

**Friends of Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
July 30, 2011**

Closed meeting called to order 9:00 AM to discuss personnel matters.

**Present:** Steve Horowitz, Kay Larche, Jeff Kramer, Joan Davis, Cynthia Plockelman, Elinor Williams, Pauline Stacey, Tom Poulson, John Marshall, Harvey Eisen

**Absent:** Bill Ross, Becky Garcia, David Lurie, Judy Colvard

Open meeting commenced 9:15 AM.

**Guests:** Rolf Olson, Nancy Marshall

Nancy: Discussed NWRS Madison, Wisconsin "Vision Conference" she attended July 11-14 which will result in a 10 year plan for the future of the Refuge system. 13 years ago the last such conference drew 400 attendees, this year over 1200. Noted speakers were Ken Salazar, Secretary of Interior; Admiral Thad Allen (Gulf oil crisis); Douglas Brinkley, historian and biographer of Teddy Roosevelt.

Steve: A SONY camcorder system (\$1200) was purchased for the Refuge. Former staff member Randy Grabo has an art exhibit in the auditorium and the Friends art exhibit "Loxahatchee Visions" will replace it in early November. The Lee Road cleanup scheduled for Sept. 17th with "Keep PBC Beautiful" will have several dozen outside volunteers.

Joan: The August 29th County Commissioners meeting that will deal with the wind farm proposal should be attended by all who are able. We will forward the USFWS letter to all Commissioners which calls for a 3-year study of bird flight patterns.

Rolf: Working with Southern Custom Exhibits on new outdoor educational kiosks and signs but he is not confident that the Loxahatchee Canoeing proposal to enhance and improve that area will meet with SFWMD approvals.

Pauline: EVCO now has 54 member organizations, will have the 2013 conference venue selected by this October, and will have quarterly meetings planned a year in advance. April 2012 will be at Loxahatchee. Pauline is also promoting a student art and video contest for this year's January conference.

Harvey: Store sales in July were very slow and this year's revenues are off by about \$2500. He is also working with a local SHS to get a T-shirt design for this February's Everglades Day.

Elinor: The 2012 calendar is ready to go to the printer and all of last year's advertisers are back. Motion to print 5000 copies passes unanimously.

Tom: All the art work requested from Loretta Grimshaw for the new Visitor Guide is done. The first draft copy should be ready for review soon.

Bill: Has requested that articles for the next GATOR TALES be in to him in October.

Two candidates for our open BOD seat were discussed. Both would make great additions. Follow-ups are needed to clarify responsibilities and availability.

The Everglades Day Budget Committee (Steve, Janet Schreiber, Susan Snyder) met and determined that we will have enough funding to meet all of our needs for Feb. 11, 2012.

Next meeting will be 8:30 AM Saturday, Sept. 17 so that we can supervise the Lee Road cleanup later that morning.

Meeting adjourned 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Horowitz  
Scribe