

Minutes Friends of Loxahatchee BOD Meeting, September 8, 2012, 9:00AM, Conference Room VC

Present: Judy Colvard, Joan Davis, Harvey Eisen, David L. Lurie, Steve Horowitz, Jeff Kramer, Rolf Olson, Pauline Stacey, Max Wald, Elinor Williams, Mike Winokur

Absent: Kay Larche, John Marshall, Jay Paredes, Cynthia Plockelman, Tom Poulson

President Horowitz called the meeting to order at 9:05AM. A quorum was present. Harvey Eisen moved to accept the Minutes of the July 21, 2012, BOD Meeting. It was seconded by Mike Winokur.

Steve announced the judges for the Art Contest. They are Maxine Schreiber and Judith Hockroth. He said that Karen Leggett would like to do a story re: Friends of Loxahatchee. Steve then took a moment to announce that he had met the living, breathing "Muck Monster" in person!

The Treasurer's Report was made by Treasurer David L. Lurie. Copies of the Report were distributed. The Operating Account, including the Eisen Education Fund is \$17,650.00. Kim Detore has been given a check for \$3000.00 from Friends toward cost of canoe area refurbishment.

Harvey Eisen gave the Gift Shop report. August store sale receipts were low at only \$1327.00. This is the annual slow period and also the store was closed for three days due to Tropical Storm Isaac.

Plans for Everglades Day are progressing. Steve announced that \$12,000.00 is already at hand. The theme for Everglades Day is "Healthy Everglades – Healthy People". Harvey Eisen stated that his plans are being prepared. It was reported that there will be a food truck at the waterfront. There also will be an Hispanic food truck. To date the number of tents required has not been determined. All plans for the event are ahead of schedule.

Pauline Stacey gave an EVCO report. She first announced that there are attachments covering meetings, and reports such as the 2013 EVCO Legislative Agenda, Conference Breakout Sessions, Conference Field Trips et al available on line which she will send over to all BOD members. Reservations for the annual EVCO Conference at the Coral Springs Biltmore January 10-13, 2013, are now being taken. Checks are preferred to credit cards. Annually FLR pays \$100.00 for membership. EVCO has a total of 57 voting members. FLR will discuss EVCO sponsorship and costs at a future meeting. Discussion was closed by the President until that future meeting.

Rolf Olson reported that Chuck Ryan would be working full time. Ergo, there will be coverage on weekends. Eduardo will continue to cover the fee tooth. A fulltime custodian, who will live on site,

has been hired. Eventually, that person will divide his time to include Hobe sound. The Alligator Hunt meeting of September 20, 2012, will be held at the Vista Center. Sylvia, Rolf, and staff will attend and speak. Letters correcting the meeting locale have been sent. Currently, the new water plant will not supply drinking fountains. The Marsh Trail road is being paved.

Jeff Kramer gave his report re: the 30th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon, Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at the Westchester Country Club. The BOD were given requests for advertisements in the luncheon Journal. A mock-up of the Journal was passed around. Jeff reported that suppliers were being solicited to contribute product for the Auction. There will also be raffle items.

Grant writer Susanna Laurenti has the first grant prepared for submission. This Foundation grant would tie in with Refuge plans for the Listening Posts Program. The grant process has first required a detailed letter prior to a Foundation invitation to complete a grant application.

Pauline Stacey remarked upon the EVCO events requiring reimbursement. Steve responded that EVCO Conference costs should be paid from the Conference Budget line. Elinor Williams would like consideration of all EVCO costs prior to a new Budget.

Harvey again reminded that he, Frank, and Hal have long been the Store Committee and that he is pleased to have David Lurie, Bill Ross, Judy Colvard, and Gabrielle Little now serving on the Committee.

Pauline mentioned that Facebook requires a new person responsible. Elinor stated that she and Kay were aware of the need.

Max Wald agreed with Elinor that Gator Tales articles should be limited to 400 words. Max also requested that all articles be sent to him rather than to other BOD members. Once again, the Art Contest awardee will be the Centerfold of the next Gator Tales due to be distributed to members in December.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:54AM

Submitted by

Joan Davis, Secretary