

**Friends of Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2011**

Present: Steve H, John M, Judy C, Harvey E, Pauline S, Elinor W, Kay L, Dave L, Joan D, Cynthia P, Mitch R, Rolf O, Bill M, Sylvia P

Absent: Bill R, Jeff K, Tom P (with ARMF interns)

Quorum present. Meeting called to order 2 PM.

Sylvia P. introduced Bill Miller and indicated that his presentation on the expansion of Loxahatchee boundaries was not yet public information. Bill was also congratulated on becoming new Refuge Manager at Hobe Sound.

Tom Poulson introduced the 2011 ARMF summer interns.

Vanessa Aparicio-Stetson U

David Diaz-Univ of Fla

Judy Hartshorn-Univ of Miami

Robert Hill-FL Gulf Coast Univ

Motion to accept the minutes of May 2011 meeting as previously circulated by email (Cynthia), seconded (Dave), passed unanimously.

Motion to accept Becky Garcia to fill open position on BOD until next general election meeting in January 2012 (Kay), seconded (Dave), passed unanimously.

Motion to establish BOD policy that all future nominations for BOD positions be discussed before being offered to prospective nominee (Mitch), seconded (John), passed 11-3.

Elinor indicated that graphic designer Cher Columbus will again be doing the calendar (2012).

Harvey distributed Sales Report for Gift Shop showing we are about \$2000 behind last year.

Pauline is pleased with the progress of EVCO 2012 Conference planning, especially the efforts to involve more students.

Cynthia and Kay reported on recent Everglades Day (2012) planning meetings and the possible need to reduce scope of offerings due to decreased revenues.

Mitch gave out a proposed canoe trail guide/info sheet and is awaiting feedback.

Joan gave out a League of Women Voters PBC legislative guide and Elinor suggested that we all contact one or more from our own areas.

John advised that Nancy Marshall's term on the NWRA BOD has expired and that Fla. is now without representation. Nancy will, however, be representing us in July in Madison, Wisc. at the Vision Conference for Refuges and Friends.

Rolf mentioned that lots of staff are off fighting forest fires, attending conferences, on vacation, etc. Staff Meeting of July 7 is cancelled. Also, we currently have 4 SHS interns volunteering at the Refuge.

Bryant Garcia (Wellington SH)

Darlain Presmy (MacArthur SH)

Arthur Abrams (Boca SH)

Matt Hebron (Douglas HS)

Next meeting Saturday July 30 9AM.

We adjourned 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Horowitz

Scribe