

A scenic view of a pine forest. In the foreground, a dirt path with several wooden steps leads through lush green vegetation, including various ferns and small plants. The path leads into a dense forest of tall, slender pine trees. The sky is clear and blue. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box in the center of the image.

# **2020 Annual Meeting**

**Friends of the  
Lower Suwannee and Cedar  
Keys**

**National Wildlife Refuges**

**Welcome**

**John McPherson, Friends President**

**Andrew Gude, Refuge Manager**

# Who We Are –

The Friends of the Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuges is a private nonprofit corporation. We work closely with the Refuges, but we are independent of them.

Our mission is to provide support for the Refuges in whatever way we can, including advocacy, publicity, planning, visitor contact, and help with maintenance and upgrades to physical facilities.

# What Do We Do

**Welcome Desk**

**Annual Meeting**

**Trails**

**Library Lectures**

**Vista Planning**

**Refuge Awareness**

**Shell Mound Interpretation**

**Swallow-tailed Kite Project**

# Getting the Word Out

**Monthly e-mail News Brief  
(500 subscribers)**

**Friends Website  
(1500 monthly visitors)**

**Facebook & MeetUp**

**Kiosks & Trail Brochures**

# **How Friends Operates**

**Neon for membership database**

**GoDaddy for website and email**

**MailChimp for News Brief**

**Local accountant for financial records**

# HOW'S THE MONEY?

## Short-Term

	2018	2019
Cash Receipts	\$10,247	\$7,726
Cash Disbursements	\$9,439	\$13,093
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	\$808	(\$5,367)
Beginning Cash Balance	\$30,744	\$31,572
Ending Cash Balance	\$31,572	\$25,874

# How's the Money Longer-Term

	2009	2019
Ending Cash Balance	\$8,200	\$25,874



# Goals for 2020

Ongoing Vista Planning  
Refuge-focused M-CORES Issues  
Shell Mound Improvements  
Outreach to Members  
Enhanced Welcome Desk  
Swallow-tailed Kite Project  
Trail and Other Physical Upgrades  
Butterflies

# **Bylaws Adoption Summary of Changes**

**Mailing Address**

**Non-discrimination Language**

**Membership Year**

**Causes for Removal from  
Membership**

**Board Make-up & Operations**

# **Bylaws Adoption Summary of Changes**

**Committee Structure & Timelines**

**Uses of Corporation's Money**

**Conflict-of-Interest Policy**

**Electronic Security Procedures**

# **2020 Election of Officers and Directors**

# **Officers & Directors in mid-term:**

**Linda Kimball, Treasurer**

**Joe Hand**

**Debbie Jordan**

**Dan Kline**

**John Thalacker**

# Slate for Today's Election

## Officers

John McPherson, President

Peg Hall, President-elect

Bill Dummitt, Past President

Debbie Meeks, Secretary

## Renewing Directors

Ed DeHaan

Boyd Kimball

Margy VanLandingham

# Slate for Today's Election

## *New Directors*

**Matt Chatowsky**

**Denise Feiber**

**Ginessa Mahar**

**Travis Thomas**

**Barbara Woodmansee**













# SLATE NOMINATED BY BOARD

## Officers

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**Bill Dummitt, *Past President***

**Debbie Meeks, *Secretary***

## Directors

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**Nominations from Floor?**

# Appreciation & Bravo



# After Lunch Vista



**Enjoy the Refuge**

# Featured Presentation

- Dr. Ken Meyer, the Executive Director of Avian Research and Conservation Institute.





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