (27th annual) conference to an eco-friendly site. Hutchinson Island Marriott was selected for Jan 5-8th. Now working on getting 2013 site selected to announce at the 2012 meeting.
5. Joan went on the trip to the windfarm site in the EAA April 19th. Concerns about bird count studies and footprint of the 85 towers in the limestone base. Lots more work needed here. Steve reported USFWS Ecological Services Office in Vero Beach is studying this proposal and formulating a position letter.
6. Dave reported we have about \$40,000 on hand and that the outside donation box in the Visitor Center does much better than the one in the Gift Shop.
7. Rolf reported that the boardwalk benches will be installed soon, the canoe trail remains closed, 3 biology positions are being filled, we are ready to have a meeting with Southern Custom Exhibits on the Jay Brenner signage, and that student intern Moises Chavez will be returning to the bunkhouse May 9.
8. Harvey had the Store sales figures for the past 12 months. We are slightly down from a year ago-mostly due to low Everglades Day attendance, a bad economy, and rising fuel costs.
9. The next Lee Road cleanup working with "Keep PBC Beautiful" will be Saturday Sept 17th.
This past April 16th they provided us with about 20 volunteers, water bottles, aluminum grabbers, and tshirts. We were able to clean all parking lots and the entire length of Lee Rd.
10. Meeting adjourned 3:15 PM!! Next meeting Sat May 14 9AM

Respectfully submitted

Steve Horowitz

Secretary pro tem

