

Minutes of Loxahatchee BOD Meeting, Saturday, December 15, 2012, 9:00AM, Conference Room VC

Present: Judy Colvard, Joan Davis, Harvey Eisen, Steve Horowitz, Jeff Kramer, Kay B. Larche, David L. Lurie, Rolf Olson, Jay Paredes, Cynthia Plockelman, Max Wald, Elinor Williams, Mike Winokur

Absent: John Marshall, Tom Poulson, Pauline Stacey

The meeting was called to order at 9:03AM. A quorum was present.

Elinor Williams moved to strike the last 3 sentences of paragraph 4 of the Minutes of November 17, 2012. The motion passed. Those minutes will be filed as amended.

Steve read a thank you note from Mark Musaus. Friends had presented him a gift at the 30th Anniversary Luncheon. Mark also expressed his congratulations on Friends 30th Anniversary.

Elinor distributed copies of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year October 2012-October 2013. Cynthia Plockelman moved that Proposed **Budget be accepted. Seconded by David L. Lurie, the motion passed 10-1.** Steve reported that Gator Tales will include an article re: the activities on the 10/11-10/12 Fiscal Year budget.

Rolf reported 3 attendees at the Fish Planning Meeting. The alligator hunting plan finalization will be after the New Year. Rolf further reported 1)water plant is behind schedule, 2)fire training had been on the Refuge, 3)new Custodian on 12/17, 4)Sun Sentinel reporter visited Refuge and wrote article.

David L. Lurie distributed copies of the Treasury Report. Steve added that 11 had become Life Members at \$300.00 each, one at \$500.00. Another \$500.00 had been paid w/o Membership request.

Harvey Eisen passed copies of the Store Sales Report to BOD. Lower income reflects Refuge lower visitor attendance. Ergo, fewer Everglades Day shirts ordered. Discussion ensued with suggestions regarding the 2014 calendar.

Jeff Kramer reported the mailing of "thank you" notes to Anniversary Luncheon advertisers and donors. He also thanked the Luncheon Committee.

Kay B. Larche related the schedule for events and speakers at the 2013 Everglades Day which will emphasize Health. Max Wald and Mike Winokur will be in charge of buses. Volunteers must register at the parking lot. Vendors are cooperating with the Committee. Discussion regarding the timing of animals at Everglades Day took place.

Judy Colvard stated that updating and/or change of the Store cash register is in process. David L. Lurie and Bill Ross are participating.

Steve reported that STAR PARTY attendance was poor in November but well-attended in December. Attendees prior to 9:00PM must be regulated since gate is closed. Steve is working with Sheila to obtain grant for Children's Storytime. Two Storytime Modules are proposed for January and for February. The entry fees for the Art Contest totaled \$400.00.

Steve expressed interest in a weather station as at Green Cay. John Wallace is involved with one on the Refuge.

The current Gator Tales were schedule for mailing on 12/14/12. The mailing included an invitation to the Annual Meeting, proposed changes to the By-Laws, and an Everglades Day flyer. Steve spoke of Max Wald's excellent editing and Jay Paredes excellent formatting.

A rundown of the agenda at The Friends Annual Meeting on January 20, 2013 at 1:00PM was given by Steve. Officers of Friends will be elected at the January BOD meeting.

Jay Paredes reported that Photo Contest entrants began December 8, 2012. The deadline for entrants is March 2 and March 3. Photo Contest Award Ceremony is March 17, 2013.

There was BOD discussion regarding the need for publicity for both the Refuge and Friends.

The Meeting was adjourned by 11:37AM.